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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. University of Connecticut (Sociology, 1999)
M.S. University of Massachusetts (Geography)
M.A. University of Calcutta (Geography)
B.A. Presidency College, Calcutta (Geography)

Awards/Honors:

2009 American Sociological Association, Asia and Asian American Section Teaching Award.
2009 Department of Sociology Graduate Students' Award for Mentoring.
2007. Phi Beta Kappa (Honorary member)
2007 Department of Sociology Graduate Students' Award for Mentoring.
2004 University of Connecticut Women of Color Award for Excellence in Leadership, Achievement, and Service.
2004 State of Connecticut, General Assembly, Governor, and Lieutenant Governor's Immigrant Day Citations for outstanding achievement, leadership and commitment to Connecticut.
2001 AAUP Teaching Excellence (Promise) Award.
2001 State of Connecticut, General Assembly Citation for Teaching.
1997 Outstanding graduate student award, Sociology, UCONN.
1995 Phi Kappa Phi.
1993-1999 University and departmental fellowships each year.

Other awards and honors.

National (Merit) Scholarship awarded by the Government of India; Gold Medal from the University of Calcutta (for the highest marks in Geography at the Master's Level); Jubilee Merit Prize for the highest marks in Geography from the University of Calcutta; Scindia Gold Medal and the Gwalior Book prize for the highest marks among all BA students of Calcutta University. Rhodes Scholarship finalist (1976, 1977).

SCHOLARSHIP

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL EDITORSHIPS: Deputy Editor: Gender & Society. (2006-2011)

INTERNATIONAL EDITORIAL BOARD: Journal of South Asian Diasporas

PANEL REVIEWER: National Science Foundation.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Glasberg, Davita, Purkayastha, Bandana and Armaline, William (eds.). *In Our Backyard: Human Rights, Injustice, and Resistance in the US*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press (in press).

Lucas, Susan, and Bandana Purkayastha: *Invisible in the Mirror? Transnational Lives of Canadian Migrants in the United States*. London, UK: Ashgate Publishers (in press).

Narayan, Anjana and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2009. *Living Our Religions: South Asian Hindu and Muslim Women narrate their experiences*. Stirling, VA: Kumarian Press.

Caforio, Giuseppe, Kuemmel, Gerhard, and Purkayastha, Bandana. (eds.) 2008. *Armed Conflict and Conflict Resolution: Sociological Perspectives*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Group.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2005. *Negotiating Ethnicity: Second-generation South Asian Americans Traverse a Transnational World*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.

Purkayastha, Bandana, and Subramaniam, Mangala. (eds.) 2004. *The Power of Women's Informal Networks: Lessons in Social Change from South Asia and West Africa*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Books in preparation.

Asian Americans and Experiences of Aging.

Gender and Human Rights: (Re) presenting the Voices of the Marginalized.

Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals

Purkayastha, B. 2010. Interrogating Intersectionality: Contemporary globalization and racialized gendering in the lives of highly educated South Asian Americans and their children. *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 31:29-47.

Purkayastha Bandana. 2009. Another Word of Experience? South Asian Diasporic Groups and the Transnational Context. *Journal of South Asian Diasporas*. 1: 85-99.

Lucas, Susan. and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2007. "Where is home?" Here and There: Transnational experiences of home among Canadian Immigrants in the United States. *GeoJournal*, 68: 243-251.

Stone, Rosalie, Purkayastha, Bandana. and Berhdahl, Terciera. 2006. Beyond Asian American: Examining conditions and mechanisms of earnings inequality for Filipina, Asian Indian and non-Hispanic white women. *Sociological Perspectives*, 49: 261-281.

Stone, Rosalie, and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2005. Predictors of Earnings for Mexican Americans in the Midwest. *Great Plains Research*, 15:101-116.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2004. Skilled Migration and Cumulative Disadvantage: The Case of Highly Qualified Asian Indian Immigrant Women in the U.S. *Geoforum*: 36:181-196.

Purkayastha, Bandana, Subramaniam, Mangala, Desai, Manisha, and Bose, Sunita. 2003. Gender Scholarship in India: A Partial Review. *Gender & Society*, 17:503-524.
(Reprinted in a collection edited by Chris Bose and Minjeong Kim; noted under chapters).

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2002. Non-cooperation as a Means of Peaceful Conflict Resolution: Cases from India. *Forum International*. (Germany). 22:267-292.

