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Education

- Ph.D., History, University of Pennsylvania, May 2001
 - Dissertation: “Nationalizing Marriage in Tamil India, 1890s-1940s”
- Graduate Certificate in Women’s Studies, University of Pennsylvania, May 1999
- M.A. History, University of Pennsylvania, August 1996
- A.B., *Cum Laude*, with Distinction in the History Major, Yale University, May 1994

Employment

- Associate Professor of History and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University, October 2010-present
- Assistant Professor of History and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University, 2005-2010
- Assistant Professor of History and Director of the Women’s Studies Program, University of Connecticut (Stamford), 2004-2005
- Assistant Professor of Women’s Studies, William Paterson University of New Jersey, 2001-2004

Books

Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India (Seattle: University of Washington Press, forthcoming, 2021).

Wives, Widows and Concubines: The Conjugal Family Ideal in Colonial India (Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 2008; Hyderabad: Orient Black Swan, 2009 [South Asian edition]); winner of the Joseph W. Elder Prize in the Indian Social Sciences from the American Institute of Indian Studies.

Editorships

- Guest editor, with Anjali Bhardwaj-Datta and Udit Sen, *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* special issue, “A Country of Her Making: Women’s Negotiations of Society and Politics in Post-Colonial India,” 44, no. 2 (February 2021), forthcoming.
- Co-editor, *Frontiers: A Journal of Women’s Studies*, 2015-2017.
- Guest editor, *Frontiers: A Journal of Women’s Studies* special issue on “Reproductive Technologies and Reproductive Justice,” 34, no. 3 (2013).

Scholarly Articles and Book Chapters

- “Milestones: India-Pakistan Partition,” *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, (December 2017): <https://origins.osu.edu/milestones/december-2017-india-pakistan-partition>
- “Birth Control in the Shadow of Empire: The Trials of Annie Besant, 1877-1878,” *Feminist Studies* 41, no. 3 (2015): 509-537.
- “Contraception and Conjugalities in Late Colonial India,” *Conjugalities Unbound: Sexual Economics, State Regulation and the Marital Form in India*, Srimati Basu and Lucinda Ramberg, eds. (New Delhi: Women Unlimited, 2015), 18-46.
- “Sexualities and Modern Imperialisms,” *A Global History of Sexuality: The Modern Era*, Rob Buffington, Donna Guy, Eithne Luibheid, eds. (New York: Wiley Blackwell, 2014).
- “Women’s and Gender History in Modern India: Researching the Past, Reflecting on the Present,” in *Making Women’s Histories: Beyond National Perspectives*, Pamela S. Nadell and Kate Haulman, eds. (New York: New York University Press, 2013): 161-184.
- “Creating Conjugal Subjects: Devadasis and the Politics of Marriage in Colonial Madras Presidency,” *Feminist Studies* 37, no. 1 (Spring 2011): 63-92.
- “Population Bomb? The Debate over Indian Population,” *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective* 3, issue 2 (November 2009): <http://origins.osu.edu/article/population-bomb-debate-over-indian-population>
- “Anti-Colonialism and Resistance: South Asia,” (co-authored with Pranav Jani), *A Historical Companion to Postcolonial Literatures in English*, David Johnson and Prem Poddar, eds. (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2005): 20-28.
- “Conjugalities and Capital: Gender, Families and Property under Colonial Law in India.” *Journal of Asian Studies* 63, no. 4 (November 2004): 937-960.
- “Teaching about ‘Other’ Women: Developing a Global Perspective on Gender in the Classroom.” *Transformations: The Journal of Inclusive Scholarship and Pedagogy* 15, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 28-39.
- “Emotion, Identity and the Female Subject: Tamil Women’s Magazines in Colonial India.” *Journal of Women’s History* 14, no. 4 (Winter 2003): 59-82.

Awards

- Paul W. Brown Excellence in Teaching Award, The Ohio State University, 2019.
- Ronald and Deborah Ratner Distinguished Teaching Award, The Ohio State University, 2017.

