

Curriculum Vitae

Jyoti Puri

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Academic Appointments

Hazel Dick Leonard Chair, Simmons University, 2020-

Chair, Department of Sociology, Simmons University, 2015-2019;
2005-2009

Visiting Professor, Women's Studies, MIT, 2015-2018

Professor, Department of Sociology, Simmons College, 2008-

Director, Graduate Program in Gender/Cultural Studies,
Simmons College, 2000-2002; 2007-2008; 2010-2011; fall 2020

Associate Professor: Departments of Sociology and Women's Studies, Simmons College,
2002-2008

Assistant Professor: Department of Sociology, Simmons College, 1996-2002

Instructor: Department of Sociology, Boston College, 1993-1996

Full-time Lecturer: Department of Sociology/Social Anthropology and Women's Studies
Program, Northeastern University, 1994-1995

Education

Ph.D. Sociology, Northeastern University, 1996

M.A. Sociology/Social Anthropology, Northeastern University, 1991

Diploma, Social Communications Media, Sophia College, Bombay University, 1988

B.A. Sociology, University of Bombay, 1987

Fellowships, Awards, and Honors

Research Associate, Harvard Divinity, Women's Studies in Religion Program, 2019-2020

Invited member, Mellon Sawyer Seminar, "Defamiliarizing the Family: Genealogy and Kinship as Critical Method," Tufts University, 2019-2020

Fund for Research Grant, Simmons College, 2018

Fund for Research Grant, Simmons College, 2013

Faculty Completion Grant, Simmons College, 2012

Dean's Award for Excellence in Advising, Simmons College, 2007

President's Fund for Excellence Award, Simmons College, 2007

Simmons Faculty Research Award, 2006

Fulbright Senior Research Award, National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi, 2005

Rockefeller Fellowship, Gender and Globalization Program, University of Hawai'i, January-May, 2003

Simmons Faculty Research Award, 2003

Simmons Faculty Research Award, 2001

Simmons Faculty Research Award, 1997

Cassandra Packard Award, Committee on Sexual Diversity and Personal and Community Development, Boston College, April, 1995.

Alfred Lee McLung Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1994

Outstanding Student Paper Award, Sexual Politics and Communities Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1994

Honors Program, American Sociological Association, 1994

Publications

Books:

Social Landscapes of Death and Mourning, edited by Jyoti Puri and Ghassan Moussawi, *The Sociological Review* Monograph Series, forthcoming 2021

Sexual States: Governance and the Struggle over the Antisodomy Law in India. Duke University Press, 2016

- ❖ Received the 2018 Distinguished Book Award from the Sociology of Sexualities Section of the American Sociological Association

Encountering Nationalism. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2004

Woman, Body, Desire in Post-colonial India: Narratives of Gender and Sexuality. New York: Routledge, 1999

Special Issues for Journals:

Feminist Mournings. Special Issue of *Meridians: feminism, race, transnationalism*. Edited by Kimberly Juanita Brown and Jyoti Puri, forthcoming 2022.

Sexuality Between State and Class. Special Issue of *Rethinking Marxism*. Edited by Suzanne Bergeron and Jyoti Puri. October 2012

Gender-Sexuality-State-Nation: Transnational Feminist Approaches. Special Issue of *Gender & Society*, April 2005. Edited by Jyoti Puri, Hyun Sook Kim and Paola Bacchetta

Publications in Scholarly Books and Journals:

“Colorblind Feminisms: Ansari-Grace and the Limits of #MeToo Counterpublics” co-authored with Vrushali Patil. *SIGNS: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 2021.

