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EDUCATION

Ph.D.

1999 Sociology, Brandeis University

MA

1994 Sociology, Brandeis University

Diploma in American Studies

1990 American Studies Program, Smith College

B.Sc.

1984 Geography, Loreto College, Kolkata, India

EMPLOYMENT

2010-2016 **Director**, Center for South Asian Studies, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
2007- **Associate Professor**, Departments of Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies,
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
2002-2007 **Assistant Professor**, Departments of Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies,
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
1998-2002 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University
1994-1997 **Teaching Fellow**, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

2006. *Unruly Immigrants: Rights, Activism, and Transnational South Asian Politics in the United States*. Duke University Press.

Edited Volumes

2010. "Imperial Plantation." *Journal of Historical Sociology* 23 (1) coedited with Piya Chatterjee and Richard Cullen Rath.

2007. "Margins and Migration in South Asian Diasporas." *Cultural Dynamics* 19 (2-3) coedited with Charu Gupta and Katerina Teaiwa.

Journal Articles

2015. "Mexican Migration to Hawai'i and U.S. Settler Colonialism." co-authored with Sue P. Haglund. *Latino Studies*: 13(4).

2014. "'Don't Deport Our Daddies': Gendering State Deportation Practices and Immigrant Organizing." *Gender & Society* 28(1): 83-109.

2010. "Imperial Plantations: Past and Present" coauthored with Piya Chatterjee and Richard Cullen Rath. *Journal of Historical Sociology* 23 (1): 1-15.
2007. "Rethinking South Asian Diaspora Studies" coauthored with Charu Gupta and Katerina M. Teaiwa. *Cultural Dynamics* 19 (2-3): 125-140.
2004. "A View of Post-9/11 Justice from Below." *Peace Review* 16(2): 141-48.
2003. "The Neoliberal State and the Domestic Workers' Movement in New York City." *Canadian Woman Studies* special issue on "Migration, Labour and Exploitation: Trafficking in Women and Girls" 22 (3/4): 78-85.
1997. "'What is Indian about You?': A Gendered, Transnational Approach to Ethnicity." *Gender & Society* 11(5): 572-596.

Book Chapters

2017. "'Broken Hearts, Broken Families': The Political Uses of Families in the Fight Against Deportation." In *Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies* edited by L. Ayu Saraswati, Barbara Shaw. New York: Oxford University Press. (Revision submitted).
2016. "Shadowed Lives: Invisibility and Visibility of Mexicans in Hawai'i" in *Transpacific Americas: Encounters and Engagement with the Americas and South Pacific* edited by Eveline Dürr and Philipp Schorch. Routledge.
2009. "Solidarity Work in Transnational Feminism: The Question of Class and Location" coauthored with Linda Carty. In *Activist Scholarship: Radical Praxis and Emancipatory Knowledge* edited by Julia Sudbury and Margo Okazawa-Rey. Paradigm Publishers. pp. 95-100.
2008. "Rights in a Transnational Era." In *Immigrant Rights in the Shadows of United States Citizenship* edited by Rachel Ida Buff. New York University Press. pp. 402-423.
2006. "Bewildered? Women's Studies and the War on Terror." In *Interrogating Imperialism: Conversations on Gender, Race, and War* edited by Naeem Inayatullah and Robin Riley. New York: Palgrave/Macmillan. pp. 129-153.
2005. "Of Hardship and Hostility: The Impact of 9/11 on New York City Taxi Drivers." In *Wounded City: The Social Impact of 9/11* edited by Nancy Foner. New York: Russell Sage Books. pp. 208-241.

Short Essays and Encyclopedia Entries

2015. "Do We Need More Crimmigration? Lessons from Anti-Deportation Activism in the United States." *Beyond Trafficking and Slavery, Open Democracy*
<https://www.opendemocracy.net/beyondslavery/monisha-das-gupta/do-we-need-more-crimmigration-lessons-from-us-anti-deportation-activ> (9 September).
2015. "Resistance." *Keywords in Asian American Studies* co-edited by Cathy Schlund-Vials, Linda Trinh Vo, and K. Scott Wong. New York University Press. pp. 216-219.
2008. "Housework, Feminism and Labor Activism: Lessons from Domestic Workers in New York." *Comparative Perspectives Symposium on Women's Labor Activism. Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 33 (3): 532-537.
2006. "Domestic Workers" and "Hate Crimes." *Keywords of Contemporary America/Gendai Amerika no Kiiwaado* edited by Mari Yoshihara and Yujin Yaguchi. Tokyo: Chuo Koron Shinsha.

