



*Forthcoming*. Licenses for Sale: nominal engagements with a corrupt state”. *Contexts*. Special Issue: Ethnographies of the Global South.

2018. “Where do all the lovers go? The cultural politics of public kissing in Mumbai, India” *Journal of Historical Sociology*, 31(4): 405-419.

2018. “Consuming Wellness, Producing Difference: the case of a wellness center in India” *Journal of Consumer Culture*, 18(3): 414-432.

- Honorable Mention, Graduate Student Paper Award, Body and Embodiment Section of the American Sociological Association 2017.

2015. Religious Nationalism in a Global Age: The Case of Hindu Nationalism. *Journal of Developing Societies*, 31(1): 125-146.

2013. Heteronormativity and Rape: Mapping the Construction of Gender and Sexuality in the Rape Legislations in India *International Journal of Criminal Justice Sciences*, 8(2): 248-264.

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

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- Co-editor and co-author of Introduction to Special Issue “Social Life of the State: encountering the state in everyday life” for *Qualitative Sociology*
- “Experiencing the state: potholes, speedbumps, and world-class roads in Hyderabad”. In progress.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

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2020. Behl, Natasha. (2019) Gendered Citizenship: understanding gendered violence in democratic India. Oxford University Press. *Gender and Society*.

2017. Anand, Nikhil. (2017) Hydraulic City: Water and the Infrastructures of Citizenship in Mumbai. Duke University Press. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 41(5).

2017. Nakassis, Constantine. V. (2016) Doing Style: Youth and Mass Mediation in South India. University of Chicago Press. *South Asia* 40 (1)

2017. Anjaria, Jonathan. (2016) The Slow Boil: Hawkers and Public Space in Mumbai. Stanford University Press. *South Asia History and Culture* 8 (1)

2016. Srivastava, Sanjay. (2015) Entangled Urbanism: Slum, Gated Community and Shopping Mall in Delhi and Gurgaon. Oxford University Press. *Journal of Urban Studies*, 53(12)

## **OTHER SELECT PUBLICATIONS**

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2020. "Home Is Where the Revolution Is" *Economic and Political Weekly*, 55(2).
2019. "Driver-Citizens and Technical Safety in India" (co-author). *Platypus*, blog of the Committee on the Anthropology of Science, Technology, and Computing (CASTAC).
2019. "Risky Choices: Women and Cabs in Hyderabad, India". *Public Books*.
2019. "India's Youth: Small Chances, Big Dreams". *Public Books*.
2019. "Driving Toward Development" *Sectors 8(1)*, Sociology of Development newsletter.
2018. "Why Moving to the US isn't the only 'escape option' for women" (co-author) *The Wire*
2016. "Of Latte Love and Kaapi Nirvana: the public life of coffee in India". *StandArt*.
2013. Honor Killings, Human Rights and the Law in India: the scope for a 'right to have rights' *Economic and Political Weekly*, 48(50): 129-132.
2013. Globalization and Hindu Nationalism: Some theoretical considerations *Journal of Politics and Governance*, 2 (3/4): 42-5.1

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS**

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- 2020 Fellow, Chicago Ethnography Incubator
- 2019 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Center for International Social Science Research (2019-2020)
- 2019 Dissertation Grant, Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago.
- 2019 Doctoral Fellow, Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, University of Chicago (declined)
- 2019 Residential Fellowship, Center for Study of Gender and Sexuality (declined)
- 2019 Travel Grant, Sociology of Development Conference. University of Notre Dame.
- 2019 Travel Grant, Graduate Council, University of Chicago
- 2019 Travel Grant, Center for Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago
- 2018 Travel Grant, Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago.
- 2017 Travel Grant, Urban Institute, University of Chicago
- 2017 Summer Fellowship, Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago
- 2016 Summer Fellowship, Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago
- 2016-17 Urban Fellow, Urban Institute, University of Chicago
- 2016-19 Social Sciences Research Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 2015-16 Lalitha Chandrasekhar Fellowship, University of Chicago (Donor award)
- 2014-15 Evelyn Kitagawa Scholarship, University of Chicago (Donor award)
- 2015 Travel Grant, Committee on Southern Asian Studies
- 2014 Institute Merit Prize, Indian Institute of Technology Madras  
Swati-Jayalakshmi Memorial Award, Indian Institute of Technology Madras
- 2012 Institute Merit Prize, Indian Institute of Technology Madras

