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EDUCATION

1993 **Ph.D. Sociology**, Brown University, Providence, U.S.A.
1989 **M.A. Sociology**, Brown University, Providence, U.S.A.
1986 **M.Phil. Part I** (Coursework), Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, India.
1985 **M.A. Sociology**, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, India.
1983 **B.A. Psychology**, Women's Christian College, Madras, India.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2014-2015 Dr. Thomas Tam Visiting Professor, CUNY Graduate Center
2011-present Professor, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University
2003-2011 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University
2010-2013 Director, Asian/Asian American Studies Program, Syracuse University
2009-2010 Acting Director, Asian/Asian American Studies Program, Syracuse University
2008-2009 Interim Director Transnational Asia Studies Program, Syracuse University
2008-2011 Graduate Director, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University
2006-2007 Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C.
2002-2003 Affiliate Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University.
2000-2001 Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University.
1995-2003 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Southern California.
1994-1995 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Founding Director of the Human Diversity program, Chapman University.
1992-1994 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Knox College.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2014-2015 Dr. Thomas Tam Visiting Professor, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2014 2014 Contribution to the Field Award, Asian and Asian American section, American Sociological Association.
- 2014 Visiting Professor, Ecole des Hautes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, June.
- 2013-2015 National Science Foundation, Sociology Program award, SES-1323881. The Incorporation of Minorities in Canada and the United States, September 1, 2013-May 31 2015.
- 2013 Research paper award from the Asia and Asian American section of the American Sociological Association for my article, ‘Decoupling Religion and Ethnicity: Second-Generation Indian American Christians.’ Qualitative Sociology 2012, 35(4):447- 468.
- 2012-2013 Jack Shand Research Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. The Political Incorporation of Religious Minorities in Canada and the U.S.
- 2009-2012 Research grant from the Carnegie Corporation for “Indian American Civic and Political Activism: A Different Model of Ethnic Politics?”
- 2009 Honorable Mention from the Sociology of Religion section, American Sociological Association for my book, A Place at the Multicultural Table: The Development of an American Hinduism. 2007.
- 2009 Author-Meets-Critics session at the Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, for my book, A Place at the Multicultural Table: The Development of an American Hinduism.
- 2007 Program Chair, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Annual Meeting.
- 2006-2007 Woodrow Wilson International Center Fellowship for “Contemporary Ethnic Lobbies: Asian Indian Americans on the Hill.”
- 2006 Senior Short-Term Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies, for “Transnationalism and the Mar Thoma Church.”
- 2005 Distinguished Article Awards from the Sociology of Religion section, American

Sociological Association; and the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion for “Multiculturalism and Ethnic Nationalism: The Development of an American Hinduism.” Social Problems, 2004, Vol 51 (3): 362-385.

2003 Book Award, Asia and Asian American section of the American Sociological Association for Kaleidoscopic Ethnicity: International Migration and the Reconstruction of Community Identities in India, Rutgers University Press, 2002.

CURRENT PROJECTS

“Ethnic Church Meets Mega Church: Indian American Christianity in Motion.” Book manuscript under preparation for spring 2015 submission. (Research fellowships from the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Louisville Institute, and the American Institute of Indian Studies).

“Race, Religion, and the Political Incorporation of Contemporary Immigrants.” Data collection completed, writing articles from project. (Grant from Carnegie Corporation 2009-2012; Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars 2006-2007).

“The Political Incorporation of Religious Minorities in Canada and the United States.” (Funding from National Science Foundation Sociology program; Jack Shand Research Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion; Appleby Mosher award; PARCC Faculty Research Mini-Grant Program, and a Summer Project Assistantship Award, Maxwell School).

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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| International migration | Sociology of religion |
| Immigrant politics | Race and ethnicity – U.S. and global |
| Religion and society in India | Qualitative methods |
| Sociological theories | |

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Books:

2007 A Place at the Table: Multiculturalism and the Development of an American Hinduism. Rutgers University Press.
2009 Honorable Mention from the Sociology of Religion section, American Sociological Association.

- 2002 Kaleidoscopic Ethnicity: International Migration and the Reconstruction of Community Identities in India. Rutgers University Press.
2003 Book award from the Asia and Asian American section of the American Sociological Association.
- 2004 Published by Oxford University Press, India.

Special Issue Journal:

- 2004 Editor, International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy, 2004, Special Issue on “The Impact of Immigrants on American Institutions.” Vol 24, (7/8).

Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

Forthcoming

- 2015 “The Political Activism of Sikhs in Canada and the United States.”
 CUNY Forum: Asian American/Asian Studies, Vol 3:1 Fall/Winter 2015-2016.

Forthcoming

- 2015 “Contemporary Ethno-Religious Groups and Political Activism in the United States.” In Barbara McGraw (ed.), Religion and Politics in the U.S. Wiley-Blackwell (Companion Series).

Forthcoming

- 2015 “Hinduism in North America.” In Brian Hatcher (ed.), Hinduism in the Modern World. Routledge.

Forthcoming

- 2014 “Immigration, Community Formation, Political Incorporation, and Why Religion Matters: Migration and Settlement Patterns of the Indian Diaspora.” Invited article, Sociology of Religion Vol 75(4) (December).

- 2014 “The Impact of International Migration on Home Churches: The Mar Thoma Syrian Christian Church in India.” Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Vol 53(1):109-129.

- 2013 “Religion, Social Incorporation, and Civic Engagement: Second-Generation Indian American Christians. Review of Religious Research, Vol 55(1):81-104.