Ferree, Myra Marx, and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2000 Equality and Cumulative Disadvantage: Response to Baxter and Wright. *Gender & Society*: 6:809-813.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2000. Liminal Lives: South Asian Youth and Domestic Violence. *Journal of Social Distress and Homelessness*, 9: 201-219.

McMeeking, Diana. and Purkayastha, Bandana. 1995. "I can't have my mom running me everywhere": Adolescents, Leisure and Accessibility. *Journal of Leisure Sciences*, 27:360-378.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 1995. Italian Renaissance and Japanese Zen Gardens: An Approach for Introducing Cultural Landscapes. *Journal of Geography*, 94:412-419.

(Reprinted in *Approaches to Teaching Human Geography*, edited by Gary Elbow, 2004).

Under review:

Talking "Gender Superiority" in virtual spaces, with Anjana Narayan.

Transnationalism Revised, with Anjana Narayan.

Chapters

Purkayastha, Bandana and Narayan, Anjana. 2009. Bridges and Chasms. Orientalism and the Making of Indian Americans in New England. In *Asian Americans in New England*, edited by Monica Chiu. Durham, NH: New England University Press. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2009. Tagore and Human Rights. In *Celebrating Tagore*, edited by Clinton Sealey and Rama Datta. Kolkata: Allied Publishers. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana and Majumdar, Shweta. 2009. Sex Trafficking in South Asia. In *Globalization and Third World Women*, edited by Ligaya McGovern and Isidor Welman, London: Ashgate. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana and Schwartzman, Jayme. 2010/in press. Globalization and Mothering. In *Globalization and Women's Empowerment*, edited by Samir Das Gupta. New Delhi: Sage. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2009. Many Views on Peace. In *Military Sociology, Essays in Memory of Charles Moskos*, edited by Giuseppe Caforio. Bingley, UK: Emerald Group, pp 43-59. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana, Subramaniam, Mangala, Desai, Manisha, and Bose, Sunita. 2009 Gender Scholarship in India: A Partial Review. In *Global Gender Research: Transnational Perspectives*, edited By Christine Bose and Minjeong Kim. New York: Routledge, pp. 92-109. (revised and reprinted from *Gender & Society*).

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2008. Building a Fabric of Peace: Notes from the Field. In *Armed Conflict and Conflict Resolution: Sociological Perspectives*, edited by Giuseppe Caforio, Gerhard Kuemmel, and Bandana Purkayastha. Bingley, UK: Emerald Group, pp.393-411.

Ranjeet, Bidya. and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2007. A Minority within a Minority: Nepalese American Women and Domestic Violence. In *Body Evidence: Intimate Violence Against South Asian Women in America*, edited by Shamita Das Gupta. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, pp. 38-42. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2007. Anatomy of Second Generation “Indian” Cultural Events in the USA. In *Indian Diaspora--The 21st Century—Migration, Change, and Adaptation*, edited by Anand Singh, New Delhi: KRE Publishers, pp.81-89.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2005. Through ‘Little Steps’: Informal Networks as a Resource for Peaceful Conflict Resolution. In *Military Missions and their Implications Reconsidered: The Aftermath of September 11th* edited by Giuseppe Caforio and Gerhard Kuemmel. Amsterdam, Netherlands: Elsevier Press, pp. 63-79.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2004. Economically Elite, Socially Marginal: The Indo-American Experience. In *Minority Voices: Linking Personal Histories and Sociological Imagination*, edited by John Myers. Allyn and Bacon, pp.306-319.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2003. Looking Beyond the Individual: Interaction of Structural Factors and Human Agency in the Empowerment of Women. In *Conditioning and the Empowerment of Women A Multidimensional Approach*, edited by Asha Mukherjee and Kumkum Bhattacharya. New Delhi, India: Gyan Publishing House, pp.161-179. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2003. Contesting the Boundaries of Home and the World: Tagore and the Construction of Citizenship. In *Rabindranath Tagore at the End of the Millennium*, edited by Patrick Hogan and Lalita Pandit. Madison, NJ: Fairleigh Dickenson University Press, pp. 49-64.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2002. Rule, Roles and Realities: Asian Indian Families in the U.S. In *Minority Families in the US: A Multicultural Perspective*, edited by Ronald Taylor. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. pp.212-224.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2002. Contesting Multiple Margins: Asian Indian Community Activism in the Early and Late 20th century. In *Women’s Activism and Globalization: Linking Local Struggles and Transnational Politics*, edited by Nancy Naples and Manisha Desai. New York: Routledge. pp.99-120.

