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Associate Professor and Chair (on sabbatical leave, 2012-2013)

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PRESENT APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and International Studies Program, The City College of New York, CUNY

Chair (elected), Department of Sociology, The City College of New York, CUNY

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, The Graduate Center, CUNY

EDUCATION

2001 Columbia University, New York, NY

Ph.D. Sociology

Dissertation title: Shopkeepers, Diamond Dealers, and Doctors: Networks of Inclusion and Exclusion among Asian Indian Immigrants in New York and London

Dissertation adviser: Charles Tilly, Department of Sociology, Columbia University

1998 M. Phil., Sociology

1995 M.A., Sociology

1990 Goucher College, Baltimore, MD

B.A., Psychology and Spanish

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Extramural funding:

pending co-Principal Investigator (with Karen Hubbard, P.I.), National Science Foundation ADVANCE grant, The City College of New York, **\$750,000**, 2013-2016

2006-2008 co-Principal Investigator (with Anthony Orum, P.I.), National Science Foundation (2006-0865), Project Title: "Ethnic Communities in Chicago: A Study of their Formation and Influence" **\$338,170**

1998-1999 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (SBR-98-11138)
Project Title: Asian Indian Immigrants in New York and London: A Study of
Transnational Labor Migration, **\$7,336.00**

Intramural funding:

2012 City College of New York Faculty Travel Award, for travel to the Annual Meeting of the
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, MIT, Boston, MA, college-wide
competitive award, **\$1000**

2010-2011 PSC CUNY Research Award, “Modern Migrations: Gujarati Indian Networks in New
York and London,” **\$1,800**

2009-2010 PSC CUNY Research Award, “The Formation of Ethnic Communities in Chicago,”
\$3,516.28

2008-2009 PSC CUNY Research Award, “Global Networks and Niches,” **\$4,526.50**

2007-2008 PSC CUNY Research Award, “Ethnic Communities in Chicago,” **\$4,625.41**

Fellowships and Honors:

2008 Outstanding Female Faculty of the City College of New York, selected and exhibited by
the CCNY Library for Women's History Month

2005-2006 Fellow, Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society

2001-2003 Postdoctoral Fellow, Population Division, Ethnic and Hispanic Statistics Branch, U.S.
Census Bureau, Washington, D.C.

1999-2001 Graduate Fellow, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy,
Columbia University, New York, NY

1995-1998 University Professors' Fellow, Columbia University, New York, NY
Andrew W. Mellon Scholar, New York, NY

RESEARCH

2006-present co-Principal Investigator, “Ethnic Communities in Chicago: A Study of their Formation
and Influence” National Science Foundation, Research on four ethnic communities in
metropolitan Chicago (with Anthony Orum, University of Illinois at Chicago and
Kiljoong Kim, University of Illinois at Chicago).

2003-2009 Contractor, Immigration Statistics Staff, U.S. Census Bureau

Co-Project Director, Migrant Life History Project, Multi-city study of immigrants funded by the Office of Immigration Statistics (DHS) to evaluate and improve existing survey questions on the foreign born for Census Bureau surveys.
Performed cognitive testing on foreign-born populations in Chicago for American Community Survey development.

- 1999-2000 Graduate Research Assistant, Columbia University, New York, NY
GRA to Jonathan Cole, Provost, Columbia University
- 1997-1998 Research Associate II, Family Studies Unit/HRRP/UCLA, New York, NY
Longitudinal study on families living with AIDS. Principal Investigator: Mary Jane Rotheram-Borus, University of California, Los Angeles
- 1995-1998 Graduate Research Assistant, Columbia University, New York, NY
GRA to Robert K. Merton, University Professor Emeritus, Columbia University
GRA to Harriet A. Zuckerman, Senior Vice President, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, New York, NY