- College of Arts and Humanities Diversity Enhancement Award, The Ohio State University, 2009. Awarded to members of the Steering Committee of the Program for Arts and Humanities Development.
- University Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award, The Ohio State University, 2008. Awarded to members of the Faculty of Color Caucus of the Department of History.
- College of Humanities Diversity Enhancement Award, The Ohio State University, 2008. Awarded to members of the Faculty of Color Caucus of the Department of History.
- Joseph W. Elder Prize in the Indian Social Sciences, awarded by the American Institute of Indian Studies for the book manuscript, *Wives, Widows, and Concubines: The Conjugal Family Ideal in Colonial India*, 2006.

Fellowships and Grants

- Service-Learning Course Development Grant, awarded by the Office of Service-Learning at Ohio State, 2016
- Arts and Sciences Grant for New Service-Learning Course Proposals, awarded by the College of Arts and Sciences at Ohio State, 2016
- Co-recipient for the John E. Sawyer Seminar on The Comparative Study of Cultures, awarded by the Mellon Foundation for the seminar, “Language, Politics, and Human Expression in South Asia and the Balkans: Comparative Perspectives,” 2013-2015.
- RTAP Research Fellowship, Department of History, 2012-2015.
- Coca-Cola Critical Difference for Women Research Grant, 2011
- Senior Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies, 2010-2011
- Summer Stipend, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2010
- Faculty Grant, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University, 2009-2010
- Grant-in-Aid, Rockefeller Archives Center, 2009
- Faculty Small Grant Research Award, University of Connecticut, 2005
- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Writing Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 1999-2000
- A.W. Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 1998-1999
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education, 1997-1998
- Benjamin Franklin Graduate Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 1994-1997
- Robert C. Bates Summer Traveling Fellowship, Yale College Summer Traveling Fellowship Committee, for research in India, 1993
- McDonnell Douglas Traveling Fellowship, Yale Center for International and Area Studies, for research in India, 1993

Conference Papers and Presentations

“Feminism, Family Planning, and Population Control,” 18th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Baltimore MD, May 2020 (accepted; conference cancelled).

- “Sex in an era of Scarcity: Population control and the ‘small family’ in the mid-20th century,” Symposium on Sexuality and Vulgarly, Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison WI, October 2019.
- “Feminism, Family Planning, and Development Regimes,” Women, Nation-Building and Feminism in India, Cambridge University, Cambridge UK, September 2018.
- “Service Learning in Reproductive Justice, Rights, and Health,” Medical Humanities: From Campus to Communities, Ohio State University, Columbus OH, April 2018.
- “Feminism, Family Planning and the ‘Women’s Question,” 46th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, October 2017.
- “Speaking of Reproductive Justice in the Era of Population Control: Examples from Postcolonial India,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Hempstead NY, June 2017.
- “Sexuality and the Politics of Birth Control in Interwar India,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Denver CO, January 2017.
- “Feminism and Family Planning in India’s First Postcolonial Decade,” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Seattle WA, March 2016.
- “Recasting Motherhood in the Era of Population Control: Examples from Postcolonial India,” Conference on Pregnancy, Childbearing and Infant Care: Historical Perspectives from Slave and Non-Slave Societies, Newcastle University, UK, April 2015.
- “Conjugal Desire/Contraceptive Advocacy,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Toronto Canada, May 2014.
- “Conjugal, Contraception, and the Politics of Sexuality,” The Long Indian Century: Historical Transitions and Social Transformations,” Yale University, New Haven CT, April 2014.
- “‘On war footing’: National and International Discourses on IUDs in India,” 42nd Annual conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, October 2013.
- “Rethinking Reproduction as a Category of Feminist Analysis,” Feminist Preconference at the 42nd Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, October 2013.
- “IUDs, medical mediations, and women’s labor in India,” International Congress of History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, Manchester UK, July 2013.
- “Reproductive Technologies and Reproductive Justice,” Roundtable participant, National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, Oakland CA, November 2012.