Accepted for publication:

Gurung, Shobha Hamal, and Bandana Purkayastha. Dynamics of Gendered/Labor: Experiences of Nepali Women in Informal Labor Markets in Boston and New York. Edited volume on Low-Wage Work, Migration, and Gender.

Invited to contribute to a commemorative volume to celebrate Rabindranath Tagore’s 150th birth anniversary by the Vice Chancellor of Visva Bharati. (A very select group of international scholars have been invited to contribute to this volume).

Other publications (2004-2009 only)

Purkayastha, Bandana and Ranita Ray. 2009. South Asian Americans. Entry in Greenwood Encyclopedia on Contemporary Asian American Issues, edited by Edith Chen, Wendy Ng, and Peter Chua. Greenwood Press. (invited)

Gurbuz, Mustafa and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2008. From Gandhi to Gulen: The Habitus of Non-aggressive Action. Conference Proceedings: Islam in the Age of Global Challenges, Alternative Perspectives of the Gulen Movement, Washington DC: Rumi Forum, pp.267-287.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2008. Ethnicity, negotiating. Entry in Encyclopedia on Race, Ethnicity, Society. Edited by Richard Schaefer. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2006. Breaking the Bowls: Degendering and Feminist Change (J. Lorber, Norton). Book Review in *Gender & Society*, 20:286-288.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2006. Social Movements in India: Poverty, Power, Politics. (R. Ray and M. Katzenstein, Rowman and Littlefield). Book Review in *Mobilization*, 11: 123-124.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2005. Panethnicity: Processes, Institutionalization, and Linkages. Occasional Papers. Department of History. Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, India.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2004. Transforming Gender and Development in East Asia (E. Chow, Routledge), and, City Requiem, Calcutta: Gender and the Politics of Poverty (A. Roy, University of Minnesota Press). Book Reviews in *Gender & Society*, pp. 412-413

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2004. Series Editor for Asian Americans in Connecticut, Census 2000. Storrs: AASI. (Volumes 3,1: Race, Ethnicity Household and Family; Volume, 2: Citizenship, Income, Poverty, Employment and Education).

PRESENTATIONS (2004-2009 only).

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2009. "No right in sight": Female Immigrant Workers and Questions of Economic Justice." Conference on Human Rights in the US. University of Connecticut. October 22-24, 2009.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2009. "Imagined and Real Humans: Gender, Sexuality, and Hinduism." Panelist for the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association; session on Transnational Genders and Sexualities in Religious Contexts. August 7-11, 2009. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. Between Humanitarian Claims and Practices: Constructions of colonial and post-colonial gendered racisms. Conference on Gender of Humanitarian Narrative Conference. University of Connecticut. May 14-16, 2009. (invited)

Gurung, Shobha Hamal, and Bandana Purkayastha. Dynamics of Gendered/Labor: Experiences of Nepali Women in Informal Labor Markets in Boston and New York. conference on Low-Wage Work, Migration, and Gender sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the Jane Addams Hull House, at the University of Illinois, Chicago, March 12-13, 2009. (refereed)

Purkayastha, Bandana. "Interrogating Intersectionality: Contemporary globalization and racialized gendering in the lives of highly educated South Asian Americans and their children" International Sociological Association, Interim Conference, Barcelona, Spain, September 2008. (refereed)

Abraham, Margaret, and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2008. Pitfalls and Possibilities of Action Research in Addressing Domestic Violence. International Sociological Association, Interim Conference, Barcelona, Spain, September 2008. (refereed)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2008. South Asian Americans in Asian America. East of California Conference. Storrs, November 2008. (invited)

Lucas, Susan, Bandana Purkayastha and Miho Iwata. 2008. Experiencing a different "difference." Canadian American in the US and questions of integration. Association of American Geographers meeting, April 2008. (refereed).

