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Curriculum Vitae

Smithsonian Institution
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Employment

Jan. 2011 – Jan. 2013	Museum Curator, Smithsonian Institution, Asian Pacific American Program, HomeSpun initiative (on leave from Oberlin College)
July 2008 – June 2009	Acting Chair, Department of Sociology
Spring 2007– present	Associate Professor of Sociology. Department of Sociology, courtesy appointment in Comparative American Studies, Oberlin College
Fall 2003– Spring 2007	Assistant Professor of Sociology. Department of Sociology. Courtesy appointment in Comparative American Studies. Oberlin College
Fall 2001– Spring 2003	Assistant Professor of Sociology. Department of Sociology/Anthropology Bucknell University. Lewisburg, PA 17837

Education

Jan. 2002	Ph.D., Department of Sociology, Cornell University
May, 1997	M.A. Department of Sociology, Cornell University
June, 1994	A.B. Department of Psychology, Carleton College; cum laude; graduated with Distinction

Research Interests

Asian American Studies; community formations; cultural sociology; diasporic studies; entrepreneurship; identity; immigrant adaptation; micro-sociology; museum studies; multiculturalism; race/ethnicity; racial, gender, and class stratification; religion; trans-nationalism.

Publications

Books

Forthcoming *Life Behind the Lobby: Indian American Motel Owners and the American Dream.* Stanford University Press. Spring 2012.

Under Contract *The Sociology of Asian Americans*. Polity Press. Co-authored with Robyn Rodriguez.

2007 *Managing Multicultural Lives: Asian American Professionals and the Challenge of Multiple Identities*. Stanford University Press.

*Awarded Honorable Mention, by the Association for Asian American Studies, for the 2007 Best Book in the Social Sciences.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Under Contract "Asian Americans in Ohio" (tentative title). *Asian America: a State-by State Encyclopedia*. To be published by Greenwood Press.

2011 "Post-9/11 Vacancies: Race, Economics, and South Asian America," *Asian American Literary Journal*, invited submission, v. 2, 1.5: 130-143.

2010 "Hospitable to Others: Asian Indian Motel Owners Create Boundaries and Belonging in the Heartland." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, v. 33, 6: 1088-1107.

2009 "Introduction to Special Issue on the Midwest," *Journal of Asian American Studies*, v. 12, 3: 239-246.

2009 "The Possibility of Community: How Indian American Motel Owners Negotiate Competition and Solidarity with Co-ethnics," *Journal of Asian American Studies*, v. 12, 3: 321-346.

2008 "Committed to Ethnicity, Committed to America: How Second-Generation Indian Americans' Ethnic Boundaries Further Their Americanisation," *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, v. 29, 1:41-63.

*Reprinted in *Transnational Migrations: The Indian Diaspora*, eds. William Safran, Ajaya Kumar Sahoo, and Brij Lal (New Delhi: Routledge, 2009).

2008 "Trying to Be Authentic, But Not Too Authentic: Second Generation Hindu Americans in Dallas, TX," *Immigrants Outside Megalopolis: Ethnic Transformation in the Heartland.* Richard C. Jones, ed. Lexington Books.

2004 "'We're Not a Korean American Church Anymore': Dilemmas in Constructing a Multi Racial Church Identity," *Social Compass*, v.51, 3:367-379.

2004 "Being American Between Black and White: Second Generation Asian American Professionals' Racial Identities," *Journal of Asian American Studies*, v.6, 2:117-147. (publication date 2003).

*Awarded "Research Paper Award" by the American Sociological Association section on Asia/Asian America for best article, for articles published 2004-2006.

2003 "The Second Generation in 'Big D': Korean American and Indian American Organizations in Dallas, TX," *Sociological Spectrum*, v. 23, 2:247-278.

*Nominated for "Best Article of the Year" for journal *Sociological Spectrum*.

2001 "Religious Involvement and Volunteering: Implications for Civil Society," with Penny E. Becker. *Sociology of Religion*, v.62, 3:315-335.

2000 "De-Privileging Positions: Indian Americans, South Asian Americans, and Politics of Asian American Studies," *Journal of Asian American Studies*, v.3, 1: 67-100. Shilpa Davé, Pawan Dhingra, Sunaina Maira, Partha Mazumdar, Lavina Shankar, Jaideep Singh, and Rajini Srikanth, authors.

<u>Book reviews</u>

Forthcoming "Review of Racial Middle: Latinos and Asian Americans Living Beyond the Racial Divide [by Elieen O'Brien]" *Journal of American Ethnic History*.

