

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Syracuse University

Professor, Department of Sociology (2011-)

Daicoff Faculty Scholar (2024-2027)

Director, South Asia Center (2022-2024)

Co-Founder and Co-Chair, South Asian Sociologists ASA Community (2022-2025)

President, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion 2020-2021

Chair, Department of Sociology 2017-2020

Founding Project Director, Maxwell Citizenship Initiative 2016-2018

Founding Director, Asian/Asian American Studies Program 2008-2013

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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

2022-2024 Director, South Asia Center

2017-2020 Chair, Department of Sociology

2011-present Professor, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University

2003-2011 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Syracuse 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

FELLOWSHIPS AND VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS

2014-2015	Dr. Thomas Tam Visiting Professor, CUNY Graduate Center
2014	Visiting Professor, Ecole des Hautes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, June
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

AWARDS AND HONORS

2024-2027	Daicoff Faculty Scholar, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. Award given to a Full Professor in Maxwell School in recognition of overall excellence in research and teaching.
2024	Honorable Mention for the Asia and Asian America section (ASA) <i>Research Paper Award</i> .
2024	Honorable Mention for the <i>Social Science Caucus Paper Award</i> of the Association for Asian American Studies.
2023	<i>Sandra Barnes Anti-Racist Scholarship Award</i> for “anti-racist scholarship that critically examines the intersection of religion and race and challenges racist systems and structures,” Sociology of Religion Section, American Sociological Association.
2021	<i>Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award</i> , Syracuse University.
2018	<i>Book Award on Asian America</i> , Asia and Asian America section, American Sociological Association.
2018	<i>Finalist</i> (top 4) Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Distinguished Book Award.
2016-2017	<i>Inaugural Robert D. McClure Professor of Teaching Excellence</i> , Maxwell School, Syracuse University.
2015	Interview, <i>CUNY FORUM</i> Asian American/Asian Studies, Vol 3(1): 91-99, Fall/Winter 2015-2016.
2014	<i>Contribution to the Field Award</i> , Asian and Asian American section, American Sociological Association.
2013	<i>Research Paper Award</i> from the Asia and Asian American section of the American Sociological Association.
2009	<i>Distinguished Book Award, Honorable Mention</i> , Sociology of Religion section, American Sociological Association.

- 2005 *Distinguished Article Award*, Sociology of Religion section, American Sociological Association.
- 2005 *Distinguished Article Award*, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- 2003 *Book Award*, Asia and Asian American section of the American Sociological Association.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2023-2025 Co-Chair (along with Nazli Kibria) of South Asian Sociologists Community of the American Sociological Association.
- 2022 Co-Founder and Organizer (along with Nazli Kibria and Bandana Purkayastha) of South Asian Sociologists
- 2022-2024 Director, South Asia Center, Syracuse University
- 2020-2021 President, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2017-2020 Chair, Department of Sociology
- 2016-2018 Founding Project Director, Maxwell Citizenship Initiative, Syracuse University
- 2010-2013 Founding 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
- 1994-1995 Founding Director of the Human Diversity program, Chapman University

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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

CURRENT PROJECTS

Religious Minorities in the US and Canada: Divergent Patterns of Political Involvement and Activism. Research completed, writing in progress. (Funding from two awards from the 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).

When Hindu Nationalism Shapes U.S. Politics (2024-2026) Funding from Jack Shand Research Grant, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.

The Impact of Immigrants and their Children on Multiracial Megachurches (2025-2027).
Louisville Institute, Grant for Researchers.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- 2025 Claiming Citizenship: Race, Religion, and Political Mobilization among New Americans. Oxford University Press, Series on Migration and Citizenship.
- *Author-Meets-Critics session for book at 2025 Eastern Sociological Society meetings, Boston, March 7.*
 - *Author-Meets-Critics session for book at 2025 Association for the Sociology of Religion conference, Chicago, August 11.*
 - *Podcast on book conducted by Raj Balkaran on the New Books Network : <https://newbooksnetwork.com/claiming-citizenship> June 19, 2025.*
- 2017 Ethnic Church Meets Mega Church: Indian American Christianity in Motion. New York University Press.
2018 Book Award on Asian America from the Asia and Asian America section, American Sociological Association.
2018 Finalist (top 4) Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Distinguished Book Award.
- 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.
2009 Author-Meets-Critics session at the Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, for book.
- 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, "The Impact of Immigrants on American Institutions." Vol 24, (7/8).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