Abraham, Margaret. and Purkayastha Bandana. 2006. Doing Public Sociologies: Bringing the Margin to the Center. Presented at the ISA, Durban, South Africa, July 2006. (refereed)

Purkayastha, Bandana. Building and Sustaining Peace: A Long Range View. Presentation at the University of KwaZulu Natal, Durban, South Africa. August 2006.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2006. Second Generation Indian Americans Imagine India. Mid Atlantic Region Asian Studies Conference. Seton Hall, New Jersey, October, 26-28, 2006. (invited).

Bidya Ranjeet and Bandana Purkayastha. 2005. Domestic Violence Against Nepali Women in the US. Southern Connecticut State University Women's Studies conference October 2005. (refereed)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2005. Doing Research in Other Countries: The case of India. American Sociological Association conference. Philadelphia, August 2005. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2005. Maintaining Transnational Family Ties: The case of second generation Asian Indians. Association of Asian American Studies, Los Angeles, April 2005. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2004. Through 'Little Steps': Informal Networks as a Resource for Peaceful Conflict Resolution. International Sociological Association RC-01 Interim Conference. Ankara, Turkey, July 2004.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2004. Human Rights Through a Tagorean Lens. Celebrating Tagore Conference, Fayetteville, North Carolina, October 2004. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2004. Can We Formulate Asian American Research Methods? Association for Asian American Studies conference, Boston, April 2004. (refereed)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2004. Accessing Economic and Social Human Rights: Gender Theory and Lessons from India. Eastern Sociological Society conference. New York, March 2004. (refereed)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2004. Invited Panelist. Presentation at the SWS conference on International Gender Scholarship. Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Sole-authored presentations scheduled for 2010:

Gender and Religion in everyday life. Invited panelist for a special session 2010 Eastern Sociological Conference (March 14-17, 2010).

Grants

2009. University of Chicago-Illinois, honorarium for work on women who work in the informal economy.

2007. Ethnicity on the World Wide Web. Being resubmitted. to National Science Foundation \$845, 526

2006-present. Gender & Society Deputy Editor honorarium and student support. The student assistant receives money for summer work-study and conference travel. (\$2400 for summer stipend and \$750 twice a year for student travel to meetings. Total \$15, 600 for students (till summer 2009). This money will be available during my tenure as Deputy Editor of Gender & Society. (This is in addition to my honorarium \$5000/year and travel support (\$2000-2500/year).

2001 *Urban Marginality: Gender, Ethnicity, Race, Age, and Class*. Hartford Consortium grant (Co-PI, with Susan Lucas, University of Connecticut, and others). \$1500.

1999. *Amba: Negotiating/contesting Multiple Boundaries*. Grant from the Hartford Consortium to organize a series on South Asian Women. (With Shona Ramaya, Trinity College). \$2500.

1999. *Classroom Without Walls*. University of Connecticut Small Teaching Grant for learning from international scholars. \$500.

Invited Colloquia at Universities

International

- “Gendered Migration and Cumulative Disadvantage.” January 13, 2009, Loreto College, Kolkata, India,
- “Becoming South Asian American” May 2007, University of Wollongong, Australia.
- “Panethnicity: Processes, Institutions, and Linkages.” January 10, 2005. Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, India.
- “Domestic Violence: The US Diasporic Experience.” January 13, 2005. Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, India.
- “Gender and the Problems of Poor Women.” January 10, 2005. Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, India
- “Recent Research on Gender in the U.S.” July 2000. Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, India.
- “Gender: Conceptual Issues”. July 1999. Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, India.
- “Bureaucratization and Values”. July 1999. National Institute for Human Development, Calcutta, India.
- “Ethnicity: The Asian American Experience”. July 1999. Loreto College, Calcutta, India.

National

- “From Leafy Suburbs to Global Cities.” Wellesley College. October 3, 2006.
- “Transnational Influences on Second-Generation Ethnicity: Do racial formation and gendering processes matter?” Bryn Mawr College. November 18, 2004.
- “Transnationalism and Ethnic Ties”. Boston Asian Students Intercollegiate Conference. MIT. October 2, 2004.
- “Asian American Women and the New Globalization”. Hofstra University. October 30, 2002.
- “Traversing the Terrain of McDonalidization and Clashing Civilizations: Asian American Women and the ‘New’ Globalization”. Yale University: April 16, 2002.
- “Negotiating Ethnicity: South Asian Youth in the US”. Keynote address at the conference on South Asian Youth at St. John’s University, New York, NY. April 16, 1999.