2011 "Review of The Store in the Hood: A Century of Ethnic Business and Conflict [by Steven J. Gold]" *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, v. 34, 10:1776-1777

2007 "Review of Unruly Immigrants: Rights, Activism, and Transnational South Asian Politics in the United States [by Monisha Das Gupta]" *Contemporary Sociology*, v.36, 5:432-433.

2005 "Review of 1.5 Generation: Becoming Korean American in Hawai`I [by Mary Danico]" *Journal of American Ethnic History*, v.24, 4:126-127.

2003 "Review of Asian American Dreams [by Helen Zia]" *Amerasia Journal*, v.29, 2:271-274.

2002 "Review of Locating Filipino Americans [by Rick Bonus]" *International Migration Review*, v.36, 2:604-606.

Awards, Fellowships, Grants, and Honors

2010 – 2011 Awarded a New Directions Initiative Grant from the Great Lakes College Association.

2009 Early Career Award from the American Sociological Association, section on Asia/Asian America.

2009 Guest Editor of *Journal of Asian American Studies*, v. 12, 3. Special issue on Asian American Studies in the Midwest.

2009 Awarded Research Status for the 2009-2010 academic year, Oberlin College.

2008 Awarded Grant-in-Aid, Oberlin College Office of Sponsored Programs.

2007 Awarded Grant-in-Aid, Oberlin College Office of Sponsored Programs.

2007 Awarded a Great Lakes College Association Collaborative Grant for the creation of the "Center for Immigration Studies" at Oberlin College

2006 Awarded the Andrew Delaney Fellowship in the Social Sciences, Oberlin College.

2005 Awarded Grant-in-Aid, Oberlin College Office of Sponsored Programs.

2004 Awarded Center for Service and Learning grant, Oberlin College, for pursuing service learning pedagogy.

2001 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University Graduate School.

2000 Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, Cornell University.

1997 - 1999 Religion and Family Project, Principle Research Assistant, Lilly Endowment grant.

1997, Summer Welfare to Work for Southeast Asian immigrants in California, Research Assistant. University of California at Los Angeles, Prof. Paul Ong, PI.

1995 – 1996 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University Graduate School.

Professional and Community Activities

2011 – 2013	Curator of the HomeSpun Initiative, Smithsonian Institution: an initiative documenting the history and contemporary experiences of Indian Americans. Leading the creation of the overall vision, exhibition, public programs, middle-school curriculum, permanent collection, fundraising, and community outreach. Budget of $2 million.
2010	Invited to serve on the Smithsonian, Asian Pacific American Program, Kellogg Exhibition Advisory Group. Washington D.C.
2010 – 2012	Invited to serve on the Committee on the Status of Racial & Ethnic Minorities in Sociology, for the American Sociological Association.
2009 – 2011	Board member of Oberlin Community Services, a local non-profit organization providing social services and direct assistance.
2008 – present	Advisor to Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies student majors, Oberlin College.
2008	Organizer and speaker at the Oberlin Poverty Symposium, a three day event to begin outreach to local communities and to educate others on local poverty.
2007 – 2008	Invited program committee co-chair for the 2008 annual conference of Association for Asian American Studies, Chicago, IL
2007 – 2009	Key founder and organizer for the Center for Immigration Studies, Oberlin College.
2006	Invited organizer of regular session panel on “Asian America” for the annual conference of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, CA.
2004 – present	Courtesy Appointment in the Comparative American Studies Program, Oberlin College
2005 – 2007	Elected as a council member to the American Sociological Association section on Asia and Asian America.
2005 – 2006	Co-chair, book award committee, Asia and Asian American Section, American Sociological Association

2004 – 2005 Invited program committee member for the 2005 annual conference of Association for Asian American Studies, Los Angeles, CA.

2002 Program Committee Co-Chair for the conference, "Color, Hair, and Bone: Race in the Twenty-First Century." Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA.

2001 Visiting Researcher at the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race, Columbia and University.

Invited Talks and Conference Participation

2012 Organizer, International Migration Section roundtables, American Sociological Association, Denver, CO.

2011 "Home is Where the Hotel Is: The Construction of Private Lives within Public Spaces," University of Pennsylvania, Asian American Studies Program.

2011 "Post-9/11 Vacancies: Race, Economics, and South Asian America," Library of Congress, for "Sept. 11, 2001: A Retrospective."