“Postcolonial Sexualities” co-authored with Vrushali Patil, *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality Studies: Companion to Sexuality Studies*, edited by Nancy Naples, Wiley-Blackwell, 2020

“Sculpting the Saffron Body: Yoga, Hindutva, and the International Marketplace” in A. Chatterji, T. B. Hansen, (eds.) *Majoritarian State: How Hindu Nationalism is Changing India*, C. Hurst and Co (Publishers) Ltd., 2019

“Sexualizing Neoliberalism: Identifying Technologies of Privatization, Cleansing, and Scarcity.” *Sexuality Research and Social Policy: Journal of NSRC*, 13:308, 2016

“Postcolonial Feminisms and Introducing Sociology in the Imperium.” *Radical Teacher*, v. 101 (2015) 63-71

“States’ Sexualities” in *SAGE Handbook of Feminist Theory*, edited by Mary Evans et al. Sage Publications, 2014

“Decriminalisation as Deregulation? Logics of Sodomy Law and the State” in S. Srivastava (ed.) *Sexualities Reader*, Oxford University Press, 2012

“Sexuality between State and Class: An Introduction” *Rethinking Marxism*, special issue, co-authored with Suzanne Bergeron, Volume 24, no. 4, 2012

“Sexualizing the State: Sodomy, Civil Liberties, and the Indian Penal Code” in A. Chatterji and L. Chowdhury (eds.) *Contesting Nation: Gendered Violence in South Asia. Notes on the Post Colonial Present*, Zubaan Books, 2012

“Forging Hetero-Collectives: Obscenity Law in India” in L. Glass and C. Williams (eds.) *Obscenity and the Limits of Liberalism*, Ohio State University Press, 2011

“GenderQueer Perspectives: Sameness and Difference in Sections 375/6 and 377 of the Indian Penal Code” in *Law Like Love*, Yoda Press, 2011

“Hometown: City in Postnational Landscape”, co-authored with Professor Kazi K. Ashraf. *Economic and Political Weekly*, October 8, xlv, 41, 2010

“Transgendering Development” in A. Lind (ed.) *Development, Sexual Rights and Global Governance*, Routledge, 2010

“Gay sexualities and Complicities: Rethinking the ‘Global Gay.’” In K. Ferguson and M. Mironesco (eds.), *Gender and globalization in Asia and the Pacific*. University of Hawai’i Press, 2008

“Stakes and States: Sexual Discourses from New Delhi” in *Feminist Review*, Special Issue on Sexual Moralities, Volume 83, issue 1. August 2006

“Sexual Significance of State and Nation” in S. Seidman, N. Fischer, Chet Meeks (eds.) *Sex and Society: Introducing the Sociology of Sexualities*. Routledge, 2006

“Conceptualizing Gender-Sexuality-State-Nation: An Introduction” *Gender & Society*, special issue on Transnational Feminist Analyses, co-authored with Hyun Sook Kim, Volume 19, no. 5: 137-159

“Nationalism has a lot to do with it: Unraveling questions of nationalism and transnationalism in lesbian and gay studies.” In S. Seidman and D. Richardson (eds.), *Handbook on Lesbian and Gay Studies*, London: Paul Chapman, 2002

“Concerning Kamasutras: Challenging narratives of history and sexuality” *SIGNS: A Journal of Women in Culture and Society*. Volume 27, no. 3. Spring 2002

“Reading Romances in Postcolonial India.” *Gender & Society* Volume 4: 434-452. August, 1997

Reprints:

“Concerning Kamasutras: Challenging narratives of history and sexuality” in *Religions of the East*, edited by Stephen Hunt. Ashgate, 2010

“Hometown: City in Postnational Landscape”, co-authored with Professor Kazi K. Ashraf. *Mumbai Reader*, Urban Design Research Institute, 2010

Book Reviews:

Review of “Unfamiliar Femininities.” By Aneeta Rajendran. *Contributions to Indian Sociology*. 50:3, 2016

Review of “Transnational Feminism in the United States: Knowledge, Ethics, Power.” By Leela Fernandes. In *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, Volume 55, no. 6, December 2014