- 2013 “Religious Life in the Malayali Diaspora: Hindus and Christians in the United States.” Pp. 149-160 in Sam George and T.V. Thomas (eds.), Malayali Diaspora: From Kerala to the Ends of the Earth. Serials Publications, New Delhi.

- 2012 “Decoupling Religion and Ethnicity: Second-Generation Indian American Christians.” Qualitative Sociology, Vol 35(4): 447-468.

2013 Research Paper Award from Asia and Asian American section, American Sociological Association.

- 2012 “What is American about American Hinduism? Hindu Umbrella Organizations in the U.S. in Comparative Perspective.” Pp. 90-111 in John Zavos, Pralay Kanungo, Deepa Reddy, Maya Warriar, and Raymond Brady Williams (eds.) Public Hinduisms. Sage Publications.
- 2009 “White Protestant Normativity and Asian American Religions.” Invited Contribution, Forum on Religion and Whiteness in American Society, Religion and American Culture, Vol 19 (1):19-27.
- 2009 “A Socio-cultural Perspective on Migration and Development: Middle Eastern Migration from Kerala, India.” Pp. 189-218 in Josh DeWind and Jennifer Holdaway (eds.) Migration and Development Within and Across Borders: Research and Policy Perspectives on Internal and International Migration. International Organization for Migration (IOM), and Social Science Research Council.
- Reprinted in Anthology on Migrant Remittances and Development: Research Perspectives, edited by R.H. Adams, Jr., H. de Haas, and U. Osili. New York: Social Science Research Council, April 2009, <http://programs.ssrc.org/intmigration/AnthologyOnRemittances/> .
- 2007 “Who Speaks for Indian Americans? Religion, Ethnicity, and Political Formation.” American Quarterly, Vol 59 (3): 759-783.
- Reprinted, pp. 233-257 in R. Marie Griffith and Melanie McAlister (eds.), Religion and Politics in the Contemporary United States. Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008.
- 2007 “Redefining Americanness by Reformulating Hinduism: Indian Americans Challenge American Academia.” Pp. 307-334 in James T. Campbell, Mathew Guterl, and Robert Lee (eds). Race, Nation, and Empire in American History. University of North Carolina Press.
- 2006 “Multiculturalism and ‘American’ Religion: The Case of Hindu Indian Americans. Social Forces, Vol 85 (2): 723-742.
- 2006 “Mr. President, Why do you Exclude us from your Prayers?: Hindus Challenge American Pluralism.” Pp. 119-138 in Stephen Prothero (ed)., A Nation of

Religions: The Politics of Pluralism in Multireligious America. University of North Carolina Press.

- 2006 “Caste Mobility, and the Gilding of Rituals: The Impact of Gulf Migration on Ezhavas in South Kerala.” Pp. 21-44 in Harnam Singh Verma and Nadeem Hasnain (eds.), Stagnation, Retrograde Change, or Positive Progress? Vignettes from the Journey of the Other Backward Class Communities in the Process of Change in India. Serials Publications, New Delhi.
- Translated into Chinese and reprinted in Min Zhou and Zhang Guoxiong (eds.), International Migration and Homeland Development, Pp. 145-161. Sun Yat-sen University Press (Guangzhou, China), 2012.
- 2005 “Being Young, Brown, and Hindu: The Identity Struggles of Second-Generation Indian Americans.” Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, Vol 34 (4): 434-469.
- 2005 “Opposing Constructions and Agendas: The Politics of Hindu and Muslim Indian American Organizations.” Pp. 148-172 in Rey Koslowski, (ed)., International Migration and Globalization of Domestic Politics. Routledge Press.
- 2004 “Christian by Birth or Rebirth? Generation and Difference in an Indian American Christian Church.” Pp 160-181 in Tony Carnes and Fenggang Yang (eds)., Asian American Religions: Borders and Boundaries. New York University Press.
- Reprinted, pp. 107-126 in Anand Veeraraj and Rachel Fell McDermott, (eds)., Pilgrims at the Crossroads: Asian Indian Christians at the North American Frontier. 2009.
 - Reprinted, pp. 105-120 in Viji Nakka-Cammauf and Timothy Tseng (eds)., Asian American Christianity Reader. 2009.
- 2004 “Multiculturalism and Ethnic Nationalism: The Development of an American Hinduism.” Social Problems, Vol 51 (3): 362-385.
2005 Distinguished Article Award, Sociology of Religion section, American Sociological Association.
2005 Distinguished Article Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- 2004 “Introduction: The Impact of Immigrants on American Institutions.” International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy, Vol. 24 (7/8):1-14.
- 2003 “To Be or Not To Be South Asian: Contemporary Indian American