Local:

(With a state-wide or national audience)

Plenary on Gender, Religion , Human Rights. Women Studies Conference, University of Connecticut, March 2009. (with Bidya Ranjeet and Shweta Majumdar)

Gender, Human Rights and the Environment. Session at the Women’s Studies Conference, University of Connecticut, April 2005. (with Anjana Narayan)

Asian Americans in Connecticut, a conference on immigration at Three Rivers Community College. CT, April 2005.

Invited Panelist on Ethics in Community Research. "Crossroads: Critical Issues in Community-Based Research Partnerships, a national conference organized by the Institute of Community Research. June 2004. Topic: Making the Familiar Strange.

Gender and Human Rights. Symposium at the UCONN School of Social Work. May 2003

Globalization, Informal Work, and Activism. National Forum on Globalization: Women in the World. Organized at the University of Connecticut Stamford Campus: December 6, 2001.

TEACHING

Undergraduate teaching, advising, research.

Courses:

Human Rights in the US (Fall, from 2006).

Sociological Perspectives on Asian American Women (Fall, from 1999).

Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change. (Spring, from 2001)

(and two courses--Urban Sociology, City Life--once a year, 1999-2005 at the West Hartford Campus).

Independent studies:

2008 Human Rights in the World: A literature review. Cordell Jackson

2008 Migrant Workers and Human Rights. Charlayne McStay (University Scholar).

2007 Globalization in India: multiple voices. Monoswita Saha (University Scholar).

2006 The Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa. Melissa Rushefski.

2005 Readings on racial minority students and retention issues. Rhema Thompson

2005 Aurobindo and his teachings. Monoswita Saha.

2002 Identity among Korean adoptees in white families Bonnie Wehinger.

2001 Supervised 20 undergraduate and graduate independent studies on Nepal in connection with a Study Abroad Trip to Nepal.

Manzione, Lara. 2001. *Human rights in the Kingdom of Nepal: Do they only exist on paper?* Brooklyn Journal of International Law, Vol. xxvii, No.1pp.193-225. (publication developed from this Study Abroad trip)

Undergraduate Advising:

18-20 Sociology undergraduate students, & 1 or 2 individualized study majors each year. (Other advisees, University scholars and honors students, are listed with their research projects).

Undergraduate Research Projects: (major advisor unless otherwise noted)

University Scholar Projects:

- Accessing Economic Human Rights: Comparing US and South Africa. 2008-2009. Amanda Ploch. Truman Scholarship Finalist. Nominated for the Rhodes, Marshall, and Mitchell scholarships. Spierer/Ducker Student Humanitarian Achievement Award, 2008. Babbidge Scholar. Nutmeg Scholar.
- Mutagenesis of 8-OxoGuanine Adjacent to an Abasic Site in Human Embryonic Kidney Cells. 2008-2009. 2009 David McCullough Award for Leadership. Charlene McStay. (associate advisor)
- Garaam Chair and Starbucks Coffee: Voices of Globalization. 2007-2008. Monoswita Saha. Recipient of two SURF grants, Humanities Scholar, Hira Jain scholarship. Hartford Area Business Economists (state level) fellowship, nominated for the Marshall, and USA Today scholarships.
- University Scholar Project: Breast Cancer Awareness among South Asians. 2003. Nitya Abraham.
- Video documentary on Buddhist Stupas of Nepal. 2001. William Swofford.

Honors thesis projects:

- From Connecticut to Capetown: Obstacles and Aspirations to Enter College. (in progress). Faina Dookh.
- "Contemporary college age male attitudes on topics of women's rights and violence against women:

A Comparative Analysis of US and South Africa” (in progress) Hannah Thornton Smith.

- Will I stay or Will I go? Racial Minority Students at UCONN. 2006. Rhema Thompson.
- Current depictions of Asian American women in Hollywood Films. 2001. Hymee Kim.

Graduate teaching, research, advising.

Graduate Courses

Gender and Society: International Perspectives (Fall 2002, Spring 2005, Spring 2007, Spring 2009).

Sociology of Immigration (special topics course, Spring 2007).

Readings in Human Rights. (special topics course, Fall 2008).