Review of “The Night is Young: Sexuality in Mexico in the Time of AIDS.” By Héctor Carrillo. Chicago and London: The University of Chicago Press, 2002; In a Queer Place: Sexuality and Belonging in British and European Contexts. Edited by Kate Chedgzoy, Emma Francis and Murray Pratt. Ashgate; Warwick Studies in the Humanities, 2002; *The Construction of Sexual and Cultural Identities: Greek-Cypriot Men in Britain*. By Constantinos N. Phellas. Ashgate, 2002. In *Gender & Society*, Volume 17, no. 5, October 2003

Review of “Gendered Nations: Nationalisms and Gender Order in the Long Nineteenth Century.” Edited by Ida Blom, Karen Hagemann, and Catherine Hall. Oxford, New York: Berg, 2000; “Women, States, and Nationalism: At Home in the Nation?” Edited by Sita Ranchod-Nilsson and Mary Ann Tétreault. London and New York: Routledge, 2000; “Wedded To the Land? Gender, Boundaries, and Nationalism in Crisis.” By Mary N. Layoun. Durham, N.C., and London: Duke University Press. In *SIGNS: A Journal for Women in Culture and Society*, Volume 30, no. 2, 2003

Review of “States of Imagination: Ethnographic Explorations of the Postcolonial State.” Edited by Thomas Blum Hansen and Finn Stepputat. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 2001. In *American Journal of Sociology*, Volume 108, no. 4, January 2003

Review of “Global Sex.” By Dennis Altman. Chicago: Chicago University Press, 2001. In *Gender & Society* Volume 16, no. 2, April 2002.

Review of “Violence and Truth: Rajasthani Kingdom Confronts Colonial Authority.” Oxford University Press. In *Contemporary Sociology*. Volume 27, no. 6, November 1998.

Non-refereed writings:

<http://www.policyforum.net/authors/jyoti-puri/>, February, 2016

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jyoti-puri/correcting-legalized-bias_b_9171014.html, February 5, 2016

<https://dukeupress.wordpress.com/2016/02/02/7798/>, February 2, 2016

“Sexualizing the State” Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality, 2016

“The Sexual State: Re-criminalizing Same-sex Sexuality in India.” Summer 2014. Sex-Gender Section Newsletter, American Sociological Association

“Gathering Strength: Against Section 377 Indian Penal Code”, March 2006

“Labeling Sexual Liberation in India”, Harvard University South Asian Journal, 2007

“Transnational Feminist Sociologies: Current Challenges, Future Directions.” A Conference Report. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy: Journal of the NSRC*. Volume 2, issue 1. 2005

Professional Participation

Editorial and Reviewer Activity

Editorial Board Member, *SIGNS*, 2014-present

Co-editor, *Foucault Studies*, 2012-2017

Editorial Board Member, *Gender & Society*, 2003-2011

Editorial Board Member, *Social Problems*, 2006-2008

Editorial Board Member, *Rose Book Series*, 2004-2006

Deputy Editor, *Gender & Society*, 2003-2006

Occasional Reviewer, Routledge, University of Minnesota Press

Occasional Reviewer, National Science Foundation

Occasional Reviewer, *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, Journal of NSRC; *Feminist Review*; *Feminist Studies*; *Sexualities*; *positions: asia critique*; among others

Offices Held and Committee Membership

Member, Committee on Awards, American Sociological Association, 2017-2019

Member, Jessie Bernard Award, American Sociological Association, 2015-2017

Member, Committee on Committees, American Sociological Association, 2011-2013

Past Chair, Section on Sex-Gender, American Sociological Association, 2011-2013

Chair, Section on Sex-Gender, American Sociological Association, 2010-2011

Chair-elect, Section on Sex-Gender, American Sociological Association, 2009-2010

Member, Publications Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society, 2007-2009

Chair, Distinguished Article Award Committee, Sex-Gender Section, American Sociological Association, 2005

Nominations Committee, Section on Sex-Gender, American Sociological Association, 2005

Member, Council for Section on Sociology of Sexualities, 2001-2005

Member, Council for Section on Sex-Gender, American Sociological Association, 2000-2004