2011 South Asian Journalists Association convention, South Asians Changing America panel discussion. New York City, NY.

2011 Racism, American Identities, and World Cultures in the 21st Century, panel discussion. Montgomery College, MD.

2011 "'I Want All Non-Indian Employees; Women Are Preferable': The Uses and Denials of Race, Gender, and Culture by Indian American Entrepreneurs." City University of New York, Graduate Center, Department of Sociology.

2010 "Leaving the Light On and the Curry Off: Life in the Indian-American Owned Motel." Pomona College and Pacific Basin Institute.

2010 "Different Versions of the Same: The Identity Performances and Adaptation of Immigrant Communities." Loyola University, Department of Sociology.

2010 Workshop panelist, "Apuleius and Africa" international conference, Oberlin College.

2009 "Getting Ahead by Giving In: Asian Indian Motel Owners Create Opportunity within Hierarchies." Dartmouth College, Department of Sociology.

2009 "Accepting Hierarchies to Overcome Them: Race, Ethnicity, and Entrepreneurship for Asian Indian Motel Owners." Kent State University, Department of Sociology.

2008 "When Foreigners Make Natives Feel at Home: Asian Indian Motel Owners in the Midwest." Talks by Faculty, Oberlin College.

2008 "The Changing Face of Asian Americans." Keynote Address to the Asian Summit by the Asian Community Alliance. Inc. Cincinnati, OH.

2008 "Race and Culture in the Workplace." Lecture, via teleconference, to the United States Department of Agriculture.

2008 Respondent to "Aggregate Architectural History" Conference, Oberlin College.

2007 "The Margins in the Mainstream: Asian Americans' Identity Management at Work." University of Texas, Austin, Center for Asian American Studies and the Department of Sociology.

2006 Organizer and Chair for panels "Asian America: Beyond Expected Communities" and "Asian America: Revisiting Classic Debates." American Sociological Association annual conference, Montreal.

2004 "Fortunate Luck of Bad Timing: Effects of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 on Asian America," Oberlin College.

2003 Discussant for panel, "Asian Americans: Institutions and Identities." American Sociological Association annual conference, Atlanta.

2002 Chair and discussant for panel, "South Asian America." East of California conference of the Association for Asian American Studies, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH.

Conference Presentations

2011 "Object"ifying Asian America: Physical Representations and Strategic Performances," Association for Asian American Studies, New Orleans, LA.

2011 "Seeking Liberation, Navigating Hierarchies: Deconstructing Immigrant Entrepreneurs' Success within U.S. Hyper-capitalism," Critical Ethnic Studies conference, UC Riverside, CA.

2010 Chair and discussant, "The State of South Asian American Studies," Association for Asian American Studies, Austin, TX.

2009 "Embracing Neo-liberalism, Longing For Citizenship: How Asian Indian Entrepreneurs Advance Their Belonging and Marginalization." American Studies Association annual conference, Washington, DC.

2009 "The Possibility of Community: How Indian American Motel Owners Negotiate Competition and Solidarity." American Sociological Association annual conference, San Francisco, CA.

2009 "The Post-Colonial Motel: The Indian Diaspora, Colonialism, and the U.S. Roadside Motel." Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin at Madison.

2009 "I Own Myself: Second-Generation Asian Indian Entrepreneurs Reconcile Racism and the 'American Dream.'" Association for Asian American Studies annual conference, Honolulu, HI.

2008 Chair and organizer, "Faith in a Time of Empire: Religion and Asian American Studies" Association for Asian American Studies annual conference, Chicago, IL.

2008 Chair and organizer, "The Heart(land) of Asian America: Approaches in the Midwest," Association for Asian American Studies annual conference, Chicago, IL.

2007 "Forming Community Far from Fellow Immigrants: How Middleman Minorities Create a Home in Ohio as Neither Immigrants Nor Minorities." American Sociological Association annual conference, New York, NY.

2007 "Living Next to a Burger King: Indian American Motel Owners and the Neo-Liberalist Dilemma of Space, Work, and Belonging." Association for Asian American Studies annual conference, New York, NY.

2007 "Committed to Ethnicity, Committed to the State: How Indian Americans Further their Americanization as they Further Ethnic Ties." International conference "Globalization and Diaspora." Centre for the Study of Indian Diaspora and Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, India.

2006 Panelist on opening session of the Biennial Asian/Pacific American Midwest student conference, "Third World Liberation Front, Ethnic Studies, and the Beginnings of Transglobal People of Color Organizing." Oberlin College.