- 2025 “Mobilization to Include Caste Discrimination in U.S. Civil Rights Law.” Revised and Resubmitted.
- 2024 (with Bandana Purkayastha) “Why Don’t South Asians in the U.S. Count As ‘Asian’?”: Global and Local Factors Shaping Anti-South Asian Racism in the United States.” Sociological Inquiry 94(2) 351-368.
- 2023 “The Racial Paradigm and Dalit Anti-Caste Activism in the U.S.” Social Problems 70(3): 717-734.
- *Honorable Mention for the 2024 Social Science Caucus Paper Award of the Association for Asian American Studies.*
 - *Honorable Mention for the 2024 Asia and Asian America section (ASA) Research Paper Award*
- 2022 “Indian American versus South Asian American Advocacy Organizations: Diasporic Political Activism in the U.S.” Journal of South Asian Diaspora 14(1):1-20.
- 2022 “Religion as Social Location: Global and Comparative Perspectives.” Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion 61(1) 5-20. *Featured as article of the month by the journal (January 2022 when it was published online).*
- 2021 “Culture-free Religion: New Second-Generation Muslims and Christians.” Journal of Contemporary Religion Vol 36, (1) 105-122.
- 2021 “Women and South Asian Hinduism and Islam: In the Subcontinent and the Diaspora.” Contemporary South Asia Vol 29, (2) 236-242.
- 2018 “Shifting U.S. Racial and Ethnic Identities and Sikh American Activism.” RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences Vol 4, (5) 81-98. Special issue on Immigrants and Changing Identities.
<https://www.rsfjournal.org/content/4/5/81>
- 2018 “South Asian Migration, Settlement, and Socio-political Incorporation on the North American West Coast.” AAPI Nexus: Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders. Policy, Practice and Community, Vol 15 (1-2) 85-107. Special Issue, Asians in the Anglo-Sphere.
- 2017 “Majority versus Minority Religious Status and Diasporic Nationalism: Indian American Advocacy Organizations.” Nations and Nationalism, Vol 23 (1) 109-128.
- 2016 “Sociology in America or a Sociology of America?: Navigating the American

Academy as an ‘International’ Scholar.” Invited article, International Sociological Association E-Symposium, Dec.
<http://www.sagepub.net/isa/admin/viewEBPDF.aspx?&art=EBul-Kurien-Dec2016.pdf>

- 2016 “Race, Religion, and the Political Incorporation of Indian Americans.” Journal of Religious and Political Practice. Vol 2 (3), 273-295.
- 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): 524-536.
- 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.
- 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.
- Spanish Translation. 2021. “Separando religión y etnicidad: los estadounidenses cristianos originarios de la India de segunda generación,” pp. 325-358 in Postsecularismo y la religión vivida: aportes desde la sociología cualitativa norteamericana. David Smilde and Hugo Pérez Hernáiz (eds.). abediciones: Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Caracas, Venezuela.
- 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.
- 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.
- 2006 “Multiculturalism and ‘American’ Religion: The Case of Hindu Indian Americans.” Social Forces, Vol 85 (2): 723-742.

- 2005 "Being Young, Brown, and Hindu: The Identity Struggles of Second-Generation Indian Americans." Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, Vol 34 (4): 434-469.
- 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.
- 2001 "Religion, Ethnicity and Politics: Hindu and Muslim Indian Immigrants in the United States." Ethnic and Racial Studies, Vol 24 (2):263-293.
- 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.
- 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.

