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# **EDUCATION**

- 2001 Ph.D., History, University of Pennsylvania
- 1999 Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies, University of Pennsylvania
- 1996 M.A., History, University of Pennsylvania
- 1994 A.B., Cum Laude, with Distinction in the History Major, Yale University

# **EMPLOYMENT**

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

## BOOKS

- 2021 *Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, forthcoming; New Delhi: Women Unlimited, forthcoming [South Asian edition]).
- 2008 *Wives, Widows and Concubines: The Conjugal Family Ideal in Colonial India* (Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press; Hyderabad: Orient Black Swan, 2009 [South Asian edition]); winner of the Joseph W. Elder Prize in the Indian Social Sciences from the American Institute of Indian Studies.

# **EDITORSHIPS**

2015-2017 Co-editor, Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies, 2015-2017.

- 2021 Guest editor, with Anjali Bhardwaj Datta and Uditi Sen, *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* special issue, "A Country of Her Making: Women's Negotiations of Society and Politics in Post-Colonial India," 44, no. 2 (April 2021).
- 2013 Guest editor, *Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies* special issue, "Reproductive Technologies and Reproductive Justice," 34, no. 3 (2013).

# **ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

- 2021 "Feminism, Family Planning, and National Planning," *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* 44, no. 2 (April).
- 2021 "Introduction: A Country of Her Making," co-authored with Anjali Bhardwaj Datta and Uditi Sen, *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* 44, no. 2 (April).
- 2015 "Birth Control in the Shadow of Empire: The Trials of Annie Besant, 1877-1878," *Feminist Studies* 41, no. 3: 509-537.
- 2015 "Conjugality, Contraception and the Politics of Sexuality in Late Colonial India," *Conjugality Unbound: Sexual Economies, State Regulation and the Marital Form in India*, Srimati Basu and Lucinda Ramberg, eds. (New Delhi: Women Unlimited), 18-46.
- 2014 "Sexualities and Modern Imperialisms," *A Global History of Sexuality: The Modern Era*, Rob Buffington, Donna Guy, Eithne Luibhéid, eds. (New York: Wiley Blackwell).
- 2013 "Women's and Gender History in Modern India: Researching the Past, Reflecting on the Present," in *Making Women's Histories: Beyond National Perspectives*, Pamela S. Nadell and Kate Haulman, eds. (New York: New York University Press): 161-184.
- 2013 "Introduction: Reproductive Technologies and Reproductive Justice," *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies* 34, no. 3: xvii-xiv.
- 2011 "Creating Conjugal Subjects: Devadasis and the Politics of Marriage in Colonial Madras Presidency," *Feminist Studies* 37, no. 1 (Spring): 63-92.
- 2005 "Anti-Colonialism and Resistance: South Asia," co-authored with Pranav Jani, *A Historical Companion to Postcolonial Literatures in English*, David Johnson and Prem Poddar, eds. (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press): 20-28.
- 2004 "Conjugality and Capital: Gender, Families and Property under Colonial Law in India." *Journal of Asian Studies* 63, no. 4 (November): 937-960.
- 2004 "Teaching about 'Other' Women: Developing a Global Perspective on Gender in the Classroom." *Transformations: The Journal of Inclusive Scholarship and Pedagogy* 15, no. 1 (Spring): 28-39.

2003 "Emotion, Identity and the Female Subject: Tamil Women's Magazines in Colonial India." *Journal of Women's History* 14, no. 4 (Winter): 59-82.

## AWARDS

- 2019 Paul W. Brown Excellence in Teaching Award, The Ohio State University
- 2017 Ronald and Deborah Ratner Distinguished Teaching Award, The Ohio State University
- 2009 College of Arts and Humanities Diversity Enhancement Award, The Ohio State University. Awarded to members of the Steering Committee of the Program for Arts and Humanities Development
- 2008 University Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award, The Ohio State University. Awarded to members of the Faculty of Color Caucus of the Department of History
- 2008 College of Arts and Humanities Diversity Enhancement Award, The Ohio State University. Awarded to members of the Faculty of Color Caucus of the Department of History
- 2006 Joseph W. Elder Prize in the Indian Social Sciences, American Institute of Indian Studies. For *Wives, Widows, and Concubines: The Conjugal Family Ideal in Colonial India.*