- Politics.” Journal of Asian American Studies, Vol 6 (3): 261-288.
- 2003 “Reinventions of Hinduism.” Pp. 116-120 in Gary Laderman and Luis Leon (eds). Encyclopedia of Religion and American Cultures, Volume 1. ABC-CLIO.
- 2002 “‘We are Better Hindus Here’ - Religion and Ethnicity Among Indian Americans.” Pp. 99-120 in Jung Ha Kim and Pyong Gap Min (eds)., Building Faith Communities: Asian Immigrants and Religions. Altamira Press.
- 2001 “Constructing ‘Indianness’ in Southern California: The Role of Hindu and Muslim Indian Immigrants.” Pp.289-312 in Marta Lopez-Garza and David R. Diaz (eds). Asian and Latino Immigrants in a Restructuring Economy: The Metamorphosis of Southern California. Stanford University Press.
- 2001 “Religion, Ethnicity and Politics: Hindu and Muslim Indian Immigrants in the United States.” Ethnic and Racial Studies, Vol 24 (2):263-293.
- 2001 “Hinduism and Sikhism”, Pp. 881-885 in James Ciment (ed). Encyclopedia of American Immigration. 2001, M.E. Sharpe.
- 1999 “Gendered Ethnicity: Creating a Hindu Indian Identity in the U.S.” American Behavioral Scientist, Vol 42 (4):648-670.
 - Reprinted, pp. 151-173 in Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo, (ed)., Gender and Contemporary U.S. Immigration. University of California Press. 2003.
- 1998 “Becoming American By Becoming Hindu: Indian Americans Take their Place at the Multi-cultural Table.” Pp. 37-70 in R. Stephen Warner and Judith G. Wittner (eds). Gatherings in Diaspora: Religious Communities and the New Immigration. Temple University Press.
 - Reprinted in Susanne Monahan, Sociology of Religion: A Reader, 1st Edition, Prentice Hall, 2001.
 - Excerpted as “Prema Kurien Explains Hindus Adjustments to American Life, 1998” in Patrick Allitt (ed). Major Problems in the History of American Religion. Houghton Mifflin, 2001.
- 1997 “Constructing ‘Indianness’ in the United States and India: The Role of Hindu and Muslim Indian Immigrants.” Southern California Studies

Center Research Report.

1994 “Colonialism and Ethnogenesis: A Study of Kerala, India.” Theory and Society, Vol 23 (3): 385-417.

1994 “Non-economic Bases of Economic Behavior: Consumption, Investment and Exchange Patterns among Three Emigrant Communities in Kerala, India.” Development and Change, Vol 25 (4):757-783.

Journal Articles under Review and in Progress

Under review “Culture-Free Religion and Multiculturalism: The New Second Generation.”

Under review “Race, Religion, and the Political Incorporation of Contemporary Immigrants.”

Under review “Majority versus Minority Religious Status and Homeland-Oriented Activism: Indian American Advocacy Organizations.”

In progress. Doing Gender, Class, and Culture in Immigrant Religious Institutions: Indian American Christians.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2013 “The Development of an American Hinduism.” Pp 56-58, Arts Illustrated (Pan-Indian Arts and Design magazine in India). December 2013-January 2014 issue.

2013 “US and Them: Indian American Activism is Acquiring Critical Force.” Indian Express (Major English-language newspaper in India) May 24, 2013. Available online: <http://www.indianexpress.com/news/us-and-them/1119823/> .

2011 “From Denominationalism to Post-Denominationalism: Changes in American Christianity in the Twentieth Century.” Mar Thoma Messenger, April.

Commentary

2009 “Introduction: Migration and Development Conference Comments: Families and Networks.” Social Science Research Council. Internet publication.
<http://essays.ssrc.org/developmentpapers/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/19Kurien.pdf>

Essay

2007 “Hindu Student Organizations.” Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Web Forum on “The Religious Engagements of American Undergraduates”

<http://religion.ssrc.org/reforum/Kurien>).

Working Papers:

- 1997 “Constructing ‘Indianness’ in the United States and India: The Role of Hindu and Muslim Indian Immigrants.” Southern California Studies Center Research Report.
- 1992 “Sojourner Migration and Gender Roles: A Comparison of Two Ethnic Communities in Kerala, India.” Pp 43-61 in Continuity and Change: Women at the Close of the Twentieth Century, by Regina Cortina, Eleanor Doumato, Marida Hollos, Prema Kurien and Marilyn Rueschemeyer. Occasional Paper # 12 of the Thomas J. Watson Jr. Institute for International Studies, Brown University.

Review Articles:

- 1997 On contemporary South Asian rural transformation, Contemporary Sociology, Vol 26 (2):194-197.

Book Reviews:

- 2010 South Asian Christian Diaspora: Invisible Diaspora in Europe and North America, edited by Knut A. Jacobsen and Selva J. Raj, Nordic Journal of Religion and Society Vol 23 (1): 90-92.
- 2009 Religion and the New Immigrants: How Faith Communities Form our Newest Citizens, Michael W. Foley and Dean R Hoge, Sociology of Religion, Vol 70 (2, Summer): 202-203.
- 2007 Religious Division and Social Conflict: The Emergence of Hindu Nationalism in Rural India, Peggy Froerer, The Hindu, Oct 2, 2007.
- 2006 Negotiating Ethnicity: Second-Generation South Asian Americans Traverse a Transnational World, Bandana Purkayastha, Contemporary Sociology, Vol 35 (4, July): 395-396.
- 2006 Ethnic Routes to Becoming American: Indian Immigrants and the Cultures of Citizenship, Sharmila Rudrappa, American Journal of Sociology, Vol 111, (6, May):1993-1995.
- 2004 Desi’s in the House: Indian American Youth Culture in New York City,

- Sunaina Marr Maira, American Journal of Sociology, Vol 109 (5, March):1516-1517.
- 2002 Religion and the New Immigrants, Helen Rose Ebaugh and Janet Saltzman Chafetz, Social Forces, Vol 81 (2, December): 678-679.
- 2001 Speaking the Unspeakable: Marital Violence among South Asian Immigrants in the United States, Margaret Abraham, Social Forces, Vol 79 (4):1542-1543.
- 2000 Negotiating Identities: Women in the Indian Diaspora, Aparna Rayaprol, Contemporary Sociology, Vol 29 (6):837-839.
- 1998 Competing Visions of Islam in the United States: A Study of Los Angeles, by Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Contemporary Sociology, Vol 27 (5):509-510.
- 1997 Labour Migration to the Middle East: From Sri Lanka to the Gulf, edited by F. Eelens et al, Identities, Vol 3 (3): 444-447.
- 1995 In the Absence of Their Men: The Impact of Male Migration on Women, by Leela Gulati. Development and Change, Vol 26 (4):805-806.