Book Chapters and Similar Publications

- Forthcoming "Religion, Race, and Political Incorporation: The Case of Indian Americans." In The Routledge Handbook of Religion and Race. Ezra Chitando and Masiwa R. Gunda (eds.), Routledge, Milton Park, Oxfordshire.
- Forthcoming "Mobilizing around Cultural Citizenship in the United States: South Asian Muslim, Hindu, and Sikh Advocacy Organizations." In Race, Law, and Asian

- American Religions, Melissa Borja and Dusty Hoesly (eds.), Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, NJ.
- Forthcoming 2025 “Hinduism in the United States” in International Forum on World Religions. Roberto Cipriani, Phillippe Portier, and Ephraim Tabory (eds). Routledge, Milton Park, Oxfordshire.
- 2020 “Indian Religions in the United States” pp. 399-412 in Knut Jacobsen (ed.), Routledge Handbook of South Asian Religions. Routledge, Milton Park, Oxfordshire.
- 2019 “Intergenerational Differences within Indian Christian Churches in the United States.” Pp 127-141 in Sam George (ed.), Diaspora Christianities: Global Scattering of South Asian Christians. Fortress Press, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2016 “Contemporary Ethno-Religious Groups and Political Activism in the United States.” Pp. 428-441 in Barbara McGraw (ed.), The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Religion and Politics in the U.S. Wiley Blackwell, Malden, MA.
- 2015 “Hinduism in North America.” Pp. 143-157 in Brian Hatcher (ed.), Hinduism in the Modern World. Routledge.
- 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 “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.
- 2008 “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 “Redefining Americanness by Reformulating Hinduism: Indian Americans

- Challenge American Academia.” Pp. 307-334 in James T. Campbell, Matthew Guterl, and Robert Lee (eds). Race, Nation, and Empire in American History. University of North Carolina Press.
- 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 “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.
- 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 “Hinduism and Sikhism”, Pp. 881-885 in James Ciment (ed). Encyclopedia of American Immigration. 2001, M.E. Sharpe.
- 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.

WRITING IN PROGRESS

Religious Minorities in the US and Canada: Divergent Patterns of Political Involvement and Activism, book manuscript.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Commentary:

- 2025 “How Identity Shapes the Civic and Political Engagement of Indian Americans.” *Shuddhashar FreeVoice*, May 1, Issue 43. [How Identity Shapes the Civic and Political Engagement of Indian Americans - শুদ্ধধর](#)
- 2021 “From India to the United States: Perspectives on Race.” CUNY FORUM 9(1):37-42.
- 2019 “Different Narratives in Religion and Politics.” Pp. 30-31 in Proceedings: Sixth Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, June 2019. https://raac.iupui.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/RAAC_6th-Biennial-Conference-Proceedings-2019.pdf

- 2018 “Ethnic Christianities: Seven Questions for Prema Kurien.” Sacred Matters: Religious Currents in Culture. Invited Publication.
<https://sacredmattersmagazine.com/ethnic-christianities-7-questions-for-prema-kurien/>
- 2018 “The ‘Browning’ of Megachurches and its Impact on Immigrant Congregations.” Religion and Politics. Invited Publication.
<http://religionandpolitics.org/2018/01/23/the-browning-of-american-megachurches/>
- 2017 “Who are Asian Americans” Pp. 25-27 in Russell Leong (ed.) Asian American Matters: A New York Anthology. Asian American/Asian Studies Research Institute: New York. Invited Publication.
- 2017 Invited commentary on Writing Religion for the IPSP, The Immanent Frame
<http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2017/01/12/writing-religion-ipsp/>
- 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. Invited Publication.
- 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. Invited Publication.
- 2009 “Introduction: Migration and Development Conference Comments: Families and Networks.” Social Science Research Council. Internet publication. Invited Publication. <http://essays.ssrc.org/developmentpapers/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/19Kurien.pdf>
- 2007 “Hindu Student Organizations.” Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Web Forum on “The Religious Engagements of American Undergraduates” (<http://religion.ssrc.org/reforum/Kurien>). Invited Publication.

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.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2025-2027 Louisville Institute, Grant for Researchers for project, “The Impact of Immigrants and their Children on Multiracial Megachurches. (\$ 55,000).
- 2024-2026 Jack Shand Research Grant, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, for project, “When Hindu Nationalism Shapes U.S. Politics.” (\$ 5,984).
- 2024-2027 Daicoff Faculty Scholar award, Maxwell School to recognize excellence in scholarship and teaching (\$ 7,500 each year).
- 2023-2024 Appleby Mosher Faculty award, Maxwell School Syracuse University. Funds for indexing my book, *Claiming Citizenship*. \$ 1,400
- 2022-2023 Appleby Mosher Faculty award, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. “Race, Religion, and Citizenship: New Ethnic American Advocacy Organizations.” \$ 1,500
- 2021-2023 Research Sponsor for Jinpu Wang, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, American Sociological Association for project, “Is Corruption in the Receiving Country a Barrier or Incentive for Entrepreneurial Migrants: The Case of Chinese in Ghana.” \$ 15,960.00