Member, Nominations Committee for the Section on Sex-Gender, American Sociological Association, 1999-2000

Interdisciplinary Speaker Series

Co-organizer, *Feminisms Unbound*, speaker series, Consortium for Graduate Studies in Gender, Culture, Women, and Sexuality, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2014-2018

Co-organizer, *Gender and Sexuality*, speaker series, Mahindra Humanities Center at Harvard University, 2010-2012

Selected International Talks and Participation

Invited Participant, Panel on Decolonizing Knowledge: Colonialism, Education, Sexualities. SOAS University of London, October, 2020

Invited Participant, Is it Possible for the Law to be Feminist? Summer of Ishq: Issues in Society, History and Queerness, Ashoka University, June, 2020

Invited Talk, (Un)Making Sexual States: Antisodomy law and racialization in India. University of Lund, Sweden, May, 2016

States of Sexuality: Theorizing Sexuality and Governance. Crossroads in Cultural Studies, Association for Cultural Studies, Paris, July, 2012

Keynote, An-other Europe: Queering Postcolonialism, for *Rethinking European (Homo)sexual Modernity*, Organized by Henk De Smaele and Wannas Dupont, University of Antwerp, March, 2010

Member, Advisory Board, Conference on European Same-sex Sexualities, University of Antwerp, 2008-2010

Invited Talk, Sexuality/Governmentality: Decriminalizing Same-Sex Sexualities in India, University of Heidelberg, April, 2009

Transgender Grammar: Personhood and Politics in the Indian Context, International Sociology Association, Barcelona, September, 2008

Invited Talk, Sexuality/State/Biopolitics: Notes from New Delhi, Focus Asia: Intersections between Desires and Violences, Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies, University of Lund, Sweden, April, 2007

Invited Talk, "Sexual Minorities, the State and Law." India Habitat Centre, July, 2005

Invited Talk, Outing the Global Gay, Seminar on Postcoloniality, Law, Sexuality, Organized by the Centre for Feminist Legal Research, New Delhi, July, 2003

Theorizing Sexuality Transnationally: Sexual Identities in Urban India and Urban South Korea, Korean Studies Association, Seoul, Korea, June, 2002

Organizer, Panels and Conferences

Organizer, Presidential Panels on Nations/Nationalisms I and II, American Sociological Association, August 2019

Organizer, Global Feminisms, Presidential Panel, Eastern Sociological Association, February 2019

Steering Committee, Race, Sex, Power Conference, Roosevelt University, April 2018

Program Committee and Steering Committee, Sexualities, Race, and Empire: Resistance in An Uncertain Time, Sociology of Sexualities Preconference, American Sociological Association, Drexel University, August 2018

Panel on Crosscurrent: Mapping the Sociologies of Gender and Sexuality from the Margins, American Sociological Association, August, 2014

Panel on Relating Histories, Making Connections, Section on Sociology of Sexualities, American Sociological Association, August, 2013

Organizer and Discussant, Racialized Genders and Sexualities, American Sociological Association, August, 2011.

Feminist Pre-conference on South Asian Feminisms: Subjects, Audiences, Agendas, South Asian Studies, October, 2007

Co-organizer, Panel on Politics, Conflict, and Sexualities, Sociology of Sexualities, American Sociological Association, 2007

Panel on Hometown: Revising Narratives of Attachment and Mobility, South Asian Studies Conference, October, 2004

Co-organizer, Conference on Transnational Feminist Sociologies conference, Berkeley, CA, August, 2004

Panel on Sexuality and Law, Sponsored by the Section on Sexualities, American Sociological Association, August, 2003

Panel on Gender of Globalization and the Globalization of Gender, Sponsored by the Section on Sex-Gender, American Sociological Association Meetings, August, 2003

Panel on Feminist Perspectives on September 11, Eastern Sociological Association, March, 2002

Panel on Genders and Sexualities, Nations and Races, Sponsored by the Section on Sociology of Sexualities, American Sociological Association Meetings, August, 2001

Co-organizer, Panel on Global and Interdisciplinary Perspectives. Section on Gender, Race, Class, American Sociological Association Meetings, August, 2002

Organized and convened a conference on NSF policies for Sociology programs at Northeastern University, March, 1990

Invited Talks and Keynotes

Space, time, and Antisodomy Law: Dispatches from Transnational, Queer, Decolonial Feminist Thought, Taft Distinguished Lecturer, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Cincinnati, February 2020.