WRITING IN PROGRESS

“Ethnic Church Meets Mega Church: Indian American Christianity in Motion.” Book manuscript under preparation.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2014-2015 Appleby Mosher award, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. “Ethnic Church Meets Mega Church: Indian American Christians.” \$ 1,000.
- 2013-2015 National Science Foundation, Sociology Program award, SES-1323881. The Incorporation of Minorities in Canada and the United States, August 31, 2013-May 31 2015, \$ 65,811.
- 2010-2017 Religion and Diversity Project, Major Collaborative Research Initiatives, Social Science Research Council, Canada. A \$ 2.5 million project involving a consortium of scholars from several countries, headed by Lori Beaman, University of Ottawa

- 2013-2014 Appleby Mosher award, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. "Race, Religion, and the Political Incorporation of Contemporary Immigrants." \$ 1,200.
- 2012-2014 Jack Shand Research Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. The Political Incorporation of Religious Minorities in Canada and the U.S. \$ 3,000.
- 2012-2013 PARCC Faculty Research Mini-Grant Program, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. The Political Incorporation of Religious Minorities in Canada and the U.S. \$ 2,319.
- 2012-2013 Appleby Mosher award, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. "Hindu and Sikh Political Incorporation in Canada and the U.S." \$ 1,200.
- 2012 Summer Project Assistantship Award, Maxwell Office of the Dean, Syracuse University. "The Political Incorporation of Religious Minorities in Canada and the U.S." \$ 1,600.
- 2009-2011 Carnegie Corporation award, "Indian American Civic and Political Activism: A Different Model of Ethnic Politics? \$ 50,000.
- 2010 Summer Project Assistantship Award, Maxwell Office of the Dean, Syracuse University. "Globalization, Religion, and Ethnic Politics: Indian Americans in the Public Sphere." \$ 1,600.
- 2009-2010 Appleby-Mosher award, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, "Indian American Civic and Political Activism: A Different Model of Ethnic Politics? \$ 1, 200.
- 2008-2009 Appleby-Mosher award, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, "Establishing a Transnational 'Ethnic' Christianity: The Challenges Facing an Indian Denomination in the United States." \$ 1,200.
- 2008 Summer Project Assistant Award, Maxwell Office of the Dean, Syracuse University. "Establishing a Transnational 'Ethnic' Christianity: The Challenges Facing an Indian Denomination in the United States." \$ 1,500.
- 2007-2008 Appleby-Mosher award, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, "Who Speaks for Indian Americans: Religion, Ethnicity and Political Formation." \$ 1,200.

- 2006-2007 Woodrow Wilson International Center Fellowship for “Contemporary Ethnic Lobbies: Asian Indian Americans on the Hill.”
- 2005-2006 Citizenship Research Grant from the Alan Campbell Institute, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. “Competing Strategies of Immigrant Political Mobilization: Hindu and South Asian Groups on the Hill.” \$ 1,410
- 2005-2006 Appleby-Mosher award, Maxwell School, Syracuse University “Competing Strategies of Immigrant Political Mobilization: Hindu and South Asian Groups on the Hill.” \$ 1,000.
- 2005-2006 Senior Short-Term Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies, “Transnationalism and the Mar Thoma Church.”
- 2005 Summer Project Assistantship Program, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, to develop grant proposal for project, “Competing Strategies of Immigrant Political Mobilization: Hindu and South Asian Groups on the Hill.”
- 2002-2003 Grant, Sabbatical Research Program, Louisville Institute. “Establishing an ‘Ethnic’ Christianity: The Challenges Facing Immigrant Indian Churches in the United States.” Louisville Institute. \$ 45,000.
- 2000-2001 Fellowship, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University. “Genteel Multiculturalism and Militant Nationalism: The Emergence of American Hinduism.”
- 1999-2000 Pew Charitable Trusts, Research Fellowship. “Religion, Ethnicity and Politics: Indian Immigrants in the United States.” \$ 35,000 .
- 1999-2000 Associate Principal Investigator, Packard grant, Population Research Laboratory, University of Southern California.
- 1998 Finalist for the Research and Writing Grants, Program on Peace and International Cooperation, MacArthur Foundation.
- 1997 College Awards for Research Excellence, University of Southern California, “The Domestic and Transnational Effects of Competition between Hindu and Muslim

Indian Organizations in the United States”. \$ 3,500

- 1997 Southern California Research Center, Junior Research Fellowship, “The Emergence of Diasporic Hindu Nationalism in Southern California: Causes and Consequences.” \$ 5,000
- 1996-1997 Zumberge Fellowship, University of Southern California, “Recreating ‘Indianness’ in the U.S.: Asian Indian Americans as Transnationals.” \$ 18, 246.
- 1994-1996 Postdoctoral Fellowship from the New Ethnic and Immigrant Congregations Project, directed by Stephen Warner, University of Illinois, Chicago.
- 1993 Summer research grant from Knox College
- 1992-1993 Occasional Faculty Fellowship, Midwest Faculty Seminar, University of Chicago.

