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Education

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Political Science 1992-8
PhD Political Science August 1998. MA Political Science May 1993
Subfields: Comparative Politics and International Relations
Minors: Politics of Cultural Pluralism and South Asian Studies
Dissertation: Identity and Identification: Affirmative Action in India and the United States
Committee: Crawford Young (advisor), Leigh Payne, Richard Merelman, Robert Frykenberg
Languages: Hindi and Urdu

Lawrence University 1987-1991
BA *summa cum laude*, majors in government and music (violin), Phi Beta Kappa
Languages: Marathi and French

Academic Employment

Associate Professor with tenure. University of Cincinnati Department of Political Science 2004-present.
Assistant Professor. 1998-2004.
Undergraduate Director 2006-2009.
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies and Asian Studies Program.

Rapporteur. United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), "International Seminar on Ethnic Diversity and Public Policy." New York, Sept 1994. Contributed comparative papers on electoral systems and affirmative action; drafted final report for consideration at 1995 UN Social Summit.

Publications

Identity and Identification in India: Defining the Disadvantaged. London and New York: Routledge Curzon 2003, reissued in paper by Routledge 2009.

With Harita Patel. "India's democracy: Success against the odds," in *Achieving Democracy: Democratization in theory and practice*, edited by Mary Malone, Continuum Books, 2011.

"Caste Discrimination and Reservations." In *Hinduism and Law: An Introduction*. ed. by Donald Davis, Timothy Lubin and Jayanth Krishnan. Cambridge University Press, 2010.

"Diversity and the Constitution in India: What is Religious Freedom?" *Drake Law Review* 57, 4 (summer 2009) pp. 913-947.

"Legal Limits on Religious Conversion in India," *Law and Contemporary Problems* 71, 2 (spring 2008) pp. 109-127.

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"Women's empowerment through religious conversion: Voices of Buddhists in Nagpur, India" in Manu Bhagavan and Anne Feldhaus, eds. *Speaking truth to power: Religion, caste, and the subaltern question in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2008.

"True Believers? Agency and Sincerity in Representations of 'Mass Movement' Converts in 1930s India" in Dennis Washburn and A. Kevin Reinhart, eds. *Converting Cultures: Religion, Ideology and Transformations of Modernity*, Leiden, Boston: Brill, 2007.

With Theano Terkenli and Marcia Bellas "Tourism impacts on local life: Socio-cultural continuity and change in Crete." *Aegean Geographical Journal*, 16, 1-2 (2007) pp. 37-52.

"Race, Caste and Justice: Social Science Categories and Antidiscrimination Policies in India and the United States." *Connecticut Law Review* 36, 3 (spring 2004) pp. 747-85.

"Another 'People of India' Project: Colonial and National Anthropology," *Journal of Asian Studies* 62, 4 (Nov. 2003). pp. 1143-1170.

"Becoming Backward: Preferential Policies and Religious Minorities in India." *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics* 39, 2 (July 2001) pp. 32-50.

"Personal Law and Reservations: Volition and Religion in Contemporary India" in Gerald J. Larson, ed. *Religion and Personal Law in Contemporary India: A call to judgment*, Delhi: Social Science Press and Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2001.

"Caste, Class and Islam: Debating the Boundaries of Backwardness in India." *Eastern Anthropologist* 53, 3-4 (July-Dec. 2000) pp. 327-39.

"Competing Inequalities: The Struggle over Reserved Legislative Seats for Women in India's Parliament." *International Review of Social History* 44, 7 (1999) pp. 53-75.

"Preferential Policies for Disadvantaged Ethnic Groups: Employment and Education" in Crawford Young, ed. *Ethnic Diversity and Public Policy: A Comparative Inquiry*. Macmillan Press, 1998.

Consulting Editor

India and Pakistan: Opposing Viewpoints. San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 2003.

Encyclopedia articles

"Indian Nationalism from Independence to the Present," in *Nations and Nationalisms: A Global Historical Overview*. Guntram H. Herb and David H. Kaplan, eds. ABC-CLIO, 2008.

"Caste," *Encyclopedia of Law and Society*. Thousand Oaks: Sage, 2006.

"Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and the Buddhist Dalits," *Encyclopedia of India*. Stanley Wolpert, ed. Macmillan-Gale, 2005.

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“Women, Gender and the Constitutions of South Asian States,” *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, vol. 2. Suad Joseph, ed. Brill Academic Publishers, 2005.

Book Reviews

With Lisa Kissopoulos, a review of *The State of India's Democracy* ed. by Sumit Ganguly, Larry Diamond and Marc F. Plattner for *Journal of Asian Studies*, 68, 1 (Feb 2009) pp. 313-15.