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND TEACHING

- 1/2011- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, The City College of New York and the Graduate Center, CUNY (with tenure beginning 9/2011)
- 4/2010- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, The Graduate Center, CUNY
- 2006-2010 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and International Studies Program, City College of New York, CUNY
Courses taught: Classical Sociological Theory, Honors Senior Seminar and Thesis (International Studies), Immigration, Immigration and the European Union, Race and Ethnicity in International Perspective, Senior Seminar (International Studies), Social Foundations of International Studies
- 2006-2009 Affiliate, CUNY Institute for Demographic Research, New York, NY
- 2003-2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Illinois Institute of Technology
Courses taught: Introduction to Sociology, Globalization, Race and Ethnicity in International Perspective, Research Methods, Social and Political Thought, Urban Sociology
- 2001-2002 Adjunct Faculty, Department of Sociology, New School University, New York, NY
Courses taught: Fundamentals of Urban Sociology
- 2000 Instructor, State University of New York, Empire State College, Department of Labor Studies, New York, NY, Courses taught: Race, Class, and Gender

RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative sociology
Economic sociology
Development
Globalization
Inequality
International migration and diaspora
Qualitative methods
Race and Ethnicity
Social Networks
Social Theory
Urban sociology
Work and labor markets

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

forthcoming. *Key Concepts in Migration* (with David Bartram and Pierre Monforte), advanced contract with SAGE Publications, to be published in 2013.

2011 *Modern Migrations: Gujarati Indian Networks in New York and London*, Palo Alto, CA: Stanford University Press. (released 25 October 2010)
Reviewed positively in: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Law*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Quarterly*, *Social Forces*

Reprinted in 2012 in India by Orient BlackSwan, Hyderabad, India

Articles and book chapters:

forthcoming. "India, Migrants to British Africa," in Ness, Immanuel, editor, *Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration*, Wiley Blackwell Publishers, to be published in February 2013.

forthcoming. "Asian-Indians in America, 1900-1940," in Barkan, Elliot, editor, *Immigrants in American History: Arrival, Adaptation, and Integration*, ABC-Clio, to be published in November 2012.

forthcoming. "Asian Indians in America, 1940-2010," in Barkan, Elliot, editor, *Immigrants in American History: Arrival, Adaptation, and Integration*, ABC-Clio, to be published in November 2012.

2008 "A Social Networks Approach to Migrant Mobilization in Southern Europe," *American Behavioral Scientist*, special issue on Mediterranean Political Processes, 51(11):

1611-1626.

- 2004 “Networks of Inclusion and Exclusion in the Economic Concentrations of Asian Indian Immigrants in New York and London.” in DiTomaso, Nancy and Corinne Post, eds. Diversity in the Workforce in *Research in the Sociology of Work*, v. 14, 35-61. Elsevier.
- 2001 “The Role of Migrant Networks in Linking Local Labour Markets: The Case of Asian Indian Migration to New York and London,” *Global Networks*, 1(3): 243-259.

Government reports:

- 2008 (with Kuan-Yi Chen) “The Character and Patterns of Migration Flows to the United States: Results from the Migrant Life History Project.” For Immigration Statistics Staff, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.
- 2005 (with Anthony M. Orum) “Cognitive Testing of Proposed International Migration Questions for the American Community Survey.” For Immigration Statistics Staff, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

Book reviews:

- forthcoming Review of *The Migration Debate* by Sara Spencer, *Political Quarterly*.
- 2012 Review of *Inheriting the City: The Children of Immigrants Come of Age*, by Philip Kasinitz, John H. Mollenkopf, Mary C. Waters, and Jennifer Holdaway, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, vol. 36, 6, November.
- 2009 Review of *Backlash 9/11: Middle Eastern and Muslim Americans respond*, by Anny Bakalian and Mehdi Bozorgmehr, *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, 11(3): 333-37
- 2006 Review of *The Goddess Lives in Upstate New York: Breaking Convention and Making Home at a North American Hindu Temple*, by Corinne Dempsey, *Journal for the Study of Religion*, vol. 45, no. 4, pp. 627-28.
- 2006 Review of *In a New Land: A Comparative View of Immigration*, by Nancy Foner, *International Migration Review*, vol. 40, no.2, pp. 461-62.
- 2004 Review of *Remaking the American Mainstream: Assimilation and Contemporary Immigration*, by Richard Alba and Victor Nee, *City and Community*, 3:4, December, pp. 425-27.
- 2001 Review of *Migration, Transnationalization & Race in a Changing New York*, edited by Héctor Cordero-Guzmán, Robert C. Smith, and Ramón Grosfoguel, *Journal of American Ethnic History*, Winter, pp. 121-123.