Other Publications

- Forthcoming. *Our Stories: An Introduction to South Asian America*. Chapter editor of "Civic Engagement." South Asian American Digital Archives.

Reports

2013. “Newcomers in the Aloha State: Mexicans’ Profile, Challenges and Prospects” co-authored with Jeanne Batalova and Sue P. Haglund, Migration Policy Institute.
2010. “Mexicans in Hawai‘i: Recent Flows and the Community’s Problems and Prospects” with the assistance of Sue P. Haglund. Submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexican Government.
2002. “Of Hardship and Hostility: The Impact of 9/11 on Taxi Drivers in New York City.” Submitted to the Russell Sage Foundation.

Book Reviews

2015. *The Sun Never Sets: South Asian Migrants in an Age of U.S. Power*, Vivek Bald, Miabi Chatterji, Sujani Reddy and Manu Vimalassery (eds). *Journal of American Ethnic History*: 34(4).
2013. *Stranger Intimacy: Contesting Race, Sexuality and the Law in the North American West*, Nayan Shah. *American Historical Review*: 118 (3).
2009. *Tracing an Indian Diaspora: Contexts, Memories, Representations*, Parvati Raghuram, Ajaya Kumar Sahoo, Brij Maharaj, and Dave Sangha (eds). *Journal of Intercultural Studies*: 30 (3).

Work in Progress

Book Manuscript:

“Settling Migration: Migrant Organizing in an Era of Deportation and Dispossession”

AWARDS

- 2013 Chancellor’s Citation for Meritorious Teaching, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
- 2008 American Sociological Association Section on Asia and Asian America Book Award
- 2008 Association of Asian American Studies Social Sciences Book Award
- 1997 English as Second Language Teaching Award, Brandeis University
- 1985 National Merit Scholarship, Calcutta University
- 1979 National Merit Scholarship, West Bengal Board of Secondary Education

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2012. Immigrant Youth Empowerment Summit, Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity Grant, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (\$1,000) and Hawai‘i People’s Fund (\$560). PI: Monisha Das Gupta
- 2010 (August-December). Mexicans in Hawai‘i: Recent Flows, Problems and Prospects, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexican Government (\$14,915). PI: Monisha Das Gupta
2009. Latinos in Hawai‘i: Recent Flows, Problems and Prospects, Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity Grant, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (\$1,000). PI: Monisha Das Gupta.
2006. Research Relations Grant toward completion of *Unruly Immigrants*, University Research Council, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (\$2,850).
2002. Assessing the Impact of September 11 on the Taxi Industry in NYC. Russell Sage Foundation (\$10,000). PI: Monisha Das Gupta
2002. Assessing the Impact of September 11 on the Taxi Industry in NYC. Global Affairs Institute, Syracuse University Grant (2001-2002: \$3,000). PI: Monisha Das Gupta
1993. Grenada Ten Years Later. Louis, Frances and Jeffrey Sachar Fund Research Fellowship, Brandeis University (\$750 Summer 1993).

OTHER GRADUATE FACULTY ACTIVITIES

SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS:

PhD Committees:

Anna Gleisberg (2015, PhD, English, UHM)
Cheryl Naruse (2014, PhD in English, UHM)
Christy Williams (2012, PhD in English, UHM)
Nicole Rabin (2013, PhD candidate in English, UHM)
Payal Bannerjee (2008, PhD in Sociology, Syracuse University)
Doreen Martinez (2003, PhD in Sociology, Syracuse University)
Kristina Wolff (2003, PhD in Sociology, Syracuse University)

Comprehensive Examinations:

Irmak Yazici (2015, Political Science, UHM)
Rachel Wolff (2012, English UHM)
Nicole Rabin (2011, English, UHM)
Ka Wong (2007, East Asian Languages and Literatures, UHM)

Masters Thesis Committees:

Sadie Green (2015, Asian Studies, UHM)
Teresa Kessenich-Chase (2010, Political Science, UHM)
Melanie Medalle (2010, Political Science, UHM)
Angela Krattiger (2007, American Studies, UHM)
Xuan Niu (2007, Sociology, UHM)
Sue Hall (2007, Asian Studies, UHM)