Review of Arvind Sharma. *Reservation and Affirmative Action: Models of Social Integration in India and the United States* for *Journal of Asian Studies* 66, 2 (May 2007) pp. 583-5.

Review of Steven Wilkinson. *Votes and Violence: Electoral Competition and Ethnic Riots in India* for *Journal of Asian Studies* 64, 2 (May 2005) pp. 508-9.

Review of Atul Kohli, ed. *The Success of India's Democracy* for *Journal of Asian Studies* 62, 4 (Nov. 2003) pp. 1281-3.

Review of Ashutosh Varshney. *Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life: Hindus and Muslims in India* for *Comparative Political Studies* 36, 4 (May 2003) pp. 467-70.

Forthcoming:

“Scheduled Castes, Christians and Muslims: The politics of macro-majorities and micro-minorities,” for *Minority Studies*, edited by Rowena Robinson, Oxford University Press. (peer review completed)

In progress:

With Michele Moses, *Global Affirmative Action in Higher Education*. (co-edited volume under contract with Routledge)

Fellowships and Grants

University Research Council \$25,000 interdisciplinary grant with Michael Romanos (Planning) and Flavia Bastos (Art) for “Use of the Arts as a Stimulus for Economic Growth: Strategies for Sustainable Economic Development and Cultural Preservation” (research in Indonesia), 2009-2010.

Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Fellow 2009-10 for research on religion and politics.

Fulbright New Century Scholar, \$37,000 for research in India and South Africa on access and equity in higher education, 2007-8.

NEH grant to participate in summer institute “Diversity and Debates in Islam” June-July 2004.

Dartmouth Humanities Institute Fellowship for research and participation in interdisciplinary institute “Converting Cultures: Religion, Ideology and Transformations of Modernity” Sept.-Dec. 2002.

Charles P. Taft Research Center grant for sabbatical research (2006), summer research fellowships (2000, 2002), and several travel grants. Three University of Cincinnati Women's Studies travel grants.

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University of Cincinnati Faculty Development Council group grants for collaborative research on sustainable development (1999) and for case writing about human rights (2000) and individual grant to learn about oral history methodology (2011).

Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship, United States Institute of Peace, Sept. 1997- Aug. 1998.

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Scholarships, Jan.-May 1997, Sept. 1994- June 1995.

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, for research in India, Dec. 1995-Dec. 1996.

University Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, Sept. 1992-May 1993.

Conference papers since 2004

“A college of one’s own: Historically Dalit colleges and the value of minority institutions,” Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 23, 2011.

“Conversion as seduction: Islamophobia in the law and media,” Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 15, 2010.

“Bigamist converts and Romeo jihadis! Renegades and victims in conversion narratives and policies,” National Women’s Studies Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 14, 2009.

“Access programs in Indian and South African Universities: Beyond Caste and Race?” Réseau d’Etude sur l’Enseignement Supérieur (RESUP) Conference on “Inequalities in Higher Education and Research,” Université de Lausanne, Observatoire Science, Politique et Société, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, June 18-20, 2009. (funded by US Dept. of State and conference organizers)

“‘Backward classes’ and ‘creamy layers’: Intersectionality in Indian Affirmative Action,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 28, 2009. (also panel organizer)

“Socioeconomic affirmative action: Innovations from India,” Ninth International Conference on Education Research (ICER), Education Research Institute, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea, Oct. 28, 2008.

“Complicating caste-based affirmative action in India: Disadvantage and diversity rationales,” American Educational Research Association, New York, March 24, 2008.

“Affirmative action in higher education in India: Access and equity?” Comparative and International Education Society, Columbia University, New York, March 19, 2008.

“Defining the disadvantaged for affirmative action in India: Recent Supreme Court decisions” and “Legal limits on religious conversion in India.” Law and Society Association, Baltimore, July 6-7, 2006.

“Empowerment of Dalit women: Institutional and ideological approaches.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Oct. 8, 2005.

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“Political and religious apostasy: Lower caste religious conversions from Hinduism.” American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Nov. 22, 2004.

“Buddhist revival and modernity in India: The politics of identity change.” Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, March 5, 2004.

“‘I will not die a Hindu’: Mass conversion as resistance to state-imposed identities in India, 1935-1956.” American Historical Association, Washington D.C. Jan. 8-11, 2004.

Invited lectures at other universities since 2006

“The intersection of caste, class, religion and gender in South Asian politics” for “Women’s representation: A global perspective,” a roundtable at Xavier University, Cincinnati, March 29, 2011.

“Caste and religion,” “Indian democracy, political parties and caste,” and “Reservations and affirmative action,” University of Iowa, “Democracy and the Persistence of Casteism in South Asia: A Workshop,” Feb 17-19, 2011.