GRANTS FOR DISSERTATION RESEARCH

- 1991-1992 Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, Providence, U.S.A.
- 1990-1991 American Institute for Indian Studies, Junior Research Fellowship.
- 1989 Sigma Xi grant
- 1989 Taraknath Das grant
- 1989 Indian Council for Social Science Research Fellowship
- 1989 Travel grant, Center for the Comparative Study of Development, Brown University, Providence, U.S.A.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 “The Incorporation of South Asian Minorities in Canada and the United States.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian American Studies April 25, Evanston, IL.
- 2015 “Race, Religion, and the Political Incorporation of Indian Americans.” Invited Lecture, Religion and Politics in American Public Life Series. April 8, Columbia University, New York.
- 2015 Invited Panelist, “Asian American Studies and the Social Sciences.” Yale University Asian American Studies Conference, New Haven, Feb 27.
- 2015 “The Political Activism of Sikhs in Canada and the United States.” Invited Presentation, Roosevelt House, Hunter College, CUNY, New York. February 4.

- 2014 “Doing Gender, Class, and Status in Immigrant Religious Institutions: Indian American Christians. Presentation at the SSSR/RRA Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, October.
- 2014 “The Political Incorporation of Religious Minorities: Canada and the United States.” Invited Presentation, SSSR/RRA Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, October.
- 2014 Immigration, Community Formation, Political Incorporation and why Religion Matters.” Invited Presentation, Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, August.
- 2014 “Majority versus Minority Religious Status in India and Foreign Policy Activism in the United States.” Invited Presentation, Ecole des Hautes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, June 10.
- 2014 “Race, Religion and the Political Incorporation of Contemporary Immigrants.” Invited Presentation, Ecole des Hautes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, June 4.
- 2014 “The Political Incorporation of Religious Minorities in Canada and the U.S.” Invited Presentation, Ecole des Hautes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, June 2.
- 2014 “The Civic and Political Activism of Indian American Groups.” Invited Presentation at the School of Social Science, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, January 3.
- 2013 “Majority versus Minority Religious Status in India and Homeland-Oriented Activism in the United States.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston, November 9.
- 2013 “Majority versus Minority Religious Status and the Ethno-Religious Activism of Indian Americans.” Invited presentation at a joint panel of the American Sociological Association and the American Sociology of Religion conference, New York City, August 10.
- 2013 “Race, Religion, and the Political Incorporation of Contemporary Immigrants.” Invited presentation at the Political Sociology Mini-Conference, New York city, Aug 14.
- 2013 “Race, Religion and U.S. Immigrants: The Political Incorporation of Indian Americans.” Invited talks at the University of California Riverside, April 4 and the University of California, Los Angeles, April 5.

- 2013 “Race, Religion and U.S. Immigration Today: The Political Incorporation of Indian Americans.” Invited talk at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, Jan 31.
- 2012 “Migration, Transnationalism, and Religious Transformation: The Syrian Christian Church in India.” Presentation at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, August 18.
- 2012 “Religion and Political Incorporation: Varieties of Indian American Activism” Presentation at the Association of Asian American Studies Conference, Washington D.C. April 12.
- 2012 “Religion and Political Incorporation: Varieties of Indian American Activism.” Invited Presentation, University of Ottawa, March 30.
- 2011 “Multiculturalism, Culture-Free Religion, and the New Second Generation.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Las Vegas, August 19.
- 2011 What is ‘American’ about American Hinduism? Hindu Umbrella Organizations in the U.S. in Comparative Perspective. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, August 23.
- 2011 “Multiculturalism, Culture-Free Religion, and the New Second Generation.” Invited Speaker, Religion Committee, Graduate Center, CUNY, March 16.
- 2011 “Hindu Activism in Cyberspace.” Invited Speaker, Panel on Intersectionality in Virtual Spaces, Eastern Sociological Society, Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, Feb 26.
- 2011 “Who Speaks for South Asian Americans? Religion, Ethnicity, and Political Formation.” Invited Inaugural Speaker, Series on India: The Migration of Religion, People, and Ideas. Case Western University, February 22.
- 2010 “Multiculturalism, Culture-Free Religion, and the New Second Generation.” Invited Presentation, Sociology Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Nov 3.
- 2010 “Factors Shaping the Emergence of an Indian American Identity.” Invited Presentation, National Federation of Indian Americans, 16th Biennial Convention and 30th Anniversary Celebrations, September 18, New York.
- 2010 “Majority versus Minority Religious Status and Civic Activism: The Politics of Assimilation and Difference of Indian American Religious Groups.” American

Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 14, Atlanta.

- 2010 “The Changing Shape of Religion in American Society.” Invited Presentation, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 19, 2010, Boston.
- 2010 “How does Multiculturalism and the Contemporary American Environment Affect Hindus and other Minority Religions?” Invited Presentation, Hindu Student Organization, Duke University, March 17.
- 2010 "Culture-Free Religion in a Multicultural Age: Evangelicalism and Ethnic Churches." Invited Presentation, Sociology Colloquium, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, March 17.
- 2009 “Cultural Power, Conceptions of the Divine, and Inter-religious Encounters.” Invited Presentation for the Princeton Consultation on Prayer. Princeton University, November 20-21.
- 2009 “Establishing an ‘Ethnic’ Christianity: The Challenges facing the Mar Thoma Indian Church in the United States.” Invited Presentation for Thematic Session of the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, The New Politics of Religious Communities: Managing Inequality and Diversity. San Francisco, August 8-11.
- 2009 “A Politics of Assimilation versus a Politics of Difference: Religion and Second-Generation Indian Americans.” Invited Presentation at the Sociology colloquium, Loyola University, Chicago, April 17.
- 2009 “Hindu Umbrella Organizations and the Development of an American Hinduism.” Invited Keynote Address for Conference on The Public Representation of a Religion Called Hinduism: Umbrella Organizations and “Ecumenical Hinduism,” March 23-24, Wabash College, Indiana.
- 2008 “A Different Model of Ethnic Lobbying? Indian American Political Activism.” Invited Presentation at the Conversations in Conflict Studies, Program for the Analysis and Resolution of Conflict, Syracuse University, October 29.
- 2008 Religion at the Edge: Expanding the Boundaries of the Sociology of Religion. Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, October 3-4. Invited panelist.
- 2008 “Establishing a Transnational ‘Ethnic’ Christianity: The Challenges Facing an Indian Denomination in the United States.” Conference on the Transnational Religious Lives of the Second Generation, Harvard University. April 18-19. Invited panelist.