2021-2022	Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration (PARCC) Mini-Grant Program. "The Political Incorporation of Religious Minorities in Canada and the U.S." \$ 2,400
2021-2022	Appleby Mosher award, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. "The Importance of a Global and Comparative Perspective on Religion." \$ 1,500
2015-2020	National Science Foundation, Sociology Program award, SES- 1528344. "The Incorporation of Religious Minorities in Canada and the United States." July 15, 2015-June 30, 2020. \$ 198,199
2016-2018	Maxwell Citizenship Initiative, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. Director/PI (steering committee: John Burdick, Audie Klotz, and Jamie Winders). \$ 120,000.
2016-2017	Robert D. McClure Professor of Teaching Excellence Research Award. \$ 3,500.
2017-2018	Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration (PARCC) Mini-Grant, "Race, Religion, and Citizenship: Indian American Political Advocacy." \$ 2000.
2016-2017	Appleby Mosher award, Maxwell School. Syracuse University. Funding to present paper at the International Sociological Association Conference, Vienna, Austria, July 2016. \$ 1,000.
2015-2017	Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration (PARCC) Faculty Research Mini-Grant Program, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. "Race, Religion, and the Political Incorporation of Contemporary Immigrants." \$ 1,931.
2014-2016	Appleby Mosher award, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. "Ethnic Church Meets Mega Church: Indian American Christians." \$ 1,000.
2013-2016	National Science Foundation, Sociology Program award, SES-1323881. The Incorporation of Minorities in Canada and the United States, August 31, 2013-May 31 2016, \$ 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.
- 2012-2013 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 Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration (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? # D 09048, \$ 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 (SELECTED)

- 2025 Respondent for Author-Meets-Critics session for my book, *Claiming Citizenship: Race, Religion, and Political Mobilization among New Americans*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 11.
- 2025 “Are Asian Americans a Race?” Invited Presentation, Theorizing Race in Asian America panel, Princeton University. April 23.
- 2025 Book talk: *Claiming Citizenship: Race, Religion, and Political Mobilization among New Americans*. South Asia Center, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. April 8.
- 2025 Respondent for Author-Meets-Critics session for my book, *Claiming Citizenship: Race, Religion, and Political Mobilization among New Americans*. Eastern Sociological Society Meetings, March 7.
- 2025 Critic in Author-Meets-Critics session for Robert Smith, *Dreams Achieved and Denied: Mexican Intergenerational Mobility*. Eastern Sociological Society

Meetings, March 7.

- 2024 “Mobilizing around Cultural Citizenship in the United States: South Asian Muslim, Hindu, and Sikh Advocacy Organizations.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, August 13.
- 2024 “Mobilizing around Cultural Citizenship in the United States: South Asian Muslim, Hindu, and Sikh Advocacy Organizations.” Luce Workshop, Walter H. Capps Center for the Study of Ethics, Religion, and Public Life, University of California, Santa Barbara, May 8-10.
- 2024 Plenary Speaker. “Claiming Citizenship: Race, Religion, and Political Mobilization among New Americans.” Conference on Diaspora, Diversity, and Immigration, Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Canada. April 25. Virtual.
- 2024 “Gender, Class, and Caste Inclusions and Exclusions: Sikh American Organizations.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, March 1, Washington D.C.
- 2023 Participant in Book forum for Tahseem Shams, *Here, There, and Elsewhere: The Making of Immigrant Identities in a Globalized World*. Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia. Aug 20.
- 2023 “Should Caste be Legally Recognized in the U.S.?” Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia. August 19.
- 2023 “Explaining Different Public Profiles of Sikhs in Canada and the U.S.” UC Riverside 8th International Sikh Studies Conference. May 5-6.
- 2023 “Should Caste be Legally Recognized in North America.” Virtual talk. Symposium on Caste and Stratification, Sociology department, McGill University. April 27.
- 2023 Hinduism in the United States, International Forum on Religions, Rome. Virtual presentation. March 2.
- 2022 “From India to the United States: Perspectives on Race.” AAARI-CUNY Virtual Talk. December 9, 2022.
- 2022 “Race, Religion and South Asian American Voters in the 2020 U.S. Elections.” Annual Meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, Maryland, November 11.