Research Assistant:

Sue P. Haglund (Fall 2010, funded with grant money from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexican Government)

GRADUATE COURSE TAUGHT

WS 615/POLS 615c, Feminist Theory

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2014-2017 *American Quarterly*, Associate Editor and Board Member
2014-2015 American Sociological Association, Section on Asia and Asian America, Book Award Subcommittee
2013 Co-organizer of “The Lives of Empire: Oak Creek, Racialization, and State Violence” panel, Association of Asian American Studies Conference
2012-2013 American Sociological Association, Section on Sex and Gender, Subcommittee on Feminist Scholar Activist Award
2012-2013 American Sociological Association, Section on Asia and Asian America, Subcommittee on Graduate Student Paper Award
2011-2012 American Sociological Association, Section on Asia and Asian America, Faculty Mentoring Program
2011-2012 Association of Asian American Studies, Social Science Book Award Subcommittee
2010-2011 American Sociological Association, Section on Asia and Asian America, Best Journal Article Award Subcommittee

- 2009-2010 American Sociological Association, Section on Asia and Asian America, Book Award Subcommittee
- 2009-2012 American Sociological Association, Section on Asia and Asian America, Council Member
- 2007-2008 Association of Asian American Studies, Program Committee

Referee

Biography: An Interdisciplinary Quarterly
Ethnic and Racial Studies
Gender & Society
Journal of South Asian Diaspora
Law and Society Review
Meridian
Sociological Forum
Women' Studies International Forum
 University of Illinois Press
 University of Minnesota Press
 New York University Press
 University of Texas

INVITED TALKS

- “Finding a Way Out of No Way: Access to Higher Education and Undocumented Students” at the Lansing Community College, April 27, 2015.
- “Out of the Shadows of Citizenship: Immigrant and Indigenous Rights Talk in the United States” at the University of Southern California, Department of American Studies and Ethnicity and the File Center for the Study of Immigration Integration, April 7, 2009.
- Keynote address, South Asian Awareness Network Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, January 23, 2009.
- “Remembering 9/11: Vernaculars of Trauma” at the University of Tokyo, Japan, June 25, 2008.
- “Remembering 9/11: Vernaculars of Trauma” at Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan, June 23, 2008.
- “The Impact of 9/11 on Taxi Drivers of South Asian Origin in New York” for the Sociological Association of West Bengal at St. Xavier College, Kolkata, June 11, 2008.
- Reading from *Unruly Immigrants* at Bluestocking Bookstore, New York City, April 7, 2007.
- Reading from *Unruly Immigrants* at Revolution Books, Honolulu, March 11, 2007.
- "Empowering Resources: Religion and Women in the Renegotiation of the Politics of Gender" for the NEH Summer Institute on Religion and Politics in India: Culture, History and the Contemporary Experience, East-West Center, Honolulu, June 30 and July 2, 2004.
- “Unruly Immigrants: Migrancy, Citizenship and the Question of Rights” at University of Texas, Austin, February 26, 2004.
- ““Owning our Lives’: Social change politics among South Asian in the U.S.” at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, April 15, 2001

INVITED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Migrant Rights in an Era of Deportation” at the Association of Asian American Studies President’s Panel, “State of Immigration Fifty Years after 1965,” Evanston, April 24, 2015.
- ““Whose Streets, Our Streets!’: Migrant Organizing in Los Angeles” at the Migrant Metropolis Conference, Center for the History of New America, University of Maryland, March 13, 2014.
- “Public Interest Law: Access to Justice for New Immigrants to Hawai‘i” at the Advocates for Public

- Interest Law Conference, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, January 15, 2014.
- “Deported Diaspora”: Thinking Transnationalism through Deportation” at the Thematic Session on “Transnational Asian American Gateways and Communities” at the American Sociological Association Meeting, New York City, August 11, 2013.
- “Shadowed Lives: Invisibility and Visibility of Mexicans in Hawai‘i” at the New Perspectives on Transpacific Connections: The Americas and the South Pacific Conference at the Ludwig-Maximilian University, Munich, March 27, 2013.
- “No One is Illegal”: Immigrant Organizing and U.S. Nationalism” at Translating the Human Conference, East West Center, Honolulu, January 15, 2010.
- “*El Pueblo Unido ...*”: Immigrant Organizing and U.S. Nationalism” at the Thematic Session on Activism and Community at the American Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco, August 11, 2009.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (2000-)