- 2008 “White Protestant Normativity and Asian American Religions.” Mega Session on Faith in a Time of Empire. Invited Presentation, Association for Asian American Studies conference, Chicago, IL. April 16-20.
- 2008 Migration and Development Conference, Social Science Research Council, New York, Feb 28-March 1. Invited Discussant.
- 2007 National Conference on Establishing an Asian Pacific American Collection at the Library of Congress. Invited speaker. Washington D.C., October 4-5.
- 2007 “A Perspective on American Hinduism.” Invited presentation, World Bank-IMF India Club, Washington D.C., May 9.
- 2007 “Contemporary Ethnic Lobbies: Asian Indian Americans on the Hill.” Invited presentation at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington D.C., May 1.
- 2007 “Who Speaks for Indian Americans? Religion, Ethnicity and Political Formation.” Association for Asian American Studies conference, New York, April 4-8.
- 2007 “A Place at the Multicultural Table: The Development of an American Hinduism.” Invited presentations at the South Asia Initiative, Harvard University (Feb 9), Sociology department, Harvard University (March 8), Social Science and Religion Network, Boston University (March 23), Middlebury College (April 9).
- 2007 Keynote speaker, Stony Brook Ethnography Conference, Stony Brook campus, Manhattan, New York, March 2.
- 2007 “Multiculturalism and School Curricula: The California Textbook Controversy.” Presentation at the Association for Asian Studies Conference, Boston, March 22-25.
- 2006 “A Transnational Church in Transition.” Invited presentation at the Mar Thoma Manganam Center, Kottayam, August 9.
- 2006 “Multiculturalism and the Incorporation of Hindu Indian Americans.” Presentation at the South Asian Religious Transnationalism Conference, Syracuse University, April 22.
- 2005 “Multiculturalism and the Development of an American Hinduism.” Vichaar South Asia Seminar, Syracuse University, November 29.

- 2005 “Temporary Migration and Development in Kerala.” Migration and Development Within and Across Borders: Concepts, Methods, and Policy Considerations in International and Internal Migration workshop, organized by the Social Science Research Council in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration, and the Economic and Social Research Council, New York, November 17-19.
- 2005 “Hindu Temples in the U.S.” Panel of the Religion and the Social Sciences section, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, November.
- 2005 “Who Speaks for Indian Americans? Hindu and South Asian Groups in the Public Sphere.” Immigrant Incorporation Working Group, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University. September 22.
- 2005 “Redefining Americanness by Reformulating Hinduism: Indian Americans Challenge American Academia.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, August.
- 2004 “South Asian or Hindu?: Indian Americans in the Public Sphere.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August.
- 2004 “Multiculturalism and Immigrant Religion: The Development of an American Hinduism.” Religion and Society series, Syracuse University, March.
- 2003 “Being Young, Brown and Hindu: The Identity Struggles of Second-Generation Indian Americans.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, August.
- 2003 “Multiculturalism, Immigrant Religion and Diasporic Nationalism: The Development of an American Hinduism.” Invited presentation for the “Race, Globalization and the New Ethnic Studies” conference, Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America, Brown University, March.
- 2003 “To be or not to be South Asian: Contemporary Indian American Politics.” Invited Presidential Panel on “Expanding South Asia.” Association for Asian Studies, Annual Conference, New York, March.
- 2003 “Being Young, Brown and Hindu: The Identity Struggles of Second-Generation Indian Americans.” Sociology department and South Asian Studies, Syracuse University, January.

- 2002 “ ‘Mr. President, Why do you Exclude us from your Prayers’: Hindus Challenge American Pluralism.” Presentations for the Annual Conference of the American Sociology of Religion, Chicago, August, and the Nation of Religions Project, Boston University, June.
- 2002 “Migration, Religion and Ethnicity: Indian Emigrants Abroad and at Home.” Barnard College, Columbia University, February.
- 2001 “Multiculturalism, Ethnic Nationalism and Immigrant Religion: The Development of an American Hinduism.” Invited Session on Religion and Immigration at the Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association, August, Anaheim, CA.
- 2001 “Multiculturalism, Ethnic Nationalism and Immigrant Religion: The Two Faces of American Hinduism”. South Asia Research Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, May 2.
- 2001 “Hindu Student Organizations and the Formulation of an American Hinduism”. Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, March 9.
- 2001 “Different Patterns for Different Groups: Explaining the Political Behavior of Indian American Religious Organizations” . Invited presentation, colloquium series on Diasporas and Globalization, Center on Global Change and Governance, Rutgers University, Newark. April 11.
- 2001 “The Emergence of American Hinduism: A Case Study of Southern California”. Presentations at Wellesley College, Center for Migration, Ethnicity and Citizenship, New School University, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University.
- 2000 “Religion, Ethnicity and Generation in an Indian Christian Church”, Presentation for the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October, Houston, Texas.
- 2000 “The Emergence of American Hinduism: Genteel Multiculturalism and Militant Fundamentalism. Presentation for the Annual Meeting of the American Sociology of Religion, August, Washington D.C.
- 2000 “Different Patterns for Different Groups: Explaining the Political Behavior of Indian American Religious Organizations”, Presentation for the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August, Washington D.C.