MA Theses projects

Major Advisor:

- Chandra Waring, 2009. The Layered Lens: How Black/White Biracial Americans Conceptualize Race.
- Jayme Schwartzman, 2008: “I’m Grown!” The Implications of a School-Based Program for Teenage Mothers and Mothers-To-Be.
- Miho Iwata, 2008: Investigation of Ethnoracialization and Engendering of Japanese Brazilians in Japan.
- Sage Radechowsky, 2003: Participation in Women's Groups, Dimensions of Empowerment and Effects of Political Participation in Rural Nepal.
- Kristine Brown, 2002: Flexible work Arrangements and Gender Inequalities.
- Chantal Krmar. 2001: Becoming Asian American: Organizational Influence in the Development of Social Identity.

Associate Advisor:

- Lori-Anne Scola Wisnesky. 2009: The Social Structure of Healthy Cities.
- Sicele Makapela, 2008: The Impact of Globalization on the Ability of States to Pursue Particular Policy Goals: A Case Study of Post-Apartheid South Africa
- Christine Zozula, 2008. Broken Windows Broken People Interaction in a Quality of Life Court.
- Sarah Medina 2008. Women in Sports: The Case of Ultimate Frisbee.
- Jorge Hernandez Hernandez, 2008: Migration Social Networks and the Cargo System in Ocotlan, Oaxaca.
- Katie Acosta, 2005. Gay and Lesbian Latino Immigrants.
- Kevin Sullivan, 2003: Criminalization of Homelessness: A Case Study on Hartford.
- Manju Radhakrishnan. 1999: Sneha and Multifaceted Activism.

Dissertation projects:

Major Advisor:

- Anjana Narayan, 2005. Gendered Transnational Identities: The Case of Hindu Student Organizations in the US and UK..

Associate Advisor:

- Katie Acosta, 2009: Breaking the Silence: How Immigration Influences the Sexual Lives of Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Latinas.
- Angie Beeman. Grassroots Organizing and Post Civil Rights Racism: The Dilemmas of Negotiating Interracial Solidarity in a Color-Blind Society. (defense scheduled February 16, 2010).
- Anne Marie Nicolaysen. Empowering Small Farmers through Organic Agriculture and Biodiversity Conservation in India: The Navdanya movement. (Anthropology).
- I-Ching Lee, 2006: Psychology. "Examining Intergroup Relations Across Time and Space: A Comparison Between Taiwan and the U.S."
- Bill Armaline, 2006: Human rights and the juvenile justice system.
- Rachel Sullivan, 2005: Inter-racial marriages and family networks.

- Beth Merenstein, 2003: Racial Reproduction: The Development and Expression of Racial Knowledge among Immigrants.

Current Major Advisees and Research Interests: Shweta Majumdar (South Asian American sexualities), Miho Iwata (Japanese Brazilians and Human Rights), Ranita Ray (White collar drug users), Chandra Waring (Bi-racial Identities), Sergio Mobilia (Bear Identities in the US and Argentina), Trisha Tiamzon (Asian Americans and Aging).

Area Examination committees on Gender (14), Racism/Race (8), Social movements (4), Political Sociology (4).

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

National/International (2004-2008 only)

2009-2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Sociological Association meeting in Gothenberg Sweden 2010. Session organizer: 2 sessions for RC-01, and two sessions (co-organizer) for RC-32. • Conference on Human Rights and Health, October 2009. UNESCO Chair and Global Human Rights Program, Conference Organizing Committee.
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Organizer: International Sociological Association, RC-01 Meeting, Seoul, Korea, July, 2008. • American Sociological Association: Organizer, Session on Human Rights, Race, Ethnicity, Gender. 2008. • American Sociological Association: Sex and Gender Section, Book Award Committee. 2008. • Sociologists for Women in Society: Chair, Minority women's conference scholarship. • Conference on Human Rights and Religion. UNESCO Chair and Global Human Rights Program, Conference Organizing Committee. • External Reviewer, Promotions and Tenure Package, Bryn Mawr College. • Academic Advisory Board, CT Health, Racial Disparities Project. Discussion on the Findings of the Department of Public Health Database, November 2008.
2007.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Advisory Board, CT Health, Racial Disparities Project. Discussion on the Findings of the Department of Public Health Database, CT Legislative Building, October 2007. • Conference on Human Rights and Gender. UNESCO Chair and Global Human Rights Program. Conference Program Committee. • Joint session, International Sociological Association, American Sociological Association and Sociologist for Women in Society. Globalization and Gender. August 2007.
2006.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External reviewer Promotion and tenure package, University of Hawaii • External Reviewer, CUNY grant • Reviewer, NSF grant application. • Session organizer (with Yakin Erturk, METU, Turkey and Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, United Nations) on Gender and Human Rights. International Sociological Association (ISA) Meeting: Durban South Africa, July 2006. • Conflict resolution for Building and Sustaining Peace. (With Proshanta Nandi Professor emeritus, University of Illinois, and Alemayahu Kumsa, Czech Republic, Prague, for the ISA Meeting, Durban South Africa, July 2006. • Joe Feagin Undergraduate Paper Awards Committee Chair, American Sociological Association (ASA), Race and Ethnic Minority Relations Section award. • Executive Board Member, Research Committee-32 (Women in Society), ISA. 2006-