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2020 TOME @Ohio State, Publishing Grant for Open Access Digital Monograph, awarded for *Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India*.
- 2020 Arts and Humanities Large Grant, awarded for "Reclaiming our Histories: A Digital Collection of Feminist Thought and Activism at The Ohio State University.
- 2016 Service-Learning Course Development Grant, Office of Service Learning at Ohio State.
- 2016 Arts and Sciences Grant for New Service-Learning Course Proposals, College of Arts and Sciences at Ohio State.
- 2013 Co-Investigator, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, John E. Sawyer Seminar on the Comparative Study of Cultures, "The Intersection of Language, Politics, and Human Expression in the Balkans and South Asia." (2013-2015).
- 2012 RTAP Research Fellowship (2012-2015).
- 2011 Coca-Cola Critical Difference for Women Research Grant
- 2010 Senior Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies (2010-2011).
- 2010 Summer Stipend, National Endowment for the Humanities

- 2009 Faculty Grant, Mershon Center for International Security Studies
- 2009 Grant-in-Aid, Rockefeller Archives Center
- 2005 Faculty Small Grant Research Award, University of Connecticut
- 1999 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Writing Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (1999-2000).
- 1998 A.W. Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (1998-1999).
- 1997 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education (1997-1998)
- 1994 Benjamin Franklin Graduate Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (1994-1997).
- 1993 Robert C. Bates Summer Traveling Fellowship, Yale College Summer Traveling Fellowship Committee
- 1993 McDonnell Douglas Traveling Fellowship, Yale Center for International and Area Studies.

# **INVITED ACADEMIC LECTURES**

- 2017 "The Global Indian: Migration, Mobility and Empire in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries," The Pizzuti Collection Lecture Series, (September).
- 2015 "Reproductive Justice in the Shadow of Empire: Annie Besant and Struggles for Birth Control, 1877-1878," Colgate University, Hamilton NY, (February).
- 2013 "Sexualized Violence, Democracy, and Secularism: Indian Elections (2014)," Wright State University, Dayton OH, (November).
- 2011 "Counting Indians: Population and the Body Politic," Department of Sociology, Delhi University, Delhi, India, (March).
- 2011 "Feminism, Family, and History," Lady Sri Ram College, Delhi University, Delhi, India, (March).
- 2011 "Population Reconsidered: Governing Life and Death in Modern India," India International Centre Lecture Series, New Delhi, India, (February).
- 2010 "Reconstructing Wifehood in Madras: Devadasis, Feminist Agency, and the Colonial Archive," Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, (March).

- 2007 "Women's Print Culture and the (Anti)Colonial Archive: Reading Emotion, History, and Nation," Visiting Scholars Lecture Series, The Roja Muthiah Research Library, Chennai India, (December).
- 2004 "Who are the 'other' women in my classroom? Methods for teaching global women's studies." Raritan Valley Community College, North Branch NJ, (March).
- 2003 "Teaching about 'Other' Women: Developing Global Perspectives on Gender." Ramapo College, Mahwah NJ, (April).
- 2002 "Women, Islam, and U.S. Feminism: Questions in the Classroom," Centenary College, Hackettstown NJ, (December).
- 2002 "Teaching about Women and Islam after September 11." Wagner College, Staten Island NY, (September).

## **CAMPUS LECTURES**

- 2019 "Women and Feminism in India," Office of Residential Life, The Ohio State University, (November).
- 2018 "A Small Family is a Happy Family: Writing (Hetero)Sexuality into Histories of Indian Population Control," South Asian Studies Initiative Brown Bag Series, Ohio State University, (September).
- 2017 "Reproductive Justice," Medical Students for Choice, The Ohio State University, (September).
- 2017 "Connecting Local and Global in Reproductive Justice," International Women's Day Teach-In, The Ohio State University, (March).
- 2017 "Buckeye Women Series: Women's Reproductive Rights:," sponsored by Women Student Initiatives at The Ohio State University, (January).
- 2012 "Governing (Over)population: Famine, contraception, and empire in historical perspective," Department of Geography Colloquium, Ohio State University, (September).
- 2012 "Famine and the Origins of Overpopulation: Rethinking Historical Connections," Institute for Population Research, Ohio State University, (May).
- 2010 "Counting Indians: Population and Development in Modern India," Association for India's Development, Columbus OH, (January).
- 2002 "Laws and their Subjects: Caste, Sexuality, and the State in Colonial Madras," Faculty Research Seminar, William Paterson University, Wayne NJ, October 2002.