- 2000 "The Emergence of American Hinduism: A Case Study of Southern California". Invited Presentation at the Religious Studies department, University of California, Davis, May.
- 1999 "The Americanization of Hinduism: A Case Study of Hindu Indians in Southern California". Invited Presentation for the Annual Meetings of the Academy of American Religion, Boston, November.
- 1998 "Gender and the Construction of Hindu Indian Americanness". Center for Feminist Research, University of Southern California, November.
- 1998 "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: How Immigration Affects Indian Women in the U.S." Invited Presentation for the Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. San Francisco, August.
- 1998 "How Los Angeles has Changed Hindu Expectations." Conference on Religion in Los Angeles: Innovations and Multicultural Interaction (organized by the Center for the Study of Religion at UCLA), Los Angeles, May.
Respondent to Session on "The Challenge of Religion of the Multicultural City" at above conference.
- 1997 Organizer, Panel on "Immigrant Religious Organizations as Ethnic Advocates: Latino and Asian Case Studies". Also presented paper on "Constructing 'Indianness' in the United States and India: The Role of Hindu and Muslim Indian Immigrants" for the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, San Diego, Nov 7-9.
- 1997 "Immigration and Gender: The Case of Hindu Indians in the U.S.", South Asian Women's Conference, Sept 20-21, Los Angeles.
- 1997 "Indian Immigrants in the United States: Constructing 'Indianness', Invited presentation at the Madras Institute for Development Studies, Madras, India. August 13.
- 1997 "Ethnicity: Some Issues for Discussion", Invited Presentation at the Sociology department of Madras University, Madras, India. August 12.
- 1997 "Immigration and Ethnicity: Indians in the United States", Invited Presentation at the Institute for Social Sciences, Delhi, India, July 29.
- 1997 "Hindu and Muslim Indian American Organizations: Opposing Constructions and Agendas", Invited Presentation at the Center for the Study of the Indian Diaspora,

University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India, July 25.

- 1997 "Recent Theoretical Trends in Sociology", Invited Presentation at the Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India, July 24.
- 1997 "Religion, Ethnicity and Politics: Indian Immigrants in the United States", Invited Presentation at the Department of Social Sciences, French Institute of Pondicherry, Pondicherry, India, July 18.
- 1996 "Gendering Ethnicity: Creating a Hindu Identity in the U.S." Annual South Asia Conference, Madison, WI. Oct 17-20.
- 1996 "Becoming American by Becoming Hindu: Indian Americans Take their Place at the Multi-cultural Table" Annual Conference of the Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR), August, New York City.
- 1995 "Hinduism in Diaspora: The Case of the United States" Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, November, Washington D.C.
- 1995 "An American Hinduism? Hindu Americans and the Reformulation of Religious Ideology and Practice" SSSR and RRA meetings, October, St. Louis.
- 1995 "Transnational Migration and the Formation of Ethnic Groups: South Indian Hindus in the U.S." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August, Washington D. C.
- 1995 "Representing Rural Indian Women". Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, April, Washington, D.C.
- 1994 "Latinos in the Educational System: Personal Accounts" (in collaboration with Anel Dominguez) Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August, Los Angeles.
- 1994 "Identity and Difference: Latinos and the Construction of Ethnicity" (in collaboration with Anel Dominguez), Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, March, St. Louis.
- 1993 "Migration and Cultural Involution: A Study of the Position of Women in an Emigrant Community in Kerala, India". Presented at the Annual Conference on South Asia, November, Madison, Wisconsin..
- 1993 "Ethnicity, Migration and Social Change: A Study of Three Emigrant Communities in Kerala, India". Presented at the Wilder House Workshop on

Politics, Society and Culture, University of Chicago, April.

- 1993 "Islamic Society in Kerala, India" Presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, March.
- 1993 "Colonialism and the Construction of Ethnicity in South-West India" Presentation at the South Asia, Middle East Workshop, University of Chicago, February.
- 1992 "Migration and Eth-Caste Transformation - A Study of a Latin Catholic Community in Kerala, India". Presented at the Annual Conference on South Asia, November.
- 1992 "Economy in Society: Consumption and Exchange Patterns Among Three Emigrant Communities in Kerala, India". Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association, August.
- 1992 "Migration, Caste Mobility and the Gilding of Rituals". Presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, April.
- 1992 "Colonialism and the Ethnicisation of Society: A Study of Kerala, India". Presented at the Annual Conference of the Eastern Sociological Society, April.
- 1991 "Migration, Ethnicity and Gender." Annual New England Conference of the Association for Asian Studies. Invited chair for the panel on South Asia at the conference, November.
- 1991 "Creating Sociological Data through Fieldwork. What is the Impact of Migration on Ethnic Communities in Kerala, India." Population Studies Training Center Summer Workshop series, Brown University. June.