From Decriminalization to Decolonization: India's Antisodomy Law and Radically Queer Projects, Keynote at *Sexual ReVisions: Sexualities through a Transnational Lens*, SPAN, Northwestern University, May 2019.

Sexual Politics of Governance: Insights from the Indian Context. Keynote at *Intersections: Social Policy and Sexuality Workshop*. McMaster University, October 2018

Decolonizing Homosexuality. *Sexual Politics in a Transnational Frame*. New York University, October 2018

On the Dusks and Dangers of Nationalism: Thinking with Stuart Hall, *Honoring Stuart Hall*, American Sociological Association, August 2018

Unruly Epistemologies. Keynote at *Priors and Priorities: Graduate Student Conference*, Harvard University, April 2018

Placing Blame: Police, Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Southern Contexts, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, April 2018

Unruly Methodologies: Race, Sexuality, Policing in Southern Contexts, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, October 2017.

Juxtaposing 'Antipolice' Rhetorics: Policing, Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Southern Contexts, Syracuse University, October, 2017

Sexual States, Fourth Exposure: Symposium. Mount Holyoke College, April, 2016

Sexual States, Gender, Equality and Planning in the Global Era. Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, April, 2016

State vs. Sexuality: Decriminalizing and Recriminalizing Homosexuality in India, University of Chicago, April, 2015

Policing, Racialization and Same-sex Sexualities in India. Boston University, March, 2015

Sexual Effects, Panel on Queering the Tripartite, Race, Class, Gender Section, American Sociological Association, August, 2014

Logics of the Sexual State: Re-criminalizing Homosexuality in India, Symposium, From Patriarchy to Pussy Riots: Gender, Sexuality, and Global Citizenship, Northeastern University, March, 2014

Keynote address at the First Gender and Sexuality Conference, Associated Colleges, Clarkson University, SUNY Canton, SUNY Potsdam and St. Lawrence University, November, 2013

Sexual Violence and Public Incitements, Harvard Summit on Indian Development, Harvard University, September, 2013

Neoliberal Theatres of the Sexual State, American Sociological Association, August, 2013

“Travelling Theories”: Encountering Intersectionality’s Mobilities and Essentialisms, American Sociological Association, August, 2013

Habitual Criminals, Half-Truths, and Homosexuality: The Police in India, St. Lawrence University, November, 2012

Keynote at the Sexualities Preconference, Disciplines, Desires, Sexualities, American Sociological Association, August, 2012

Suturing “Here” and “There”: Trans/national/racial Theories, Northeastern University, April, 2012

Decriminalizing Homosexuality in India: The Imperatives of Sexuality and State Governance, Tufts University, February, 2012

Encountering the Sexual Imaginaries of the (Indian) State, Harvard University, December, 2011

Racialized Communalisms, Criminalized Queers, and the Police in Contemporary India, Brandeis University, November, 2011

Biologies of Communalism: Intersections of Race and Sexuality from a Transnational Lens, Brown University, April, 2011

Promises and Pitfalls of *Naz Foundation v. Government of NCT Delhi and Others*, Panel on Section 377 Indian Penal Code, Yale University, November, 2010

Trans/gender/national Belonging, Invited lecture for workshop, *Translocations: Travel, Migration and Sexuality*, Organized by Héctor Carrillo and Steven Epstein, Northwestern University, April, 2010