- “It’s a Riot!: May Day in MacArthur Park and Other Turbulent Tales” at the American Studies Association, Los Angeles. November 7, 2014.
- “Theorizing Race and Culture in the Pacific” at Association for Social Anthropology of Oceania, Kailua-Kona, February 7, 2014.
- “Dearly Deported: Sentimental Politics and Immigrant Rights,” at the American Studies Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 18, 2012.
- “Newcomers to the Aloha State: Contradictions in the Reception and Integration of Mexicans in Hawai‘i” at the American Sociological Association Meeting, Denver, August 20, 2012. Co-presented with Jeanne Batalova and Sue P. Haglund.
- “Asian Settler Colonialism, Civil Rights, and Sovereignty,” at the International Conference on Law and Society, June 5, 2012.
- “Right to Family: Racialized Debates over Family Reunification” at the Association of Asian American Studies, Washington D.C., April 13, 2012.
- “Don’t Deport Our Daddies’: Gender and Sexuality in State Deportation Practices and Anti-Deportation Organizing,” at the American Sociological Association, August 20, 2011.
- “Don’t Deport Our Daddies’: Gendering State Deportation Practices and Anti-Deportation Organizing,” at the American Studies Association, November 20, 2010.
- “Remembering 9/11: Vernaculars of Trauma” at the Association of American Studies, Albuquerque, October 16 2008.
- “Justice Work and its Challenges for Transnational Feminism” at the American Sociological Association Meeting, Boston, August 3, 2008. Co-presented with Linda Carty.
- “Sovereignty, Border Control and Citizenship: Intersections of Immigrant and Indigenous Rights Talk in the United States” at Postcolonial Futures in A Not Yet Postcolonial World conference at the University of California, San Diego, March 6, 2008.
- “Rights in a Transnational Era” at the Association of Asian American Studies in New York City, April 7, 2006.
- “Bewildered? Women’s Studies in the United States and the War on Terror” at the International Studies Association, San Diego, March 23, 2006.
- “Rethinking the Transnational in Feminist Politics” at the Activist Scholarship, Radical Praxis, and Emancipatory Knowledge Seminar, University of Toronto, October 28, 2005.
- “Rights Beyond Citizenship: South Asian Struggles for Social Justice” at the Association for Asian American Studies in Los Angeles, April 21, 2005.
- “Transnational Workplaces, Transnational Rights: The Case of Immigrant Taxi Drivers and Domestic

- Workers in New York City” at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York August 15, 2004.
- “Unruly Immigrants: South Asian Social Justice Movements and Transnational Rights,” for Transnational Feminist Sociologies: Current Challenges, Future Directions, University of California, Berkeley, August 13, 2004.
- “Of Hostility and Hardship: The Impact of 9/11 on Taxi Drivers in New York City,” Annual South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin- Madison, October 24, 2003.
- Discussant for “The Gender of Globalization and the Globalization of Gender” panel at the American Sociological Association, August 16, 2003.
- “‘Go Back Where You Came From’: The Construction of ‘Immigrant’ in the New York Taxi Industry” at the Association of Asian American Studies, San Francisco, May 8-10, 2003.
- “Of Hardship and Hostility: The Impact of 9/11 on Taxi Drivers in New York City,” at the Russell Sage Foundation, Social Impacts Working Group, New York City, October 8, 2002.
- “Creating Underground Realities: Law, South Asian Immigrants to the United States, and the Myth of the Model Minority” at the International Conference on Law and Society Association, Vancouver, May 30, 2002.
- “Dignity and Living Wage: South Asian Domestic Workers' Struggle for Rights in New York City” at the Association of Asian American Studies, Salt Lake City, April 26, 2002.
- “Emerging Tactics: Organizing South Asians in New York City’s Taxi Industry” at the Association of Asian American Studies, Toronto, March 28, 2001.
- “Gender and Culture: The Reception of Immigrant Specificities in the Age of Multiculturalism” at the American Sociological Association, Washington D.C., August 14, 2000.