2000 "Reconstructing Identity: Emotion and Interiority in Tamil Women's Magazines." Faculty Research Seminar, William Paterson University, Wayne NJ, December 2000.

## PUBLIC WRITING, OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

- 2019- Board member, Women Have Options Ohio
- present *Responsibilities*: Advancing the vision, connecting to communities, and maintaining the financial well-being of Ohio's statewide abortion fund.
- 2021 "The Deep Roots of India's COVID-19 Crisis," *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective* (May, forthcoming).
- 2021 Panelist, Women's History Month Recognition, National Association of Social Workers Ohio Chapter, (March).
- 2021 "India and Pakistan Since 1947: Conflict, Crisis, and Change," Granville, OH Public Library, (January).
- 2019 Panelist, Reproductive Justice Leadership Institute, URGE: Unite for Reproductive and Gender Equity, Columbus OH, (November).
- 2017 Panelist, "Reproductive Freedom," Sister Conversations: A Conversation for Women of Color, Led by Women of Color, Columbus OH, (April).
- 2017 "Milestones: India-Pakistan Partition," *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, (December): <u>https://origins.osu.edu/milestones/december-2017-india-</u> <u>pakistan-partition</u>
- 2011 "Global Population Growth: Perspectives from India," webinar lecture to K-12 teachers, hosted by Primary Source, (December).
- 2009 "Population Bomb? The Debate over Indian Population," *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective* (November): <u>http://origins.osu.edu/article/population-bomb-debate-over-indian-population</u>

### PODCASTS

- 2021 *Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India*, New Books Network, https://newbooksnetwork.com/reproductive-politics-and-the-making-of-modern-india
- 2018 "Are families primarily economic or emotional units?" Voices of Excellence in the Arts and Sciences, <u>https://soundcloud.com/voices\_arts\_sciences/mytheli-sreenivas</u>.

- 2016 "Reproductive Rights and Reproductive Justice," (with Alison Norris and Molly Farrell), *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective;* <u>http://origins.osu.edu/historytalk/reproductive-rights-and-reproductive-justice;</u>
- 2015 "The Politics of India," (with Wendy Singer), Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective; <u>http://origins.osu.edu/historytalk/politics-india</u>.

# **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2020 "Feminism, Family Planning, and Population Control," 18<sup>th</sup> Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Baltimore MD, (May), accepted; conference cancelled.
- 2019 "Sex in an era of Scarcity: Population control and the 'small family' in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century," Symposium on Sexuality and Vulgarity, Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison WI, (October).
- 2018 "Feminism, Family Planning, and Development Regimes," Women, Nation-Building and Feminism in India, Cambridge University, Cambridge UK, (September).
- 2018 "Service Learning in Reproductive Justice, Rights, and Health," Medical Humanities: From Campus to Communities, Ohio State University, Columbus OH, (April).
- 2017 "Feminism, Family Planning and the 'Women's Question," 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, (October).
- 2017 "Speaking of Reproductive Justice in the Era of Population Control: Examples from Postcolonial India," Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Hempstead NY, (June).
- 2017 "Sexuality and the Politics of Birth Control in Interwar India," Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Denver CO, (January).
- 2016 "Feminism and Family Planning in India's First Postcolonial Decade," Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Seattle WA, (March).
- 2015 "Recasting Motherhood in the Era of Population Control: Examples from Postcolonial India," Conference on Pregnancy, Childbearing and Infant Care: Historical Perspectives from Slave and Non-Slave Societies, Newcastle University, UK, (April).
- 2014 "Conjugal Desire/Contraceptive Advocacy," Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Toronto Canada, (May).
- 2014 "Conjugality, Contraception, and the Politics of Sexuality," The Long Indian Century: Historical Transitions and Social Transformations," Yale University, New Haven CT, (April).