There is a There There: Spatialities and Affiliations, Co-presented with Professor Kazi K. Ashraf, *Diasporic Worlds and Critical Regionalisms: Literatures of Displacement Abroad and Home*, Organized by Professors Stathis Gourgouris and Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, The Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, Columbia University, March, 2010

Sexual States, Invited presentation, Connecticut College, September, 2009

Sexual States, Panel on *Sexual and Gendered Logics and Logistics of Governmentality*, sponsored by Sections on Sex-Gender and Sexualities, American Sociological Association, August, 2009

Transgender-Transnational: Photographs from New Delhi, Boston University, March, 2008

Sexualizing the State of the Nation: Sodomy Law in India, Symposium on Sexualities and the National Body in Asia, Brandeis University, November, 2007

Panelist, Author Meets Critics. *Erotic Journeys: Mexican Immigrants and Their Sex Lives*. American Sociological Association, New York City, August, 2007

Precarious Citizenship, Panel on Intersectional Approaches to Citizenship, States, Politics. American Sociological Association, New York City, August, 2007

Obscenity and Sexuality in India: The Actor, the Painter, and the Foot Soldiers, Obermann Center Humanities Symposium on "Obscenity," University of Iowa, March, 2007

Visiting Lecturer, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, November, 2006

Sexual Ethnographies of the State, South Asia Studies Conference, Rutgers University, November, 2006

Mobilization against Section 377: A status report, Panel on Sexuality in India, Women's Studies Program, MIT, May, 2006

Discourses of Sexual Assault, Conference on Transnational Feminisms, University of Wisconsin, Madison, April, 2006

Plenary talk, Color it Activist: Queer Approaches to the State, Graduate Student Conference, MIT Graduate Consortium for Women's Studies, March, 2006

Transgender/Transnational: Reframing Hijras and Heteronormativity, Duke University, March, 2006

Theorizing Transnationalism, Theorizing State, Northeastern University, January, 2005

Sexualities, Legalities: Making of the gay subject in India, University of Iowa, November, 2004

Making the connections: Between home and away, Public Presentation, Cambridge, MA, March, 2002

The Implications of American Nationalism Post-September 11, Wheelock College, March, 2002

Keynote address, Feminism, Nationalism, and Violence, Faculty Development Workshop, Bridgewater State College, December, 2001

Feminist Perspectives on September 11, Northeastern University, November, 2001

The Rise and Pitfalls of Nationalism, Wheaton College, October, 2001

Theorizing Gender and the Transnational: Feminist Positions on the Kamasutra, *Gender, Globalization, and Representation in South Asia*. Syracuse University, March, 2001.

Speaking About Heterosexuality, Johnson and Wales University, March, 2001.

Presentations and Conference Participation

Mourning the Sociological History of Death, New Voices Symposium, Organized by the Section on History of Sociology, American Sociological Association, August 2020

Re-imagining Genealogies: Notes on Theorizing Power and Precarities, Panel on Death of White Queer Theory, American Studies Association, November 2019

Doing Transnationalism: Toward a Genealogy of Critical Methodologies, Panel on Transnationalizing Gender and Sexuality, American Sociological Association, August 2019

Author Meets Critics, *Sexual States: Governance and the Struggle over the Antisodomy Law in India*, August 2019

Decolonizing Sociology, Thematic Conversation organized by Julian Go, Eastern Sociological Society, February 2019

Death and Dying, Thematic Conversation organized by Heather Mooney, Eastern Sociological Society, February 2019

Discussant, *The Making of the Gay-friendly Sexual State*, Eastern Sociological Meetings, February 2019

Death in Transit: Colonialism and Cremation in the North American West, American Studies Association, November 2018

On Convergences: Rethinking Methodologies, *Unsettling Genealogies: Reimagining Radical Thought*, National Women's Studies Association, November 2018

Death in Transit: Photos and Fury in the North American West, Sonic/Scenes Symposium, The Dark Room, MIT, April 2018

Thinking Intellectual Practice: Queer of Color Critique and Times of Endless Mourning, Race, Sex, Power 2018 Conference, Roosevelt University, Chicago, April 2018