COURSES TAUGHT

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| Sociological Theory | Contemporary Sociological Theory |
| East Meets West: India and the U.S. | Asian Indians in the United States |
| Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective | Non-industrial Societies |
| Race and Ethnicity | Ethnic Movements around the World |
| Introduction to Qualitative Methods | International Migration |
| International Economic Development | Social Problems |
| Contemporary Asian Americans | Social Stratification |
| Multiculturalism, Secularism, and Contemporary Immigrants | |
| Religion, Transnationalism, and Contemporary Asian Immigrants | |
| Globalization (team-taught course) | |

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2015 Nominated to run for Council, International Migration section, American Sociological Association.
- 2014-2017 Editorial Board, Qualitative Sociology
- 2014 Nominated to run for President-Elect, Association for the Sociology of Religion.
- 2014 Nominated to run for Chair-Elect, Religion section, American Sociological Association.
- 2014 Best Research Paper Award Committee, Asia and Asian America Section, American Sociological Association
- 2013-2016 Council, Asia and Asian America section, American Sociological Association
- 2012-2016 Advisory Board for Religion among Scientists in International Context
- 2012-2015 Editorial Board, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2012-2015 Council, Association for the Sociology of Religion
- 2011-2014 Member, International Committee, Association for the Sociology of Religion (Chair 2011-2013)
- 2010-2013 Editorial Board, American Sociological Review
- 2011-2013 Sociology Regular Panel, National Science Foundation
- 2011-2012 Academic Council, Smithsonian “Beyond Bollywood” Indian American Heritage Project
- 2012 Chair, Distinguished Book Award Committee, Religion Section, American Sociological Association
- 2011 Program Committee and Session Organizer, American Sociological Association, Religion Section
- 2009-2011 Member, International Committee, Association for the Sociology of Religion
- 2007-present Editorial Board of the Society for Asian North American Christian Studies (SANACS) Annual publication

- 2009, 2007 Panelist for the Woodrow Wilson International Center Fellowship Competition
- 2009-2010 Sociology Dissertation Panel, National Science Foundation
- 2007 Program Chair, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Annual Meeting
- 2007 Consultant, National Conference on Establishing an Asian Pacific American Collection in the Library of Congress
- 2004 Member, Student Paper Award Committee, Religion Section, American Sociological Society
- 2004 Chair, International Migration Round Table, Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association
- 2004, 2002 Nominated for Council, Religion Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2003 Nominated for Council, Asia and Asian America Section of the American Sociological Association.
- 2002 Invited organizer for a Regular Session on “Impact of Immigrants on American Institutions.” American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, August.
- 2001-2002 Membership Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- 2001 Nominated for Council, Association for the Sociology of Religion.

OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICE

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

University Senator (Spring 2014)

Sociology Department

- Executive Committee (2013-2014, 2010-2012)
- Review committee for Prof. Dawn Dow (2012-)
- Tenure review committee for Prof. Yingyi Ma (2012-2013)
- Chair, Review committee for Prof. Gretchen Purser (2010 -2012)
- Graduate Director (2008-2011)
- Chair, Tenure review committee for Prof. Amy Lutz (2009-2010)
- Member, Contract Renewal (3rd year) committee for Prof. Yingyi Ma

(2008-2009)

- Chair, Contract Renewal (3rd year) committee for Prof. Amy Lutz (2007-2008)
- Member, annual review committee for Prof. Amy Lutz (2004-2007)
- Member, Sociology department search committee for a qualitative sociologist (2004-2005)

Asian/Asian American Studies Program

- Director (2010-2013)
- Acting Director (2009-2010)
- Interim Chair (2008-2009)

University Wide

- University Senator (2014-)
- Member, T-shaped Majors Instruction Committee (2008-2009)
- Member, Interdisciplinary Programs Committee (2010-2011)

South Asia Center

- Organizer, Syracuse-Cornell University South Asia Consortium symposium on South Asian Religious Transnationalism: Regional Dynamics, Global Passages, Spring 2006.
- Colloquium organizer (2005-2006)
- Member, FLAS committee to evaluate proposals for funding (2005, 2008)
- Member, Bharati Memorial Committee to evaluate proposals for summer funding, (2004, 2009).
- Outside member, search committee for assistant professor of South Asian History (2004-2005).
- Involved in the Ray Smith symposium, "Drawing a Line in Water: Religious Boundaries in South Asia," held in Spring 2004.

Religion and Transnationalism working group

- Developed proposal, "Religion, Religious Organizations and Transnational Values," along with Professors Joanne Waghorne (Religion) and John Burdick (Anthropology) as an agenda for the group. This also included a proposal for a conference on "Religion, Religious Organizations, and International Values: The Case of Human Rights" to be held at Syracuse University (2004).
- Submitted a revised proposal, "Religion, Religious Organizations and

Emerging Common Values in ‘Global Civil Society’ with Professors Joanne Waghorne (Religion) and John Burdick (Anthropology) for the Ray Smith symposium competition (2005).

Immigrant Incorporation working group

- Participated in colloquium series.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Affiliate member of the Asian American Studies program (1995-2003)
Affiliate member of the Center for Religion and Civic Culture (1998-2003)
Member, Steering Committee, Center for Multi-Ethnic and Transnational Studies (1995-1998)
Member, SPIMFAX international migration working group (1995-1998)
Member, Search Committee for assistant professor in social theory (2001-2002)
Member, Undergraduate Committee in the sociology department (1997-1999)
Chair, Human Subjects Committee of the Sociology department (1997-1998)

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

Founding Director, Human Diversity program and course sequence (2004-2005).

GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES

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Ph.D.Dissertation Committees

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Alecea Standlee (Ph.D. 2012)
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Yasmin Ortiga (Chair, passed 2013)
Silas Webb (passed 2014)
Yan Liu (passed 2014)
Joonsik Yoon (passed 2014)

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Karen Monkman (M. A. 1997)
Pam Haldeman (Ph.D. 1996)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
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