- 2013 "'On war footing': National and International Discourses on IUDs in India," 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, (October).
- 2013 "Rethinking Reproduction as a Category of Feminist Analysis," Feminist Preconference at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, (October).
- 2013 "IUDs, medical mediations, and women's labor in India," International Congress of History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, Manchester UK, (July).
- 2012 "Reproductive Technologies and Reproductive Justice," Roundtable participant, National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Oakland CA, (November).
- 2012 "Conjugality, Contraception, and the Politics of Sexuality in Late Colonial India," 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, (October).
- 2011 "Choosing to marry with self respect: Honor, caste, and the politics of *kalappu manam*," Seminar on Androcentric Marriage Practices in South Asia, Women's Studies and Development Centre, Delhi University, (2011).
- 2009 "'Too many Indians?' Environmentalism and the Apocalyptic Politics of (Over)Population," Symposium on Sustainability, Environmentalism, and Eco-Criticism in South Asian Contexts, University of Hawaii, (April).
- 2008 "Towards a Feminist History of Population," The Body in South Asian Feminism: Feminist Pre-conference at the 37th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, (October).
- 2008 "Reconstructing Wifehood: Family and Political Authority in the Colonial Indian Courts," 14th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Minneapolis MN, (June).
- 2007 "Rethinking Categories of South Asian Legal Identity," roundtable participant, 36th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, (October).
- 2006 "Between Divine Marriage and Mundane Prostitution: Devadasis and categories of singleness in late colonial India," Single Women in History: 1000-2000, Bristol U.K., (June).
- 2004 "'The Pleasures of this Life:' Caste, Conjugality and the Tamil Politics of Child Marriage." 33rd Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, (October).
- 2003 "Teaching to Listen: Understanding Oppression in South Asia Beyond the Stereotypes." Teaching Asia: Society, War and Religion Conference, William Paterson University, Wayne NJ, (November).

- 2002 "Conjugality and Capital: Women, Families and Property under Colonial Law in India." Women and Society Seminar, Columbia University, New York NY, (October).
- 2002 "Regulating Sexuality and Property in Colonial Madras: Law, State, and the Colonial Courts." Annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington, D.C. (April).
- 2001 "Engendering Histories of Property: Law and the Colonial State in India." Mid-Atlantic World History Association Conference, Ramapo College, Mahwah NJ, (October).
- 2000 "Global Struggles for Women's Rights." Women 2000 Conference, Pecs Hungary, (October).
- 2000 "Engendering Culture and the Nation: Marriage and Tamil Politics." Annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego CA, (March).
- 2000 "Writing Emotion into History: Tamil Women's Magazines." Female Images, Female Lives: Graduate Student Conference, Yale University, New Haven CT, (February).
- 1999 "Nationalizing Marriage: Dravidian Nationalism and the Re-Organization of Gendered Identities." 28th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, (October).
- 1999 "Making 'faithful wives and model mothers': Devadasis and Marriage in Modern India." Women and Society Conference, Marist College, Poughkeepsie NY, (June).
- 1999 "Nationalism and the Problem of Women's Liberation: A Case Study of the Self Respect Movement." National Feminist Graduate Student Conference, University of Texas, Austin TX, (March).

### **CONFERENCE ORGANIZING AND PARTICIPATION**

- 2018 Panel chair and discussant, "When the Political is Personal: Social Context of Collaborative Research," Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (October).
- 2018 Panel chair and discussant, "Defining Family by Law: Migration, Marriage, and Inheritance in British India and the Indian Ocean," Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (October).
- 2018 Co-organizer, with Anjali Bhardwaj Datta and Uditi Sen, Women, Feminism, and Nation-Building Workshop, Wolfson College, Cambridge University, Cambridge UK, (September).

- 2014 Panel chair and discussant, "Decolonizing Pedagogies: Moving toward Racial-Sexual-Gender Justice in the Classroom," National Women's Studies Association, (November).
- 2013 Panel chair and discussant, "South Asian Family Landscapes: Productions of Gender and Space in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries," Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego CA, (March).
- 2012 Panel chair and discussant, "Family Matters: Community, Capital, and the Reworking of Traditions through Families in Colonial South Asia," 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, (October).
- 2008 Panel chair and discussant, "Looking Beyond Binaries," The Cold War as the Periphery: Global Change in the 1960s and Beyond, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University, (April).