Discussant, Panel on Intersectionalities and Sexualities, Section on the Sociology of Sexualities, American Sociological Association, August 2017

Discussant, Panel on Twenty Years of Sexualities, Section on the Sociology of Sexualities, American Sociological Association, August 2017

De-Linking Sexuality in the Search for Justice, National Women's Studies Association, November, 2016

Sexual States: Governance and the Struggle against the Antisocialism law in India, Author-Meets-Critics, Eastern Sociological Society, March, 2016

Queer Sociologies, American Sociological Association, August, 2015

The Comparative Politics of Policing: Sexuality, Race, and 'Anti-police' Rhetoric, American Sociological Association, August, 2015

Decolonizing (with) the Sociological Imagination, Eastern Sociological Society, February, 2015

Toward A Sexuality of Neoliberal Governance, Rethinking Marxism Conference, September, 2013

Annals of Sexual States: Governance, Sexuality, and State-effect. Stranger Intimacies Conference, University of Seattle, November, 2012

Sexuality, Space, State. Feminist Pre-conference. South Asia Studies Meetings, Madison, October, 2012

Panel on Globalization and the Transformation of Sexuality, American Sociological Association, August, 2011

Biologies of Communalism: Intersections of Race and Sexuality from a Transnational Lens, Eastern Sociological Society, February, 2011

Theorizing Trans/gender/national/belonging, Eastern Sociological Society, February, 2011

Discussant, Panel on Transnationalism and Gender and Sexuality, Eastern Sociological Society, February, 2011

Biologies of Heteronormativity: Section 377 and Police Constables in New Delhi, Feminist Preconference, South Asia Studies Meetings, Madison, October, 2011

Discussant, Panel on A Gender Lens on Cultural Contradiction and Change Among Globalized South Asians, South Asia Studies Conference, Madison, October, 2010

Precarious Subjects, Precarious Citizenship: Decriminalizing Sodomy in India, Presidential Thematic Panel, American Sociological Association, Atlanta, August, 2010

Analytics of Sodomy and State, Feminist Pre-conference, organized by Anjali Arondekar and Geeta Patel, South Asian Studies, Madison, October, 2009

Presenter, Workshop on Transnational Feminism, organized by Jayati Lal and Vrushali Patel, American Sociological Association, August, 2009.

Discussant, Panel on Sexual Citizenship, American Sociological Association, August, 2009

Becoming Bodies: Theorizing Transgender Personhood among Kinnars in New Delhi, Feminist Pre-conference, South Asia Studies, Madison, October, 2008

Sexual State: Biopolitics and Sodomy Law in India, Panel, A Foucault for the 21st Century, Fifth Social Theory Forum at University of Massachusetts, Boston, April, 2008

Defiant Bodies: Hijra Self-Photographs.” Panel, The Body in South Asia, Annual Symposium at the South Asia Studies Center, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, 2008

Discussant, Sexualities in the Middle East, Harvard University, December, 2007

Defiant Bodies: Re-framing Hijras and Development, Panel on How to Count the Multitude: Logics, Mechanisms, and Technologies, Association for Asian Studies, Boston, March, 2007

Queering States/Spaces, Panel on Space: Insurgent, Interstitial, and Imagined, South Asia Studies Conference, Madison, October, 2006

Discussant, Panel on Gender and Violence in India and the Diaspora, South Asia Studies Conference, Madison, October, 2006

Discussant, Panel on Labor Markets and Weddings: Global and Transnational Processes in Contemporary South Asia, South Asian Studies Conference, Madison, October, 2006

Queering the State: Insights from India, American Sociological Association, Montreal, August, 2006

Transgender/Transnational: Re-framing Hijras and Heteronormativity, American Sociological Association, Montreal, August, 2006

The Visible Body: Hijras in India, Eastern Sociology Meetings, Boston, February, 2006

Transgender/Transnational: Insights from India, Eastern Sociology Meetings, Boston, February, 2006