2006 "We Like it Here: How Indian Americans Motel Owners in Ohio Construct Community." East of California conference of the Association for Asian American Studies, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

2006 "Checking In at the Immigrant Business: Indian American Motel Owners' Use of Stratified Labor." American Sociological Association annual conference, Montreal, Canada.

2006 "What's New in Cultural Scripts?" Eastern Sociological Association annual conference, Boston, MA.

2005 "Searching for Authenticity, Americanized: Challenges to Temples by Second Generation Indian Americans." Association for Asian American Studies annual conference, Los Angeles, CA.

2005 Organizer and Chair for panel, "South Asian Americans, the State, and Pursuit of Social Justice." Association for Asian American Studies annual conference, Los Angeles, CA.

2005 Chair for panel, "Race and U.S. Wars in Asia." Association for Asian American Studies annual conference, Los Angeles, CA.

2004 "Bridging Multiple Identities: Immigrants Manage Cultural Scripts Across Work and Home." American Sociological Association annual conference, San Francisco, CA.

2004 "'We're Not a Korean American Church Anymore': Dilemmas in Constructing a Multi-Racial Church Identity." Association for Asian American Studies annual conference, Boston, MA.

2004 "Multicultural Lives: Managing Identity Conflict Among Immigrant Minorities." Couch-Stone Winter Symposium, Vancouver, BC.

2003 "Dis-Comfort Inn: Indian American Hotel Owners in the Deep South." Association for Asian American Studies annual conference, San Francisco, CA.

2002 "Creating Multiculturalism: Asian American Religious Organizations Negotiate Race and Religion." Association of the Scientific Study of Religion annual conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

2002 "Minorities with a Minority Religion: Indian American Hindus' Responses to Religious and Racial Discrimination." Color, Hair, and Bone: Race in the Twenty-First Century conference, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA.

2002 "Racial Communities between Black and White: Second Generation Asian Americans' Make Sense of their Racial Status." American Sociological Association annual conference, Chicago, IL.

1999 "Identity within Public and Private Structures: An Examination of Asian Indian British Youth Identity Practices." American Sociological Association annual conference, Chicago, IL.

Editorial and Review Activities

2009 – present Editorial Board member of *Journal of Asian American Studies*.

2009, 2007 Reviewed National Science Foundation grant proposals.

2008 Invited editor on the topics of Migration and of Race and Ethnicity for The Social Issues Collection: A Routledge/University Readers Custom Library for Teaching.

2007 Reviewed book proposal for Polity Press.

2004 Reviewed *Asian Americans: Contemporary Issues and Trends* for Sage Publications.

Occasional reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology; Du Bois Review; Equity and Excellence in Education; Ethnic and Racial Studies; Gender Issues; Identities; International Review of Comparative Sociology; Journal of Intercultural Studies; Qualitative Sociology; Social Problems; Sociological Forum; Sociological Perspectives; Sociological Quarterly.*

Professional Associations Memberships

American Sociological Association

Sections: Asia and Asian America; International Migration; Organizations, Occupations, and Work; Race and Ethnicity; Sociology of Culture.

American Studies Association

Association of Asian American Studies

College Art Association

South Asian Journalists Association

Teaching Experience

- Social Justice in the United States – A first year, writing intensive seminar that investigates various types of contemporary social injustice and the complicated responses necessary to them. The course also includes a community-based service learning component.

- Introduction to Sociology – Lecture-based class designed to acquaint students with the breadth of sociological topics, with emphasis on main theories and methodologies. Research projects are included.

- Contemporary Asian American Experience – Lecture and discussion-oriented class on the role of Asian Americans in the state and in race relations, as well as on internal dynamics within communities and on transnational ties.

- Race and Ethnicity – Lecture and discussion-oriented class on theories of racial and ethnic relations in the U.S., with concentration on the social construction of race as pertaining to the five major racial groups, and on contemporary debates.

- Constructing Immigrant Communities – Discussion-based class with mostly upper-level students. It concentrates on the adaptation and race relations of current immigrant minorities, tensions within immigrant communities, and their relationship to U.S. hierarchies, trans-nationalism, and gender dynamics.

- Race, Gender, Sexuality and Identity – Upper-level seminar on the creation and negotiation of various identities in cultural and political contexts, from an inter-disciplinary perspective.

- Beyond Margins vs. Mainstream – Upper-level seminar that combines social psychological, cultural, and stratification theories to examine how individuals manage competing notions of identity, with implications for stratification hierarchies. Students build up towards a final research paper due at the end of the semester.