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

- 2022 Ishita Pande, Sex, Law and the Politics of Age: Child Marriage in India, 1891-1937 (2020), Journal of the History of Sexuality (forthcoming).
- 2021 Benjamin B. Cohen, 'An Appeal to the Ladies of Hyderabad': Scandal in the Raj (2019), The American Historical Review (forthcoming).
- 2021 Sumita Mukherjee, Indian Suffragettes: Female Identities and Transnational Networks (2018), Women and Social Movements (forthcoming).
- 2021 Ashwini Tambe, *Defining Girlhood in India: A Transnational History of Sexual Maturity Laws* (2019), *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth* 14, no. 1 (Winter):169-171.
- 2016 Asha Nadkarni, Eugenic Feminism: Reproductive Nationalism in the United States and India (2014), Feminist Review, 113, no. 1: e1-e17.
- 2014 Shefali Chandra, *The Sexual Life of English: Languages of Caste and Desire in Colonial India* (2012), by Shefali Chandra, *The American Historical Review* 119, no. 3: 870-871.
- 2012 "Family and Modernity: New Perspectives on the 19th and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries," [review of five books] *Journal of Women's History* 24, no. 1:188-197.
- 2011 Anjali Arondekar, For the Record: On Sexuality and the Colonial Archive in India (2009), Journal of Asian Studies 70, no. 1 (Spring): 264-266.
- 2009 Francesca Orsini, ed. Love in South Asia: A Cultural History (2006), ed. Francesca Orsini, The Canadian Journal of History, 44, no. 1 (spring/summer): 169-171.
- 2007 Durba Ghosh, Sex and the Family in Colonial India, International Journal of the Sociology of the Family (2006), 33, no. 2 (Autumn): 361-364.

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

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **History Courses**

Undergraduate

Colonial India Contemporary India and South Asia World History, 1500-present Introduction to the Historical Discipline Families in Historical Perspective

#### Graduate

Women, Family, and Nation in Comparative and Theoretical Perspective Race, Sex, and Empire Research Seminar in Women's, Gender and Sexuality History

### Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Courses

*Undergraduate* 

History of Feminist Thought Transnational Feminisms Reproductive Rights and Justice Senior Capstone Seminar

#### Graduate

Feminist Inquiry Real and Imagined Women: Theorizing Gender, Culture, and Power in South Asia Feminism and Reproductive Sexual Economies Theorizing Global and Transnational Feminisms Postcolonial and Decolonial Feminisms

### **GRADUATE ADVISING**

PhD Students (completed)

Varsha Chitnis, WGSS Anindita Sengupta, WGSS Archana Venkatesh, History Sara Rodriguez Arguelles Riva, (co-advisor), WGSS Haley Swenson, (co-advisor), WGSS *MA Students (completed)* Nithya Rajan, WGSS Nicole Edgerton, WGSS

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Committee Service

- 209-2020 Ad hoc committee to revise the sexual harassment manual and policy, American Institute of Indian Studies
- 2013-2017 American Institute for Indian Studies Book Prize Committee

# Workshop Facilitator

- Co-facilitator, "From Dissertation to Book," American Institute of Indian Studies, Madison WI, October 2014.
- Co-facilitator, "From Dissertation to Book," American Institute of Indian Studies, Madison WI, October 2009.

# Grant Application Reviewer

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends Competition, 2014 National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Program in Humanities Collections and Reference Resources, 2014

Article and book manuscript reviewer

Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East Feminist Studies Modern Asian Studies Cambridge University Press Routledge

# **UNIVERSITY SERVICE (2010-present only)**

## Leadership

2021-	Director, South Asia Studies Initiative
2019-2021	Chair, History department awards and prizes committee
2015-2017	Steering Committee, Center for Historical Research

# **University Committees**

2019-2020	Service-Learning Strategic Planning Committee
2019	Global Arts and Humanities Discovery Theme Advisory Committee
2019	Arts and Humanities Research and Creative Expression Working Group
2012-2015	Arts and Humanities Research Committee
2007-2011	Program for Arts and Humanities Development Steering Committee

# **Department Committees**

History

2018	Undergraduate Teaching Committee
2014-2015	Graduate Studies Committee
2013-2014	Advisory Committee
2011-2012	Search Committee in US Women's, Gender and Sexuality History
2010	Salary Advisory Committee
2009-2010	Advisory Committee
2010	Review committee for the chair of the department of History

Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies

- 2017-2019 Undergraduate Studies Committee
- 2016-2017 Search Committee in Global and Transnational Feminisms
- 2013-2016 Graduate Studies Committee
- 2009-2010 Undergraduate Studies Committee

# LANGUAGES

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

# **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Historical Association Association for Asian Studies National Women's Studies Association Society for Advancing the History of South Asia