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CURRENT POSITION

2010-12 College Fellow in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Harvard University

EDUCATION

August 2010 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dissertation Title: Governing Sexualities: Biopower, Governmentality and
Citizenship in Postcolonial India.

Advisor: Myra Marx Ferree

1998 M.Phil. Political Science, University of Hyderabad, India
Thesis Title: Legal Response to Rape: Case Study of a *Mahila* Court

1996 M.A. Political Science, University of Hyderabad, India
Focus: Feminist Political Theory, Political Economy, Human Rights

AREAS OF INTEREST

Sociology of Gender, Sexualities, Law & Society, Global Sociology, Ethnography,
Qualitative Research Methods.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2011 Best Dissertation of the Year Award, Law & Society Association.

2010 Young Scholars in Social Movements, Center for the Study of Social Movements-
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame.

2009 Mellon Fellow-Future of Minority Studies, Cornell University.

2008 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant.

2008 Vilas Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

2007 Martin P. Levin Memorial Dissertation Award, American Sociological Association.

2006 Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

2005 Scott Kloeck-Jenson International Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant, Global Studies University of Wisconsin-Madison.

2004 A. Eugene Havens Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

“Legal Response to Rape: Case Study of a *Mahila* Court.” *Indian Journal of Human Rights*. 1999. Vol III. No. 1& 2. P: 135- 162.

““HIV is Our Friend”: Prostitution, Power and State in Postcolonial India”. Under review.

“Modernity’s Traditions in the age of Globalization: Anti-sodomy laws, Citizenship, and Modernity in Postcolonial India”. In preparation.

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2011 “Thinking Beyond Civil Society: A Postcolonial Approach to Sexuality Research.” For the American Sociological Association Conference to be held in Las Vegas.

2011 “Modernity’s Traditions in the age of Globalization: Anti-sodomy laws, and Citizenship in Postcolonial India”. For the Transnational Sexuality and Gender pre-conference at the Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Philadelphia

2011 “Sexual Citizenship! Mobilizing for Sex Workers’ and Homosexual Rights in India.” For the Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Philadelphia

2010 “Sexing Security: Globalization, Biopolitics, and Law in Postcolonial India.” For the New Perspectives on Gender and Human Security Workshop, Madison.

2009 “Protecting Passive Women from Perverse Men’: Struggles around Sexuality and Rearticulation of the Nation in Contemporary India.” For the Annual South Asian Studies Conference, Madison.

2009 “Prostitution, Sexuality and Biopower in Postcolonial India.” For the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California.

2008 “From Contagious Diseases to HIV: Prostitution, Biopower and Sexuality in India.” For the Annual South Asian Studies Conference, Madison.

2008 “How Should I Know That My Ass Belongs to the State: Globalization, Anti-sodomy law, and the discursive struggles around homosexuality in Postcolonial India” For the Queer Studies Conference, UCLA, Los Angeles.

2006 “Impossible Subjects: Gender, Sexuality and Identity in Postcolonial India.” For the Gender Colloquium. University of Wisconsin, Madison.

2006 “Colonialism, Social Reform and the Question of the Child Widow in Colonial India.” Presentation at Gender, Genre, and Political Transformations: For the Interdisciplinary Conference on Transnational Gender Research. University of Minnesota, Minnesota.

INVITED GUEST LECTURES

- 2011 “HIV is Our Friend: Prostitution, Biopower and State in Postcolonial India”, Mahindra Humanities Center: Gender and Sexuality Lecture Series. Harvard University.
- 2010 “Sexual Politics and State in Contemporary India”, Politics of India, Department of Government. Harvard University.
- 2010 “Introduction to Feminist Methodologies”, Sociological Methods, Department of Sociology. University of Wisconsin-Madison.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2011 Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, Harvard University
(Spring) College Fellow
Junior Tutorial: **(Writing) Queer Globalizations**
- 2011 Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, Harvard University
(Spring) College Fellow
SWGS 1210ft: **Transnational Feminist Theory**
- 2010 Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, Harvard University
(Fall) College Fellow
SWGS 1163: **Cultures of Sexuality in Global Perspective**
- 2010 Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Teaching Assistant for Professor. Cameron Macdonald
Sociology 120: **Sociological Perspectives on American Families**
- 2009 Gender and Women’s Studies Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Teaching Assistant for Araceli Alonso
Women’s Studies 103: **Women & Their Bodies in Health and Disease**
- 2008-09 Gender and Women’s Studies Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Teaching Assistant for Prof. Christina Ewig & Araceli Alonso
Women’s Studies 102: **Women Social Institutions, Social Change**
- 2008 Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
(Summer) Lecturer
Sociology 134: **Introduction to Race and Ethnicity in the United States**
- 2008 Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Teaching Assistant for Professor: Joseph Elder
Sociology 200: **Introduction to LGBT Studies**
- 2004 South Asian Summer Language Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Teaching Assistant for **Elementary Hindi**

2003 Integrated Liberal Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Teaching Assistant for Professor: Joseph Elder
ILS 209: **Introduction to Global Cultures**

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- 2005-2007 A.E. Havens Center for the Study of Social Structure and Social Change, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Project Assistant
Assisted in the day-to-day functioning of the Havens Center. Organized and coordinated stays of Visiting Scholars and help organized conferences that brought together academics, public intellectuals, and national and international activists.
- 2004-2005 International Studies and Programs, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Project Assistant
Assisted Associate Dean Aili Tripp in establishing and strengthening interdisciplinary research circles and initiatives.
- 1997-2001 College Year in India Program, University of Wisconsin's Program House at Hyderabad, India
Resident & Research Coordinator
Coordinated research projects and organized village stays and field trips; academic and administrative activities; created a resource directory for the program, and networked with academics and activist in other parts of the country to strengthen the resource base for the program.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Sociological Association
Eastern Sociological Society
National Women's Studies Association
Sociologists for Women in Society
South Asian Studies Association

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Reviewer for *Gender & Society*, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*

Panel Organizer: "Sexual(ized) Bodies and the Nation: Critical Interventions in the Era of Globalization" at the Annual South Asian Studies Conference. October 2009.

REFERENCES

Myra Marx Ferree

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