## INVITED TALKS

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- 2020 Panel: “Book Salon for *Harassed: Gender, Bodies and Ethnographic Research*”.  
115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association.
- Guest Lecture: “An Ethnographic Approach to studying Urban Mobility”,  
Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University (for the undergraduate class  
ANTH 1a)

## CONFERENCES and PAPER PRESENTATIONS

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- 2020 “Masculinities on the move: experiencing gendered citizenship on the  
Hyderabadi road”
- 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia\*. University of Wisconsin-  
Madison. (Preconference: South Asia in Motion: mobility, movement,  
bodies). \* *canceled due to COVID-19*
- 2019 “Friendly Policing: traffic police as pedagogical agents of state authority”
- 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Sociological Society Conference. Boston, MA.
  - 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Midwestern Sociological Society Conference. Chicago, IL.
  - Annual Sociology of Development conference. Notre Dame, IN.
- “Navigating Risk, Safety, and Pleasure: of women and taxi-drivers in  
Hyderabad, India”
- Annual Conference of Association of Asian Studies-In-Asia. Bangkok,  
Thailand.
- “The Safety of Experience: road surfaces, traffic rules, and driving practices in  
Hyderabad, India”
- Annual Meeting of Society for Social Studies of Science (4S). New  
Orleans, LA.
- “It is gliding, like a bird”: of aspirations and inspirations on the Hyderabad  
metro
- Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers.  
Washington, DC.
- 2018 “Persuade or Punish?”: of technology, authority, and traffic in Hyderabad, India  
Presented at:
- 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin-  
Madison,  
WI. (Panel Organizer: *Pleasure, Punish, Panic: the social life of  
technology in India*)

- 2017 “Wake Up! Hyderabad: an analysis of road safety campaigns in Hyderabad, India”  
Presented at:
- 47<sup>th</sup> Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.
  - 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI. (*Panel Organizer: “Technologies and Mythologies of Mobility in South Asia”*)
- “Improvisational Disobedience – automobiles, risk and safety in Hyderabad, India”
- Humanities Day, University of Chicago, USA.
  - Urban Workshop, University of Chicago, USA (Fall '17)
- “We Match Better – an analysis of the marketing of online matrimonial websites”. Presented at:
- Gender and Sexuality Studies Working Group. University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- 2016 “Where Do All The Lovers Go? Class, Space and Intimacy in Mumbai.”  
Presented at:
- 41<sup>st</sup> Social Science History Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.
  - 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI.
  - Gender | Publics | Panics in the global South. University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
  - Midwest Popular Culture Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.
  - Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop, University of Chicago. Chicago, IL
- “Producing wellness, consuming difference – the case of a wellness center in India”  
at the 18<sup>th</sup> Chicago Ethnography Conference. DePaul University. Chicago, IL
- 2015 “Behave Yourself! – cultural politics of intimacy in public in Mumbai”.  
Presented at Feminist Preconference, 44<sup>th</sup> Annual South Asia Studies Conference. University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI.
- “Boundaries of wellness: the case of a wellness center in an urban city”.  
Presented at the Sixth Annual Spaces and Flows: International Conference on Urban and Extraurban studies. Chicago, IL.
- “Rebelling with Love: An analysis of the Kiss of Love protests in India”.  
Presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery (SISSI). Colorado State University Pueblo, Colorado

Springs, CO.