Other writings:

- 2011 Migrant Social Networks: Vehicles for Migration, Integration, and Development, *Migration Policy Institute*, Washington, D.C.
<http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?ID=833>
reprinted in *Global Faultlines* (UK), *Immigration Daily* (US), December 18 (Belgium), American Immigration Policy Portal, Immigration Research and Information, Migrant's Rights Watch, Social Network Analysis and Mining (University of Hong Kong)...
- 2004 (with Elizabeth Needham). "The Writings of Robert K. Merton" *Social Studies of Science*, 34(6): 863-878.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2012 Author-meets-critics, *Modern Migrations: Gujarati Indian Networks in New York and London*, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, MIT, Boston, MA, Critics: Susan Eckstein, Boston University, Natasha Iskander, New York University, and Dani Lainer-Vos, University of Southern California
- 2011 The Graduate Center, CUNY Immigration Conference, New York, NY Discussant: Economic and Social Networks
- 2011 Immigration Seminar Series, The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY
Book talk: *Modern Migrations: Gujarati Indian Networks in New York and London*
- 2009 International Public Service Association, New York University, New York, NY
Moderator: Migration Workshop on Transnational Connections
- 2008 Immigration Seminar Series, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY
Discussant: Ethnic Solidarity for Economic Survival, by Pyong Gap Min
- 2008 Alwan for the Arts, New York, NY
Panel Discussant, The Truth about Immigration
- 2006 8th Annual Chicago Area Ethnography Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Panel Discussant, Conversations on Culture, Authenticity, and Place
- 2006 U.S. Census Bureau and the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics, Immigration Statistics: Methodology and Data Quality, Alexandria, VA.
"Cognitive Testing of Proposed International Migration Questions for the American Community Survey"
- 2005 McCormick Theological Seminary, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
The Ethics of Globalization, Panel Discussion on Globalization, Employment, and Poverty
- 2004 Human Rights Workshop, International Studies Center, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

“Migration and the Problem of Citizenship in Southern Europe”

- 2003 Department of Sociology, University of Illinois, Chicago, Chicago, IL
“Who Migrates?: Selectivity and Social Networks of Indian Immigrants in New York and London”
- 2003 Contentious Politics and Economic Opportunity Structure, meeting in honor of Charles Tilly, University of Crete, Rethymno, Crete, Greece. “The 'New' Migration in Southern Europe”
- 2003 Migration Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.
Panel Discussion on “Census 2010 and the Foreign Born: Averting the Data Crisis”
- 2002 Migration Speaker Series, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, D.C.
“A Relational Account of Migration and Migrant Networks: Evidence from the Life Histories of Asian Indian Immigrants in New York and London”
- 1999 City University of New York Graduate Center, New York, NY
Graduate Seminar, “Immigrant Cities in the U.S.,” Professor Mehdi Bozorgmehr
“The Effect of Social Networks on the Transnational Activity of Asian Indian Immigrants in New York City”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2007 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Copenhagen, Denmark
“Social Remittances as Long-Distance Nationalism: Hindus and Jains in the Diaspora”
- 2007 Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA
Panel Discussant: Culture and Politics in Eastern Europe
- 2006 American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada
“Varieties of Hindu Nationalism in the Diaspora,” (accepted, but not delivered)
- 2006 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Trier, Germany
“Challenging the ethnic model of citizenship in Southern Europe”
- 2005 International Society for the Sociology of Religion, Zagreb, Croatia
“Global Religion and Ethnic Identity among Gujarati Indians in New York and London”
- 2005 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Budapest, Hungary
“Labor Narratives of Undocumented Immigrants in the United States: Evidence from the Migrant Life History Project”
- 2004 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Washington, D.C.
Moderator- Race and Global Inequality

