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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

- 2024-2029 Designated Professor of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University
- 2023-present Chair, Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University
- 2022-present Professor of History, The Ohio State University
- 2010-2022 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; New Delhi: Women Unlimited [South Asian edition]); finalist, ACLS Open Access Book Prize.

- 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

- 2021 Guest editor, with Anjali Bhardwaj Datta and Udit Sen, *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* special issue, “A Country of Her Making: Women’s Negotiations of Society and Politics in Post-Colonial India,” 44, no. 2 (April 2021).

2015-17 Co-editor, *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*.

- 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

- 2026 “Internationalizing Women’s Health in the 1980s,” *Populating the 1980s: A Decade Revisited*, edited by Aprajita Sarcar, Aya Homei and Alison Bashford (forthcoming).
- 2026 “An Advertisement Ahead of its Time? Traveling Abortion Technologies in 1970s India and Beyond,” *The American Historical Review* 131, no. 1 (March): 194-210.
- 2026 “Traveling Histories of Abortion,” co-authored with Lynn M. Thomas, Natalie L. Kimball, Lina-Maria Murillo, and Sarah Mellors Rodriguez, *The American Historical Review* 131, no. 1 (March): 143-159.
- 2025 “Population, Eugenics, and Reproductive Rights: Legalizing Abortion in India, 1966-1971,” *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* (February): 1-20.
- 2024 “Following Women’s Money: Population, Development, and Indo-American Birth Control Politics in the Mid-Twentieth Century,” *Journal of Women’s History* 36, no. 1 (Spring): 14-36.
- 2021 “Feminism, Family Planning, and National Planning,” *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* 44, no. 2 (April): 313-328.
- 2021 “Introduction: A Country of Her Making,” co-authored with Anjali Bhardwaj Datta and Udit Sen, *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* 44, no. 2 (April): 218-227.
- 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 "Sexuality and Modern Imperialism," *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 "Conjuality 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.

DIGITAL HUMANITIES

- *Reclaiming Our Histories: A Digital Collection of Feminist Thought and Activism at OSU*, Digital Humanities Archives and Research Project:
<https://reclaimingourhistories.org/>

AWARDS

- 2026 Harlan Hatcher Arts and Sciences Distinguished Faculty Award, The Ohio State University
- 2024 Finalist, Open Access Book Prize, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)
- 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*.

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2023-27 Co-PI, Affirming Multivocal Humanities, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- 2020 TOME Publishing Grant for Open Access Digital Monograph, awarded for *Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India*.
- 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
- 2010-11 Senior Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies.
- 2010 Summer Stipend, National Endowment for the Humanities
- 1997-98 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education

INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2025 Co-PI, Centers and Institutes Grants, Global Arts and Discovery Theme, for Together we are FREE: Feminist Community Engagement in Research and Teaching
- 2023 Co-PI, Good to Great Grant, Office of Academic Affairs, to create the Center for Feminist Research, Education and Engagement in the Department of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- 2023 Mershon Center Faculty Individual Research Grant, awarded for “Injectable Development: The HPV Vaccine, Reproductive Politics, and Histories of Global Health Inequality”
- 2022 Global Arts and Humanities Discovery Theme, Leadership Faculty Fellow
- 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.
- 2012 RTAP Research Fellowship (2012-2015).
- 2011 Coca-Cola Critical Difference for Women Research Grant
- 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).
- 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, SYMPOSIA, PANELS

- 2026 Center for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi (January)
- 2026 Jawaharlal Nehru University, Center for Women's Studies, New Delhi (January)
- 2026 Shiv Nadar University, Department of History and Archaeology, Delhi NCR (January)
- 2024 Invited symposium, "Feminisms, Populations, and the Politics of Reproduction in South Asia and Beyond," International Movements for Reproductive Health and Justice, Tulane University (October)
- 2024 Invited symposium, "South Asia as an Idea," The Laureate Center for History and Population, University of New South Wales (September)
- 2024 Invited symposium, "Gendering the World," The Laureate Center for History and Population, University of New South Wales (September)
- 2024 "Population, Eugenics, and Reproductive (In)Justice: Legalizing Abortion in India," The Vere Gordon Childe Center, University of Sydney (September)