- 2014      “In-vitro fertilization in India: Negotiating motherhood, infertility and social diagnosis”. Presented at  
Chapter III of Studies in Indian Science, Technology, Environment, Management: Socio-Philosophical, Historical, Economic, Research Engagements (*SISTEM-SPHERE*). Indian Institute of Technology Madras. Chennai, India.
- 2013      “In-vitro fertilization in India: constructing gender and class.” Presented at:
- Annual International Studies Convention. Jawaharlal Nehru University. New Delhi, India.
  - Annual Conference of Association of Third World Studies. Indian Institute of Technology Madras. Chennai, India.
- “Heteronormativity, Rape and Law in India.” Presented at Development Research Day Conference. Lund University, Sweden.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- 2020      Lecturer  
Course: Sex and Gender in The City (Spring and Autumn 2020)  
Center for Study of Gender and Sexuality  
University of Chicago
- 2019      Teaching Assistant  
Course: Urban Structure and Process (Spring 2019)  
Dept of Sociology, University of Chicago  
Course Instructor: Omar McRoberts
- 2018      Teaching Assistant  
Course: Undergraduate Sociological Theory (Fall 2018)  
Dept of Sociology, University of Chicago  
Course Instructor: Andreas Glaeser
- 2017      Teaching Assistant  
Course: Sociology of Deviant Behavior (Fall 2017)  
Dept of Sociology, University of Chicago  
Course Instructor: Kristen Schilt
- 2016-17    Teaching Intern/Course Assistant  
The College, University of Chicago
- Courses: Self, Culture, and Society – I (Fall 2016)  
Course Instructor: Marco Garrido

Self, Culture, and Society – II (Winter 2017)  
Course Instructor: John MacAloon  
Self, Culture, and Society – III (Spring 2017)  
Course Instructor: Eugene Raikhel

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- 2012-13      Research Assistant and Summer Intern at Wadhvani Center for Entrepreneurship Development, Indian School of Business. Hyderabad, India.
- 2011-12      Research Assistant and Summer Intern at China Studies Center, Indian Institute of Technology Madras. Chennai, India.

## **PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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- 2020-21      Host, New Books Network podcast  
Organizer, Preconference on “South Asia in Motion”, 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia (canceled due to COVID-19)  
Reviewer, Cultural Anthropology
- 2019-21      Reviewer, American Journal of Sociology  
Reviewer, Gender and Society  
Reviewer, South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies  
Reviewer, Journal of Consumer Culture
- 2017-21      Member, American Sociological Association  
(Global and Transnational Sociology, Sociology of Development, Political Sociology, Body and Embodiment, Sex and Gender, Social Theory)
- 2018-19      Manuscript Board, American Journal of Sociology  
Reviewer, Journal of Consumer Culture
- 2017- 18      Committee Member, Fulbright Campus Committee, USA.  
Panel Organizer, 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia.  
Student Organizer, 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, USA.  
Reviewer, American Journal of Sociology
- 2016-17      Coordinator, South Asia Seminar, University of Chicago, USA.  
Coordinator, Theory and Praxis in South Asia, University of Chicago, USA.  
Reviewer, American Journal of Sociology
- 2015-16      Student Representative, Society for Social Research (SSR), University of Chicago  
Organizing Committee, Gender | Publics | Panics in the global South Conference  
Student Organizer, University of Chicago Sociology Spring Institute

2015 Student Organizer, Sixth Annual Conference of Spaces and Flows: International Conference of Urban and Extraurban Studies. Chicago, IL.

## **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

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- Strong organizational adaptability, and ability to work independently and in groups.
- Excellent communication skills – oral, written, and visual.
- Demonstrated data collection skills, as evidenced by several research projects undertaken.
- Dedicated to implementing successful short-term and long-term projects
- Possess strong critical thinking and complex problem solving skills
- Strong analytical skills using qualitative and quantitative data
- Attention to detail as demonstrated in work experience.
- Output-oriented approach, with an explicit focus on publishing research in public-facing and academic arenas.
- Take initiative and exhibit organizing enthusiasm, as manifest in the several panels and conferences I have co-organized.

## **LANGUAGES**

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English (reading and writing fluency); Hindi (reading and writing fluency); Telugu (oral fluency, writing intermediate); Odia (oral fluency, writing beginner); German (beginner)