- 2004 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Washington, D.C.
“Networks of Inclusion and Exclusion in the Economic Concentrations of Asian Indians Immigrants in New York and London”
- 2004 Conference on Chicago Research and Policy, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Discussant, Research Panel: Voice and Agency in the Lives of Chicago Immigrants
- 2003 American Statistical Association, San Francisco, CA
“Towards a North American Migration Survey: Lessons Learned from the Migrant Life History Project” (paper presented by Kevin Deardorff, U.S. Census Bureau)
- 2002 American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL
“A Relational Account of Migration and Migrant Networks”
- 2001 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Amsterdam, Netherlands
“Networks of Inclusion and Exclusion among Asian Indian Transnational Entrepreneurs in New York and London”
- 2001 American Association of Geographers, New York, NY
“Inheriting Occupational Niches in the Second Generation: Asian Indians in NY and London”
- 1999 American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL
“The Formation and Evolution of Transnational Networks: The Case of Asian Indian Migration to New York”
- 1998 Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY
“Suburban Homeownership among Asian Indians in the New York City Region: Assimilation or Class Expression?”

MEDIA COVERAGE

Quoted in Schouten, Fredreka, “Students of Indian ancestry emerge as academic stars,”
Gannett News Service, June 16, 2003.

ABC's Channel 7 program, “Sanctuary,” March 20, 2005, featured the “Ethics of Globalization” panel discussion on Globalization, Employment, and Poverty sponsored by McCormick Theological Seminary affiliated with the University of Chicago.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

City College of New York, CUNY:
Chair, Department of Sociology, 2012-2015 (elected, on sabbatical 2012-2013)
Acting Chair, Department of Sociology, 2011-2012 (elected)
Facilitator, Social Science Faculty Seminar, 2009-2010 (division-wide)

International Studies Faculty Search Committee, 2008-2009 (departmental)
Mentor, City College Fellowships Program (college-wide)
Mentor, CUNY BA Program (CUNY-wide)
Sociology Faculty Search Committee, 2007-09 (departmental)
Student Retention Committee, 2007-09 (college-wide)
Thesis Advisor, M.A. Program, Sociology (departmental)
Women's Studies Executive Committee (divisional)
Ph.D. Dissertation External Committee member for Kiljoong Kim, University of Illinois, Chicago
Invited Panelist, Race and Immigration, sponsored by the International Studies Club, CCNY

Illinois Institute of Technology:
Dean of Libraries Search Committee, 2005
Faculty Search Committee, Department of Social Sciences, 2003, 2005
Faculty and Scholarship Adviser, Alpha Sigma Alpha, 2004-2006
Humanities Graduate Program Evaluation, 2005-06
Julia Beveridge Award Committee, 2005
Undergraduate Studies Curriculum Committee, 2003-2006

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Memberships and Service:

American Sociological Association
 International Migration Section, Chair, graduate student paper award 2007
 Community and Urban Sociology Section
Eastern Sociological Society
International Society for the Sociology of Religion
Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies (formerly *Journal of Southern Europe and the Balkans*),
 book reviews editor and editorial board member
Modern Greek Studies Association
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
 Co-organizer, 2004, Race and Ethnicity Research Network
 Organizer, 2005-2007, Race, Ethnicity and Immigration Research Network
 Co-organizer, 2008-present, Race, Ethnicity and Immigration Research Network

Manuscript and Research Proposal Reviewer for:

British Journal of Industrial Relations
City and Community
Debatte
Ethnic and Racial Studies
GeoForum
Global Networks
Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies
Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies
National Science Foundation, Sociology Program

Other Service:

Judge, “Celebrate America” 5th grade creative writing contest on “Why I’m Glad America Is a Nation of Immigrants,” sponsored by the American Immigrant Lawyers Association, Chicago chapter, and the American Immigration Law Foundation

LANGUAGES

Greek: reading, writing, speaking proficiency

Spanish: reading, writing, speaking proficiency