INVITED CAMPUS TALKS

- “‘Don’t Deport Our Daddies’: Gendering State Deportation Practices and Anti-Deportation Organizing,” at the Center for Biographical Research Brown Bag, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, October 29, 2009.
- “Laboring Bodies, Labor of Love: Immigrant Organizing and Rights Talk” at the International Cultural Studies Speaker Series, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. March 17, 2010.
- “Remembering 9/11: Vernaculars of Trauma” at the International Cultural Studies Series on Memorialization at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, November 14, 2007.
- “Pleasure and Politics: South Asian Queer Organizing in the United States” at the Anthropology Colloquium Series, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, February 8, 2007.
- “‘Owning Our Lives’: South Asian Immigrant Women, Law, and Rights Claims,” Women’s Studies Colloquium, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa April 2, 2004.
- “Of Hardship and Hostility: The Impact of 9/11 on Taxi Drivers in NYC,” Ethnic Studies Colloquium cosponsored by the Center for South Asian Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa November 6, 2002.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- “Island Connections: Latinos in Hawai‘i,” hosted by Ibrahim Aoude, Department of Ethnic Studies, Monthly Television Program, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, March 14, 2014.
- “Making Waves: Newcomers to the Aloha State: Challenges and Prospects for Mexicans in Hawai‘i,” hosted by Kyle Kajihiro, ŌleloNet, September 26, 2013.
- “The Conversation: Newcomers to the Aloha State: Challenges and Prospects for Mexicans in Hawai‘i,” hosted by Beth-Ann Kozlovich, Hawaii Public Radio, September 25, 2013.
- “Latinos Targeted Professor Says: Isles Cases Involving Mexicans Outstrip their Demographics” by Susan

Essoyan. Honolulu Star-Advertiser, October 1, 2012.
 Interview with Arthur Pais at *India Abroad* about *Unruly Immigrants*. *India Abroad*, January 12, 2007: A12-13.
 “Equally Speaking: Undocumented and Unafraid” hosted by Nathan Braulick, Ōlelo, March 18, 2012.
 “The Brian Lehrer Show: Four Years on,” National Public Radio, New York City, interview on the social impact of 9/11 on taxi drivers, September 9, 2005.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Ethnic Studies Department, UHM

2015 Organizing Committee, Oceanic Ethnic Studies Conference
 2013-2015 Department Personnel Committee
 2012-2013 Curriculum Committee
 2012 Organizer, Youth Empowerment Summit (February 23-29)
 2007-2008 Department Personnel Committee
 2008 (Fall) Graduate Program Planning Committee
 2003-2008 Curriculum Committee, Ethnic Studies

Department of Women’s Studies, UHM

2014 (Spring) Department Personnel Committee
 2009-2010 Joint Undergraduate Advisor
 2008-2009 Colloquium Series Coordinator
 2006-2008 Graduate Committee

School of Pacific and Asian Studies, UHM

2010-2016 Director, Center for South Asian Studies
 2010-2016 Department Personnel Committee, Asian Studies
 2012-2016 South Asia Caucus for Graduate Admissions, Asian Studies
 2003- Executive Committee, Center for South Asian Studies

UHM-wide

2011 (Fall) Faculty Personnel Committee, Advocacy Office to Chancellor
 2006-2007 Honors Council, UHM
 2004-2007 University of Hawai‘i Professional Assembly, Board of Directors

Syracuse University

1999-2002 Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology
 1999-2002 South Asia Center
 2000-2002 Global Affairs Institute, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs
 2000-2001 Curriculum Committee, “Gender and Globalization,” Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University
 1999-2002 Women’s Studies Advisory Committee, Syracuse University
 1999, 2000 Freshman Forum Faculty, Syracuse University

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate Courses: Introduction to Ethnic Studies (UHM)
 Introduction to Women’s Studies (UHM)
 Asian American Survey (UHM)
 South Asian Migrants: Culture and Politics (UHM)

Immigration to Hawai‘i and the United States (UHM)
Gender and Race in U.S. Society (UHM)
Women and Work (UHM)
Democracy in Organizations (UHM)
Race and Race Relations in the U.S. (Syracuse U)
Qualitative Research Methods (Syracuse U)

Graduate Courses: Race and Race Relations in the U.S. (Syracuse U)
Nation, Globalization, Liberation (Syracuse U)
Border Crossing: Social Transformations in a Global Era (Syracuse U)
Qualitative Methods and Methodology (Syracuse U)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

American Studies Association
American Sociological Association: Section membership: Asia and Asian America, Sex and Gender, Race, Class, Gender, and Racial and Ethnic Minorities
Association for Asian American Studies
Society For Women Sociologists