	<p>2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice President, ISA RC-01 (Armed conflict and Conflict Resolution). • Council Member (elected), Section on Race and Ethnic Minority Relations, American Sociological Association.
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session organizer: Gender. American Sociological Association 100th meeting August 2005. • Editorial Board, Gender & Society • Publications Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society. • Council Member (elected), Section on Race and Ethnic Minority Relations, American Sociological Association. • Sex and Gender Paper awards committee (ASA section). • Sister-to-Sister Task Force, Sociologists for Women in Society.
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Editorial Board, Gender & Society • Publications Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society • Council Member (elected), Section on Race and Ethnic Minority Relations, American Sociological Association. • Sister-to-Sister Task Force, Sociologists for Women in Society.
2000-present	<p><i>REVIEWER: Gender and Society (till 2006), Sociological Forum, Social Problems, Sociological Quarterly, Social Forces, Sociological Perspectives, Women's Studies Quarterly, Feminist Review, Symbolic Interaction, American Sociological Review, Gender & Politics, Ethnic and Racial Studies.</i></p>

University/department (2004-2009 only)

2009 (09-10)	<p>Under graduate and regional education Vice Provost Search committee(s). CLAS Dean's Committee on Committees. Sociology: Executive Committee. PTR sub-committees (2). Director of Graduate Studies (Fall 2009-2011), Planning Committee (2009-2011). Asian American Studies Institute (AASI) Faculty-committee-of-the-whole. AASI Advisory Board. Women's Studies Advisory Board. Member, India Studies Program Committee.</p>
2008 (08-09)	<p>CLAS Dean's Committee on Committees. Sociology: Executive Committee. PTR sub-committees (2). Director of Graduate Studies (Fall 2009-2011), Planning Committee (2009-2011).. Asian American Studies Institute (AASI) Faculty-committee-of-the-whole. AASI Advisory Board Women's Studies Advisory Board Member, India Studies Program Committee,</p>
2007 (07-08)	<p>North East Alliance at the University of Connecticut: Summer Research for under-represented minority students. Mentored a Native American student on research in Sociology. Department of Sociology: Graduate Program Committee. Planning Committee. Merit Committee. Graduate Program Director (interim). PTR sub-committee (1). AASI: Fred Ho Awards Committee, Asian American Studies Advisory Board. AASI Faculty-committee-of-the-whole. Asian American Cultural Center. Advisory Board. Women's Studies Advisory Board Member, India Studies Program Committee, Member, Board, Teaching and Learning Institute.</p>
2006 (06-07)	<p>Asian American Cultural Center. Advisory Board.</p>

	<p>Department of Sociology: Executive Committee, Merit Committee AASI: Fred Ho Awards Committee, Asian American Studies Advisory Board. AASI Faculty-committee-of-the-whole. Women's Studies Advisory Board Member, India Studies Program Committee, Member, Board, Teaching and Learning Institute.</p>
2005 (05-06)	<p>Department of Sociology: Executive Committee, AASI: Fred Ho Awards Committee, Asian American Studies Advisory Board. AASI Faculty-committee-of-the-whole. Women of Color Award committee, UCONN Women's Center. Women's Studies Advisory Board Member, India Studies Program Committee, Search Committee, Regional Urban and Community Studies Search. Member, Board, Teaching and Learning Institute.</p>
2004 (04-05)	<p>Interim Director, Asian American Studies (spring) AASI: Fred Ho Awards Committee, AASI Faculty-committee-of-the-whole. Member, Board, Teaching and Learning Institute. Women's Studies Advisory Board</p>

OTHER SERVICE:

University Community-Linkages:

- Panel Presentation on Asian American professionals for the National Association of Asian American Professionals, Connecticut Chapter, (with Honorable Nina Elgo, Superior Court Judge; Dr. Bill Howe, with the Connecticut State Department of Education; Michael Kim, Vice-President of IT at The Hartford), May 28, 2009.
- Panelist: Book panel on Living Our Religions. Women's Center, University of Connecticut, March 2009.
- Panelist: Martin Luther King Panel, University of Connecticut, March 2009.
- Introduction of keynote speaker, Nitasha Sharma, East Of California Conference, November 2008.
- Conference Closing Summary: Human Rights and Religion (UNESCO Chair sponsored) conference, October 2008.
- Panelist: Book panel on Feminism/Sexuality. UCONN-Co-op and the Office of International and Multicultural Affairs, March 2008.
- Introduction of South African Peace Activist, Ela Gandhi. October 2007.
- Panelist: Book panel on Immigration. UCONN-Co-op and the Office of International and Multicultural Affairs, September 2007.
- Conference Closing Summary: Human Rights and the Environment ((UNESCO Chair sponsored) conference, October 2007.
- Panelist: Asian Pacific Islander Coalition (APAC) meeting, June 2007.
- Conference Closing Summary: Human Rights and Gender. ((UNESCO Chair sponsored) conference, October 2006.
- Organizing Committee: Masala: Tradition and Diversity in Indian Art. University of Connecticut, Benton Museum and the India Studies Program, 2002-2004.
- Facilitator: UCONN Women's Center Board Retreat, October 2003.
- Welcoming Remarks: Symposium on Nonviolence. UCONN Storrs. April, 2003;
- Presentation on South Asians: Past, Present and Future UCONN School of Social Work. April 2003.
- Chair, Gender Session: Filipino-American National Conference, September 2002;
- Welcoming Remarks (with Provost Fred Maryanski): Symposium on Non-Violence and Nirvana. UCONN-Storrs: September, 2001
- Panelist: Workshop on Multiracial Populations and Domestic Violence, Women's Center, UCONN, 2001;

- Presentation: Asiantation, Asian American Cultural Center, 1999-2003.

Talks and popular articles for community organizations: Simsbury Unitarian Church lecture series, topics include: Peaceful Conflict Resolution (2005); Human Rights and Asian Indian Women (2003); "Building Peace" (2002); "Woven Histories: History of Bengal through Saris (2000); articles for ethnic organizations and university publications include: Our Living Goddesses (2008), Indian presence in New England: People and Ideas (2008), lecture for the members of the International Women's Committee, CT, Children of Immigrants and Immigrant-Parent Penalties (2006).

Press

- Hartford Courant, August 22, 2009. Interview on Indian Americans by Jesse Leavenworth. (pp.1-2)
- NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams. Segment on Immigrant Children, Love and Dating Relationships. October 16, 2008.
- India-New England. Feature on Bandana Purkayastha, as a finalist for the New England Woman of the Year, 2008.
- Indian Express-US Edition. Quoted in Sujata Srinivasan's article on Weddings. December 2007
- Indian Express-US Edition. Quoted in Sujata Srinivasan's article on Social Entrepreneurship. August 2007.
- CT Indian Life. Independence Edition. Article on Indian independence. August 2007.
- India New England. Amishi Patel. Feature article on my work "Connecticut Professor's book surveys immigrant children" February 16-28, 2007.
- Connecticut Post.: Report on the Southern Women's Conference. October 29, 2005).
- National Public Radio (Mexican American Paper featured on April 26, 2005).
- Nebraska News. April 26, 2005. Study says Technical Education Needed to Help Mexican Americans in the Midwest.
- Hartford Courant 2003. Quoted in an article on Asian Indian immigrants and income/achievement in Connecticut. ("Immigrants Bank on the House, by Mike Swift, July 6, 2003, page B6).

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Member, American Sociological Association (Sections: Asia and Asian America, Race and Ethnic Minority Relations, Sex and Gender, Transnational Feminism Caucus, War and Peace, Religion).

Member, International Sociological Association (Sections: Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution, Gender, Ethnicity and Race, Religion).

Member, Association for Asian American Studies.

Member, Sociologists for Women in Society.

Member, Eastern Sociological Society.

Member, Association of Black Sociologists.

Life Member, Indian Sociological Society