- 2024 Invited symposium, “Global Histories of Abortion,” University of Washington (April)
- 2024 “Population, Eugenics, and Reproductive (In)Justice: Legalizing Abortion in India,” Pennsylvania State University (March)
- 2023 Seminar on *Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India*, ” Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University (November)
- 2023 Invited Roundtable on Women and Children as Sites of Intervention: Past, Present and Future, The Annual Pierre Du Bois Conference, Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland, (October)
- 2023 “Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India,” Centre for Literary and Historical Research, New Delhi, India, online (June)
- 2023 “Feminism and Reproductive Politics in Modern India,” Department of History, Texas State University (April)
- 2023 “South Asia and Reproductive Justice,” Southern Asia Institute, University of Texas, Austin, (April), symposium participant (April)
- 2023 “South Asia, Population Planning and National Imaginations: A Discussion on Method and Periodization,” Laureate Center for History and Population, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, online, (March)
- 2023 Roundtable on “Feminist Economics of Global Reproductive Justice,” International Association for Feminist Economics, online, (February)
- 2023 *Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India*: Book discussion, Gender and Women’s Studies Department, University of Washington, online (February)
- 2023 Roundtable on “The History of Reproductive Rights in Global Perspective,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Philadelphia PA (January), panelist
- 2022 “*Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India*: Book Talk,” Washington University in St. Louis (October)
- 2022 “A 1950s Women’s Question? Family Planning and Transnational Development Regimes,” South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg (June)
- 2022 “Can there be an Intellectual History of Hindu Marriage in Colonial India?” Grammars of Marriage and Desire Interdisciplinary Research Network, University of Cambridge (May)
- 2022 Symposium on Global Reproductive Politics, Reproductive Politics and Limitations of the Law, Centre for Law, Justice and Society, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, India (May), panelist

- 2022 “Reproduction: A Global Intellectual History: An Interview with Mytheli Sreenivas,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* blog, (May) <https://jhiblog.org/2022/05/04/reproduction-a-global-intellectual-history-an-interview-with-mytheli-sreenivas/>
- 2022 “Heterosexuality and the ‘Happy Family’: Desire, Development, and Population Control in India,” Women’s History Network Spring Seminar Series, U.K. (January)
- 2021 “*Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India: Book Talk*,” Dartmouth College Conversations on South Asia, Dartmouth College, Hanover NH (November)
- 2021 “Letting Live: Transnational Reproductive Biopolitics across Ohio and Uttar Pradesh,” Northern Arizona University (November)
- 2021 “*Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India: Book Panel*,” South Asian Studies Colloquium, Yale University, New Haven CT (October).
- 2017 “The Global Indian: Migration, Mobility and Empire in the 20th and 21st 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 Wifhood 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).

PUBLIC WRITING

- 2022 [“India’s abortion law seems liberal but is driven by a population control logic—not women’s rights,”](#) Scroll.in (July 29).
- 2022 [“Restrictive laws tend to increase the number of unsafe abortions,”](#) Nonprofit: A Project of Xarxanet.org.
- 2022 [“The tie between the Buffalo shooting and banning abortion,”](#) *The Washington Post* (May 20).
- 2021 [“Women can’t ‘have it all’ if abortion is not legal, safe,”](#) *Columbus Dispatch* (December 8).
- 2021 [“Worried about a population bust? History shows we shouldn’t be. Letting panic about fertility rates drive policy is dangerous.”](#) *The Washington Post* (July 19).
- 2021 [“The Deep Roots of India’s COVID-19 Crisis,”](#) *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective* (May).
- 2017 [“Milestones: India-Pakistan Partition,”](#) *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, (December).
- 2009 [“Population Bomb? The Debate over Indian Population,”](#) *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective* (November).

PODCASTS

- 2022 [“Tamil Women Writing About Desire in the 1920s, Casteless Marriage, and More”](#) The Swaddle Podcast
- 2022 [“Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India,”](#) The Polis Project.
- 2021 [“Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India,”](#) Books and Authors Podcast, *Hindustan Times*.
- 2021 [“In Conversation with Dr. Mytheli Sreenivas,”](#) The Swaddle Podcast.

- 2021 ["A Conversation with Author and Professor Mytheli Sreenivas."](#) A Desi Woman Podcast.
- 2021 [*Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India*](#), New Books Network.
- 2018 ["Are families primarily economic or emotional units?"](#) Voices of Excellence in the Arts and Sciences.
- 2016 ["Reproductive Rights and Reproductive Justice."](#) (with Alison Norris and Molly Farrell), *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*.
- 2015 ["The Politics of India."](#) (with Wendy Singer), *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*.

CAMPUS LECTURES

- 2024 "Reproductive Power Panel," OSU Sex Week (February)
- 2023 "Plan (B)uckeye: Learn how to navigate your reproductive rights in post-Dobbs Ohio," panelist, Undergraduate Student Government, (January)
- 2022 "Overturning Roe: The Past and Future of Abortion in the United States," College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, panelist (November)
- 2022 "Gender and Reproductive Justice," WGSS Department, The Ohio State University, panelist (September)
- 2022 "The Supreme Court's Reversal of *Roe v. Wade*," OSU-Newark and COTC, panelist (September)
- 2022 "The Impacts of Reversing *Roe v. Wade: What Now?*" The Women's Place, The Ohio State University, panelist (July)
- 2021 "*Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India: Book Discussion*," Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies and South Asian Studies Initiative, (October).
- 2021 "*Reproductive Politics and the Making of Modern India*," Clio Society of the Ohio State History Department, (September).
- 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.

OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

- 2025 Dialogue with Sophie Lewis to discuss *Enemy Feminisms*, Prologue Books, Columbus OH (April)
- 2019- Board member, Abortion Fund of Ohio
- 2023 *Responsibilities*: Advancing the vision, connecting to communities, and maintaining the financial well-being of Ohio’s statewide abortion fund.
- 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).

- 2011 “Global Population Growth: Perspectives from India,” webinar lecture to K-12 teachers, hosted by Primary Source, (December).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Reclaiming our Histories by Activating Local Archives: Imagining Feminist Futures vis-à-vis Activist Pasts,” roundtable panelist, National Women’s Studies Association annual conference Detroit MI, (November)
- 2023 “Demographic Imaginations: Mapping Reproductive Biopolitics across Colonial and Postcolonial India,” roundtable panelist, Berkshire Conference of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Santa Clara, CA, (June).
- 2022 “Famine, Family, Fertility: Rethinking ‘Hindu Marriage’ in the Late 19th Century, Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison WI, (October)
- 2021 “Transnational Biopolitics and Reproductive Interventions,” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, (September).
- 2020 “Feminism, Family Planning, and Population Control,” 18th 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-20th century,” Symposium on Sexuality and Vulgarly, 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,” 46th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, (October).
- 2017 “Speaking of Reproductive Justice in the Era of Population Control: Examples from Postcolonial India,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Hempstead NY, (June).
- 2017 “Sexuality and the Politics of Birth Control in Interwar India,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Denver CO, (January).
- 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 "Conjuality, 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," 42nd Annual conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, (October).
- 2013 "Rethinking Reproduction as a Category of Feminist Analysis," Feminist Preconference at the 42nd Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, (October).
- 2013 "IUDs, medical mediations, and women's labor in India," International Congress of History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, Manchester UK, (July).
- 2012 "Reproductive Technologies and Reproductive Justice," Roundtable participant, National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Oakland CA, (November).
- 2012 "Conjuality, Contraception, and the Politics of Sexuality in Late Colonial India," 41st Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, (October).
- 2012 "Reproductive Technologies and Social Justice," roundtable participant, National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, (2012).
- 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 Wifhood: 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, Conjuality 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 "Conjuality 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 AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZING AND PARTICIPATION

- 2025 Respondent, Book manuscript workshop, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University, Columbus OH (March)
- 2025 Respondent, Book manuscript workshop, Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Washington University, St. Louis, MO (January)
- 2024 Respondent, History Methods Lab Seminar, Duke University (January)
- 2023 Co-organizer, “South Asia-Reproductive Justice,” symposium, Southern Asia Institute, University of Texas-Austin (April, forthcoming).
- 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 Udit 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 19th and 20th 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,” 41st 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

- 2023 Holly Donahue Singh, *Infertility in a Crowded Country: Hiding Reproduction in India* (2022), H-Sci-Med-Tech, H-Net Reviews (August)
- 2022 Ishita Pande, *Sex, Law and the Politics of Age: Child Marriage in India, 1891-1937* (2020), *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 31, no. 1 (April 15): 121-124.

- 2022 Benjamin B. Cohen, 'An Appeal to the Ladies of Hyderabad': Scandal in the Raj (2019), *The American Historical Review* 126, no. 4 (December): 1637-1638.
- 2021 Sumita Mukherjee, *Indian Suffragettes: Female Identities and Transnational Networks* (2018), *Women and Social Movements*.
- 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 20th 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
 The Global History of Contraception and Abortion

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
Health and Inequality
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
Transnational Perspectives of Reproductive Health, Technologies and Justice

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
Renaë Sullivan, History

MA Students (completed)

Nithya Rajan, WGSS
Nicole Edgerton, WGSS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Committee and Board Service

2023-present Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of Women's History*
2022-2025 Member (elected), Board of Trustees, American Institute of Indian Studies
2019-2020 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

Book Manuscript Reviewer, Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Washington University, St. Louis, January 2025
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 Review

Feminist Studies

Indian Economic and Social History Review

Journal of Gender Studies

Journal of South Asian Development Studies

Journal of Women's History

Medical Anthropology

Modern Asian Studies

South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies

South Asian Review

Cambridge University Press

Oxford University Press

Routledge

Yale University Press

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (2010-present only)

Leadership

2023-present Chair, Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies

2023-present Faculty Advisory Board Member (ex officio), FREE Center

2025-2026 Chair, Search Committee for Chair of the Department of Dance

2022-2023 Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellow, Office of Research

2021-2023 Chair, WGSS Undergraduate Studies Committee

2020-2023 Director, South Asia Studies Initiative

2019-2021 Chair, History department Awards and Prizes Committee

2015-2017 Steering Committee, Center for Historical Research

University Committees

2025-present Ad Hoc Committee on State and Federal Policy, College of Arts and Sciences

2024-2025 Workgroup on Intellectual Diversity in Practice, Office of Academic Affairs

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, writing, 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