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Academic Appointments

Brown University 2017-18
Visiting Fellow, Center for Contemporary South Asia

Yale University 2016-17
Post-Doctoral Associate, South Asian Studies Council
Lecturer, Anthropology Department

Education

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
Ph.D., Anthropology 2016
Dissertation: *The Bazaar and the Butchers: The Social Life of an Untouchable Work in North India*
Committee: Dr. Lina Fruzzetti (Chair), Dr. Kay Warren, Dr. Paja Faudree, Dr. Patrick Heller, and Dr. Rosa Maria Perez

M.A., Anthropology 2010

Jawaharlal Nehru University, (JNU) Delhi, India
M.Phil., Sociology 2008
M.A., Politics (International Relations) 2006

Indian Institute of Technology, (IIT) Delhi, India
B.Tech., Chemical Engineering 2003

Awards

2016 Joukowsky Family Foundation's Outstanding Dissertation Award (Social Sciences),
Brown University

Dissertation Research Grants

2011 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant
2011 Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant

Fellowships and Travel Grants

2016 Graduate Fellowship, Anthropology Department, Brown University

- 2015 Anthropology Department Conference Travel Award, Brown University
- 2014 Brown India Initiative Graduate Fellows Program
- 2013 Watson Institute Graduate Fellows Program
- 2010 Summer Fieldwork Fellowship, Graduate Program in Development, Brown University
- 2009 Anthropology Department Summer Travel Award, Brown University
- 2008 Graduate Fellowship, Brown University
- 2007 Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, India
- 2006 Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship, University Grants Commission, India

Conference Presentations

- 2017 Discussant, Colloquium Series at The Program in Agrarian Studies at Yale University for Anthony Acciavatti's "Building a Republic of Villages: Design and Pedagogy in Cold War India."
- 2017 *"We are thrown here in this ujāda": Caste, Work, and Urbanization in North India.* South Asia Colloquium Series, MacMillan Center, Yale University
- 2017 Discussant, Panel on "Caste Violence and Caste Identity" in the Modern South Asia Workshop, South Asian Studies Council, MacMillan Center, Yale University
- 2016 Speaker. Panel on 'Interrogating the Politics of Caste Identity in Contemporary India.' South Asian Studies Council, MacMillan Center, Yale University
- 2015 *The Everyday Material Life of Marginal Work: Locations and Dislocations in a Caste Social Space.* Panel on 'Working the Margin(s): Struggles for Livelihood' at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting at Denver
- 2013 *Undignified Names: Language Practices and Caste in North India.* Panel on 'The Language of Membership: Discourses of Solidarity, Membership, and Respect' at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting at Chicago
- 2010 *Negotiating Blood and Managing Pollution: The Everyday Life of the Untouchable Butchers in Rural Rajasthan.* Panel on 'Histories and Ideologies of Work in a Changing World' at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting at New Orleans

Publications

Journal Manuscripts under preparation:

"This is our fight for dignity": Names, Language, and Power Relations in North India

Ward No. 9: Politics, Morality, and Social Functions of a Local Election in North India

Teaching Experience

Yale University

Courses Taught:

- 2017 Language and Power in South Asia
- 2016 South Asian Social Worlds

Teaching Assistant, Brown University

- 2014 Language and Power with Dr. Paja Faudree
- 2013 Culture and Health with Dr. Sherine Hamdy
- 2011 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology with Dr. Bianca Dahl
- 2010 Ethnographies of Global Connection with Dr. Keith Brown
- 2010 Human Rights, Social Justice and Humanitarian Intervention with Dr. Bianca Dahl
- 2009 Language and Power with Dr. Paja Faudree

Invited Lectures

- 2010 “Caste in Contemporary India” for Dr. Vazira Zamindar’s course *Making of Modern South Asia*, Department of History, Brown University

Additional Training

- 2014 Teaching Certificate III, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University.
- 2011 Teaching Certificate I, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University.

Professional Experience & Service

- 2017 Co-organizer, “Modern South Asia Workshop” Yale University
- 2015 Chair, Panel on “Working the Margin(s): Struggles for Livelihood” at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting at Denver, CO.
- 2013 Co-organizer, Conference on “Questioning Marginality: Dalits and Muslims in Urban India.” Brown University
- 2013 Chair, Graduate Student Workshop, “Questioning Marginality: Dalits and Muslims in Urban India” Conference

Languages

- Rajasthani (Native)
- Hindi (Native)
- French (Advanced reading and writing; Intermediate speaking)

Professional Affiliations

American Anthropological Association

References

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