- 2022 “Indian American Political Activism.” Invited Talk for “Politics Across Borders: Progressive Activism and the Far Right in Multinational Communities.” Mellon Sawyer Seminar, Rutgers University, Newark, October 27.
- 2022 “Should Caste be Legally Recognized in the U.S.” Workshop on Asian Americans, Religious Freedom, and the State. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, September 29-30.
- 2022 “Being South Asian in Asian America: We Don’t Count!” Invited Talk, Sociology Department, Princeton University, April 28.
- 2022 “The Racial Paradigm and Anti-Caste Activism in the U.S.” Invited Talk, Sociology department. Stony Brook University. April 11.
- 2022 “The Racial Paradigm and Anti-Caste Activism in the U.S.” Invited Talk (Virtual), International Studies Program, The College of New Jersey. March 25.
- 2022 “Religious Minorities in the US and Canada: Divergent Patterns of Political Involvement and Activism.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 10.
- 2022 Discussant, “Analyzing Indian and Asian Indian migrant worker experiences during Covid-19 pandemic across space and occupational structure.” Chacko, Chaudhuri, Ebenezer, Purkayastha. Boston Area Migration Workshop, March 4 (Virtual).
- 2022 “Activism Patterns of the Indian American Diaspora.” Invited Guest Lecture (Virtual), Spanish Association for Interdisciplinary India Studies. February 23.
- 2021 “Religion as Social Location: Global and Comparative Perspectives.” Presidential Address, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Portland, Oct 23.
- 2021 “Indian American versus South Asian American Political Mobilization.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual. August 7.
- 2020 “Transnational Social Movements and the Dilemma of Dissonant Frames: The Racial Paradigm and Anti-Caste Activism in the Diaspora.” Accepted for the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, Aug.
- 2019 “The Transnational Anti-Caste Movement and the Black Paradigm: Dalit Rights Activism in the U.S.” Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Oct 19.
- 2019 “Religion in the U.S. Anti-Caste Movement.” Invited Presentation. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York, Aug 12.

- 2019 “Different Narratives in Religion and American Politics.” Invited Presentation. Sixth Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture. June 8. Indianapolis.
- 2019 “The Transnational Anti-Caste Movement and the Black Paradigm: Dalit Rights Activism in the United States.” Invited Presentation. Sociology Colloquium, Northwestern University. April 11.
- 2019 “Studying Immigrant Religions” Organizer, Presider, and Participant. Eastern Sociological Society Meeting. Boston. March 15.
- 2019 “Race, Religion, and Citizenship: Indian American Political Advocacy.” Invited Presentation, Sociology Colloquia, Rutgers University, New Brunswick. March 13.
- 2018 “Immigrant Activism and Advocacy around Social Inequalities: South Asian Groups in North America.” Flash Presentation, Colloquium, Sociology Department, Syracuse University. Sept 18.
- 2018 “Race, Religion, and the Shifting Identities of Sikh Americans.” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, August 12, 2018, Philadelphia.
- 2018 “Immigrants and US Elections: Race, Religion, and Indian American Partisan Identities.” XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology. July 19. Toronto.
- 2018 “The Incorporation of South Asian Minorities in Canada and the United States.” XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology. July 20. Toronto.
- 2018 “Race, Religion, and Citizenship: Indian American Political Advocacy” Waseda University, Japan, May 21, Tokyo.
- 2018 “Race, Religion, and Citizenship: Indian American Political Advocacy” Ewha Women’s University, South Korea, May 18, Seoul.
- 2018 “Race, Religion, and Citizenship: Indian American Political Advocacy.” Colloquium, Sociology Department. Syracuse University. February 13.
- 2017 “The Socio-Political Incorporation of South Asian Minorities in Canada and the United States.” Maxwell Citizenship Initiative/Moynihan Institute Brown Bag Series. Syracuse University, Dec 13.
- 2017 “Immigrants and US Elections: Race, Religion, and Indian American Partisan Identities.” Political Science Research Workshop, Syracuse University, Nov 17.
- 2017 “Race, Religion, and US Partisan Politics: The Case of Indian Americans.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Washington

D.C., Oct 13.