Sexualizing the State: Sodomy, Civil Liberties and the Indian Penal Code, Feminist Dialogs on Social Justice. University of Washington, Seattle, October, 2005

Queering, Legalizing: The State and the gay subject in India, Trans/positions: Transnational, transgender, transdisciplinary, transcultural, Purdue University, April, 2005

Between Home and Nation: South Asian Narratives on Hometown, South Asian Studies Conference. Madison, October, 2004

Identifying the Stakes, Doing Research Abroad, Eastern Sociology Society Annual Meetings, February, 2004

Making Visible LGBT Sexualities in Urban India, South Asian Studies Conference. Madison, October, 2003

Rethinking the Links between Nationalisms and Sexualities, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, August, 2002

Discussant, Perspectives on Feminist Theory, New England Political Science Association Annual Meetings, May, 2000

Tensions of Sexual Respectability: Accounts of Sexual Aggression, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, August, 1999

Challenging the Commonplace: Sex-education Texts and Middle-class Women in Postcolonial India, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meetings, March, 1999

Sex in English, New England Association for Asian Studies, October, 1998

Transnational Possibilities: Emergent Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Identities, Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings, August, 1997

Narrating Sexual Experiences of Middle-Class Women in Urban India, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, April, 1997

The Meaning of Menstruation: Examining the Narratives of Middle-Class Women in Postcolonial India, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, March, 1996

Just Like the Kama Sutra? Women's Sexualities in Post-colonial India, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, August, 1995

The Gender and Sexual Socialization of Young Women in Urban India, Society Study Social Problems Annual Meetings, August, 1995

Gender, Sexuality and Social Change in India: Preliminary thoughts, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, March, 1995

Reflections on Doing Ethnography among Middle-Class Women in Urban India, Conference on Multiculturalism and Transnationalism, Lowell, MA, October, 1994

Subversive Practices: Women Reading Romance Novels in Urban India, American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA, August, 1994

Discussant, Sexuality and the State, New England Political Association, Salem, MA, April, 1994

Maquiladora Program in Mexico, Regional Anthropology Meetings in Burlington, VT, March, 1990

Media Appearances

Invited Guest, Bordering Crossing, KPFT Radio, Houston, June, 2008

Invited Guest, Mouthpiece, MTV-Desi, March, 2007

Invited Guest, NBC/Channel 7, 2006

Invited Guest, KPFA Radio, San Francisco, Against the Grain, August, 2004

News Analyst, National Public Radio/WBUR, January 8, 2002

News Analyst, National Public Radio/WBUR, February 20, 2002

Invited Guest, National Public Radio/WBUR, November 6, 2001

Invited Guest, WBGH Television, November 28, 2001

SELECTED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AT SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

Faculty Mentor for Tenure-Track Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences, 2015-2017

Member, Board of the Graduate Consortium of Women's Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2010-2011; 2007-2008

Director, Graduate Program in Gender/Cultural Studies, three terms

Member, Provost Search Committee, 2007-2008

Chair, Department of Sociology, two terms

Member, Diversity Council, 2004-2007

Chair, Faculty Council, College of Arts and Sciences, 2003-2004

Member, Search Committee, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, 2001

Member, Faculty Council, College of Arts and Sciences, 1997-2001

Advisory Committee, International Relations Program, 1996-present

Advisory Committee, Department of Women's Studies, 1996-2004

Faculty Development Committee, 1996-1998

TEACHING INTERESTS

Selected Upper-level Undergraduate and Graduate Courses:

Sexuality, State, Governance
 Gender and Sexuality
 Seminar on Gender/Cultural Studies
 Queer/Transnationalism
 Nationalisms and States

Selected Undergraduate Courses:

Transnational Studies
 Body Politics
 Globalization
 Principles of Sociology
 South Asia: People and Power
 Woman, Nation, Culture

Professional Membership:

American Sociological Association

American Studies Association

National Women's Studies Association