- “Conjugality, Contraception, and the Politics of Sexuality in Late Colonial India,” 41st Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, October 2012.
- “Choosing to marry with self respect: Honor, caste, and the politics of *kalappu manam*,” Seminar on Androcentric Marriage Practices in South Asia, Women’s Studies and Development Centre, Delhi University, February 2011.
- “‘Too many Indians?’ Environmentalism and the Apocalyptic Politics of (Over)Population,” Symposium on Sustainability, Environmentalism, and Eco-Criticism in South Asian Contexts, University of Hawaii, April 2009.
- “Towards a Feminist History of Population,” The Body in South Asian Feminism: Feminist Pre-conference at the 37th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, October 2008.
- “Reconstructing Wifhood: Family and Political Authority in the Colonial Indian Courts,” 14th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Minneapolis MN, June 2008.
- “Rethinking Categories of South Asian Legal Identity,” roundtable participant, 36th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, October 2007
- “Between Divine Marriage and Mundane Prostitution: Devadasis and categories of singleness in late colonial India,” *Single Women in History: 1000-2000*, Bristol U.K., June 2006.
- “‘The Pleasures of this Life:’ Caste, Conjugality and the Tamil Politics of Child Marriage.” 33rd Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, October 2004.
- “Teaching to Listen: Understanding Oppression in South Asia Beyond the Stereotypes.” *Teaching Asia: Society, War and Religion*, conference held at William Paterson University, Wayne NJ, November 2003.
- “Conjugality and Capital: Women, Families and Property under Colonial Law in India.” *Women and Society Seminar*, Columbia University, New York NY, October 2002.
- “Laws and their Subjects: Caste, Sexuality, and the State in Colonial Madras,” Faculty Research Seminar, William Paterson University, Wayne NJ, October 2002.
- “Regulating Sexuality and Property in Colonial Madras: Law, State, and the Colonial Courts.” Annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington, D.C. April 2002.
- “Engendering Histories of Property: Law and the Colonial State in India.” Mid-Atlantic World History Association Conference, Ramapo College, Mahwah NJ, October 2001.
- “Reconstructing Identity: Emotion and Interiority in Tamil Women’s Magazines.” Faculty Research Seminar, William Paterson University, Wayne NJ, December 2000.

“Global Struggles for Women’s Rights.” Women 2000 Conference, Pecs Hungary, October 2000.

“Engendering Culture and the Nation: Marriage and Tamil Politics.” Annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego CA, March 2000.

“Writing Emotion into History: Tamil Women’s Magazines.” Female Images, Female Lives: Graduate Student Conference, Yale University, New Haven CT, February 2000.

“Nationalizing Marriage: Dravidian Nationalism and the Re-Organization of Gendered Identities.” 28th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, October 1999.

“Making ‘faithful wives and model mothers’: Devadasis and Marriage in Modern India.” Women and Society Conference, Marist College, Poughkeepsie NY, June 1999.

“Nationalism and the Problem of Women’s Liberation: A Case Study of the Self Respect Movement.” National Feminist Graduate Student Conference, University of Texas, Austin TX, March 1999.

Invited Lectures

“A Small Family is a Happy Family: Writing (Hetero)Sexuality into Histories of Indian Population Control,” South Asian Studies Initiative Brown Bag Series, Ohio State University, September 2018.

“The Global Indian: Migration, Mobility and Empire in the 20th and 21st Centuries,” The Pizzuti Collection Lecture Series, September 2017.

“Reproductive Justice,” Medical Students for Choice, The Ohio State University, September 2017.

“Connecting Local and Global in Reproductive Justice,” International Women’s Day Teach-In, The Ohio State University, March 2017.

“Reproductive Justice in the Shadow of Empire: Annie Besant and Struggles for Birth Control, 1877-1878,” Colgate University, Hamilton NY, February 2015.

“Sexualized Violence, Democracy, and Secularism: Indian Elections (2014),” Wright State University, Dayton OH, November 2013.

“Governing (Over)population: Famine, contraception, and empire in historical perspective,” Department of Geography Colloquium, Ohio State University, September 2012.