- 2017 "South Asian Migration, Settlement, and Socio-political Incorporation on the North American West Coast." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 13.
- 2017 "Indian American Political Advocacy." Asian Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore, May 30.
- 2017 Panelist on book discussion, *The Other One Percent: Indians in America*. Watson Institute for International Affairs, Brown University, Providence, April 24.
- 2017 "Shifting US Racial and Ethnic Classification of a South Asian Group: Sikh American Identity and Activism." Russell Sage Foundation, New York. February 16.
- 2017 "Indian Americans and Politics: Race, Religion and Citizenship." Center for South Asia, Stanford University, Palo Alto. February 6.
- 2016 "The Incorporation of South Asian Minorities in Canada and the United States." Department of Sociology, York University. Toronto, Nov 16.
- 2016 "The Incorporation of South Asian Minorities in Canada and the United States." Department of Sociology, University of Toronto. Toronto, Nov 11.
- 2016 "Race, Religion, and Party Affiliation: Indian American Democrats and Republicans." Religion and the 2016 Election Series. Penn's Program for Research in Religion and Urban Civil Society. Philadelphia, Oct 21.
- 2016 "Race, Religion, and the Political Incorporation of Contemporary Immigrants: The Case of Indian Americans." Third International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology. Vienna, July 10.
- 2016 "The Political Mobilization Patterns of Indian Americans." Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, May 23.
- 2016 Moderator and Panelist, "South Asia, South East Asia, the Middle East and More: A Part of or Apart from the AA Syllabus?" Resurgent Realities: East Coast Asian American Studies, New York, May 13.
- 2016 "The Incorporation of South Asian Minorities in Canada and the United States." Department of Sociology 2015-2016 Seminar Series. University of British Columbia, Vancouver, February 23.
- 2015 "Race, Religion, and the Political Incorporation of Contemporary Immigrants."

Conversations in Conflict Studies. Syracuse University, Syracuse, September 23.

- 2015 “Contemporary Ethno-Religious Groups and Political Activism in the United States.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 24, 2015.
- 2015 Author Meets Critics Panel on Rebecca Kim’s The Spirit Moves West, American Sociological Association and Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago. August 2015.
- 2015 "Intergenerational Differences within Indian Christian Churches in the United States." Presentation at Indian Christian Leaders conference, New Jersey, August 12, 2015.
- 2015 “Ethnic Church Meets Mega Church: Indian American Christianity in Motion.” Presentation at the Princeton Theological Seminary, May 4, 2015.
- 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 “Race, Religion, National Context, and the Political Mobilization of South Asian Americans.” 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 Invited Panelist, Discussion on Asian American Religion, Rice University,
Houston, February 18.
- 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 "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

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)	Religion and Migration
Immigration and the Transformation of America	

COURSES TAUGHT RECENTLY

Sociological Theory (UG)
Globalization (team-taught course) (UG)
Multiculturalism, Secularism, and Contemporary Immigrants (G)
Introduction to Field Research and Interviewing (G)
Immigration and the Transformation of America (UG)

NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2024-2025	Chair, Candance Rogers Student Paper Award, Eastern Sociological Society.
2024-2025	Member, Best Dissertation Award Committee, Migration and Citizenship section, APSA.
2023-2024	Nominated and ran for Chair-Elect position, Sociology of Religion, ASA.
2023-24	Chair, Distinguished Contribution to the Field Award, ASA, Asia and Asian America Section
2023-24	Organizer and Presider, session on Diaspora Politics, ASA, Political Sociology Section.
2023-24	Diversity and Inclusion Committee, ASA, Sociology of Religion Section.
2023-24	Review Panelist, ASA Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant Program.
2022	Nominated and ran for Chair-Elect position, International Migration Section, ASA.
2022-2026	Co-Founder and Organizer (along with Nazli Kibria, and Bandana Purkayastha) of South Asian Sociologists