- “Famine and the Origins of Overpopulation: Rethinking Historical Connections,” Institute for Population Research, Ohio State University, May 2012.
- “Global Population Growth: Perspectives from India,” webinar lecture to K-12 teachers, hosted by Primary Source, December 2011.
- “Counting Indians: Population and the Body Politic,” Department of Sociology, Delhi University, Delhi, India, March 2011.
- “Feminism, Family, and History,” Lady Sri Ram College, Delhi University, Delhi, India, March 2011
- “Population Reconsidered: Governing Life and Death in Modern India,” India International Centre Lecture Series, New Delhi, India, February 2011.
- “Reconstructing Wifhood in Madras: Devadasis, Feminist Agency, and the Colonial Archive,” Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, March 2010.
- “Counting Indians: Population and Development in Modern India,” Association for India’s Development, Columbus OH, January 2010.
- “Women’s Print Culture and the (Anti)Colonial Archive: Reading Emotion, History, and Nation,” Visiting Scholars Lecture Series, The Roja Muthiah Research Library, Chennai India, December 2007.
- “Who are the ‘other’ women in my classroom? Methods for teaching global women’s studies.” Raritan Valley Community College, North Branch NJ, March 2004.
- “Teaching about ‘Other’ Women: Developing Global Perspectives on Gender.” Ramapo College, Mahwah NJ, April 2003
- “Women, Islam, and U.S. Feminism: Questions in the Classroom,” Centenary College, Hackettstown NJ, December 2002.
- “Teaching about Women and Islam after September 11.” Wagner College, Staten Island NY, September 2002.

Reviews

- Review of *Eugenic Feminism: Reproductive Nationalism in the United States and India*, by Asha Nadkarni, for *Feminist Review*, 113, no. 1 (2016), e1-e17.
- Review of *The Sexual Life of English: Languages of Caste and Desire in Colonial India*, by Shefali Chandra, *The American Historical Review* 119, no. 3 (2014): 870-871.

“Family and Modernity: New Perspectives on the 19th and 20th Centuries,” *Journal of Women’s History* 24, no. 1 (2012):188-197.

Review of *For the Record: On Sexuality and the Colonial Archive in India* by Anjali Arondekar, *Journal of Asian Studies* 70, no. 1 (Spring 2011): 264-266.

Review of *Love in South Asia: A Cultural History*, ed. Francesca Orsini, *The Canadian Journal of History* 44, no. 1 (spring/summer 2009): 169-171.

Review of *Sex and the Family in Colonial India* by Durba Ghosh, *International Journal of the Sociology of the Family*, 33, no. 2 (Autumn 2007): 361-364.

“Teaching about Women and Islam after 9/11: A Review Essay,” *Transformations: The Journal of Inclusive Scholarship and Pedagogy* 17, no. 2 (Fall 2006): 58-63.

Teaching Experience (Courses taught at The Ohio State University)

History Courses

- Colonial India
- Contemporary India and South Asia
- World History, 1500-present
- Introduction to Historical Thought
- Families in Historical Perspective
- Women, Family, and Nation in Comparative and Theoretical Perspective (Graduate)
- Race, Sex, and Empire (Graduate)
- Research Seminar in Women’s, Gender and Sexuality History (Graduate)

Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Courses:

- History of Feminist Thought
- Feminist Analysis in Global Perspective
- Reproductive Rights and Justice
- Women in the Islamic World: History, Politics, and Culture
- Capstone Seminar: Postcolonial and Transnational Feminisms
- Feminist Inquiry (Graduate)
- Real and Imagined Women: Theorizing Gender, Culture, and Power in South Asia (Graduate)
- Feminism and Reproductive Sexual Economies (Graduate)
- Theorizing Global and Transnational Feminisms (Graduate)
- Postcolonial and Decolonial Feminisms (Graduate)

Languages

- Tamil: Fluent reading, writing, and speaking skills
- Hindi: Elementary reading and speaking skills
- French: Fluent reading skills, intermediate speaking and writing skills