2022-2025	Eastern Sociological Society Executive Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations Committee ESS, 2022-2023 • Chair, Candance Rogers Student Paper award, ESS, 2022-2023 • Merit Award Committee, 2022-2023
2022	International Migration Section, ASA, Louis Wirth Article Award Committee
2021	One of three external members who conducted an Academic Program Review of BU Pardee School of Global Studies (April)
2021-2022	Past President, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
2020-2021	President, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
2020	Chair, Jack Shand Research Grant Committee, SSSR
2012-2020, 2022-present	Editorial Board, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
2014-present	Editorial Board, Qualitative Sociology
2020-2021	Eastern Sociological Society, Student Paper Award Committee
2019	Elected as President of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
2019	Chair, Religion and Immigration group, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
2017-2018	Chair, Asia and Asian America Section, American Sociological Association
2017	Aristide Zolberg Student Scholar Award Committee, International Migration Section, American Sociological Association
2017	Organizer, Session on Immigration and the Politics of Citizenship, Political Sociology section, American Sociological Association
2017	Organizer, Round-Table Sessions, Asia and Asian America Section, American Sociological Association
2016	Chair-Elect, Asia and Asian America section, American Sociological Association.
2016	Nominated to run for Chair-Elect, Political Sociology section, American Sociological Association (Declined)
2016	Program Committee, Association for Asian American Studies, 2017 annual conference

2016	Contributions to the Field Award Committee, Asia and Asian America section, American Sociological Association
2015-2017	Council, International Migration section, American Sociological Association
2014, 2016	National Science Foundation Sociology Regular Panel
2014	Ran for President-Elect, Association for the Sociology of Religion
2014	Ran 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	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
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

Director, South Asia Center (2022-2024)
 Maxwell School Elected Faculty Council Member (2022-2025)
 Maxwell Citizenship Initiative, Founding Director (2016-2018)
 Board of Advisors, Master of Arts in International Relations Program (2017-)
 University Senator (Spring 2014)

Sociology Department

- Member, Promotion Committee, Amy Lutz (2024-2025)
- Member, Promotion Committee, Scott Landes (2024-2025)
- Member, Third Year Review Committee, Sean Drake (2024)
- Mentor, Associate Professor Selina Gallo-Cruz, (2022-)
- Chair, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Edwin Ackerman (2023-2024)
- Chair, Search Committee for Gender and Qualitative Methods (2021)
- Elected Member of Executive Committee (2021-2022)

- Promotion Committee for Prof. Yingyi Ma (2021)
- Chair, Annual Review Committee for Prof. Sean Drake (2021-2023)
- Chair of the department (2017-2020)
- Chair, Search Committee for Race and Qualitative Methods (2016)
- Member, Search Committee for Political Sociology (2015-2016)
- Annual Review Committee (2016-) for Prof. Nazanin Shahrokni
- Executive Committee (2010-2014; 2015-2016)
- Review committee for Prof. Dawn Dow (2012-2016)
- 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 (Spring 2014)
- Member, Interdisciplinary Programs Committee (2010-2011)
- Member, T-shaped Majors Instruction Committee (2008-2009)

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), program still continues.

GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES (TOTAL 48)

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees

Wei-der Shu (Ph.D. 2005)
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Alecea Standlee (Ph.D. 2012)
Gae Hee Song (Ph.D. 2012)
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Chan Woong Shin (Ph.D. 2014)
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Silas Webb (Ph.D. 2019)
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Kelly Szott (passed 2011)
Emily Napier (passed 2011)

Yasmin Ortega (*Chair*, passed 2013)
Silas Webb (passed 2014)
Yan Liu (passed 2014)
Joonsik Yoon (passed 2015)
Selene Cammer (passed 2015)
Elizabeth Daniele (passed 2017)
Adrienne Atterberry (*Chair*, passed 2017)
Jenna Sikka (*Chair* passed 2017)
Erika Carter Grosso (passed 2018)
Jacob Bartholomew (*Chair* passed 2019)
Jinpu Wang (*Chair* passed 2019)
Amir Duric (*Chair* passed 2024)
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Ph.D. Dissertation Committees

Kim Huisman (Ph.D. 2003)
Lori Jensen (Ph.D. 2000)
Janis Prince (Ph.D. 1999)
Donna Polisar (Ph.D. 1997)
Karen Monkman (M. A. 1997)
Pam Haldeman (Ph.D. 1996)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Association for the Sociology of Religion
Association for Asian American Studies
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Eastern Sociological Society