“Diversity and the Constitution in India: What is Religious Freedom?” Drake University School of Law Constitutional Law Center Symposium, “Global Perspectives on Religion, the State and Constitutionalism,” April 4, 2009.

“Affirmative action and reservations in higher education: US and India,” Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Pune, India, March 20, 2008.

“Affirmative action and reservations,” Philosophical Society, St. Stephen’s College, University of Delhi, India, Jan. 18, 2008.

“The Expansion of Reservations in Indian Higher Education in Comparison with the United States,” University of Mumbai, Department of Civics and Politics, Oct. 2006.

“A Comparison of Reservations in India and Affirmative Action in the United States” the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, Oct. 20, 2006.

“Identity Politics and Affirmative Action in the United States.” Diplomatische Akademie, Vienna (lecture via videoconference), May 12, 2006.

Recent invited presentations in Cincinnati

“International perspectives on affirmative action in higher education: South Africa and India,” University of Cincinnati College of Law Faculty Workshop, March 2, 2012.

“Minority access to higher education: International policies and perspectives,” Human Rights Lecture Series, Charles Phelps Taft Research Center, October 26, 2011.

“A lost tribe? Religion, Nation and Migration from India to Israel,” Charles Phelps Taft Annual Research Symposium, May 13, 2010.

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“India’s Election—Its Meaning for India and the World,” Foreign Policy Leadership Council, PAC Gallery, June 11, 2009.

“Buddhist women in India,” featured faculty member at “Authors, Editors and Composers,” UC Libraries, April 23, 2009.

Teaching and advising

Graduate seminars: Political Development, South Asian Politics

Undergraduate/graduate: Women and politics in the third world, Nationalism and identity politics

Undergraduate: Comparative politics of developing countries, Senior capstone on nationalism, Politics of South Asia, Introduction to comparative government, Education and power, Natural and unnatural disasters in the global south

Author of “Shah Bano: Muslim Women’s Rights” (2000), a case on Teaching Human Rights Online (THRO) [<http://homepages.uc.edu/thro/>]. THRO, directed by Professor Howard Tolley, was named best political website by the American Political Science Association, 2001.

Currently advisor for half of international affairs majors.

Thesis advisor and chair for:

Nationalist Conflict and Elite Manipulation in Serbia and India, Lisa Kissopoulos (PhD 2007)

The Construction of Druze Ethnicity: Druze in Israel between State Policy and Palestinian Arab Nationalism, Lina Kassem (PhD 2005)

The Politics of History Education: An exploration of revisionist history and educating for the enrichment of democracy, community, and international cooperation, Carolyn Ann Cadena (MA 2009)

Transnational Protest, US Activists and Political Opportunities: Assessing the Impact of national and international politics on United for Peace and Justice’s campaign against the Iraq War, Lisa Stinnett (MA 2007)

Analysis of Underclass Black Male Skepticism of Educational, Business and Governmental Organizations in Cincinnati, OH 2000-2004, Keith Melson (MA 2005)

How Elites Persuade: Culture in Nationalist Conflict, Serbia and Bosnia 1988-1999, Lisa Kissopoulos (MA)

Limits and potential of women’s police stations in Latin America: Institutional mechanisms to address domestic violence and women’s access to justice in Ecuador, Julie Marzec (senior 2012)

Recipient of Taft Undergraduate Senior Research Fellowship

Developing microfinance institutions in the United States, Julia Ferguson (senior 2007)

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Services for Hispanic Immigrants: Faith-Based Organizations and Government Agencies, Lorrinda Cheatham (senior 2005)

The BJP, the Gujarat Riots, and their Political Implications for Indian Elections, Christine Cundari (senior 2004)

Of shoes, stray cats, and Swiss accounts: A look at the Marcos Dictatorship and its failure to join the Asian Tigers, Grace Yllana (senior 2004)

A Creeping Displacement: A comparative study of gentrification processes within Cincinnati, OH and forced eviction processes within Hyderabad, India, John Croner (senior 2002)

Member of many PhD, MA and senior thesis committees in political science, women's studies, history and planning.

Selected professional service

Referee for journals *Comparative Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, *Security Studies*, *Gender and Politics*, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, *National Identities*.

Board Member, South Asian Muslim Studies Association 2000-present.

Lecturer for the Foreign Policy Leadership Council, Cincinnati (2009), the American Association of University Women, Cincinnati (2006, 2007) and the World Affairs Council of Greater Cincinnati (2002).

Mentor for Prize student (Putting Retention 1st in the Zest for Excellence) 2011-present, and for new faculty member in history department 2010-present.

Chair of Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Research Support Committee 2010-ongoing.

Member of Taft Executive Board, 2010-ongoing.

Chair of Taft Research Center Conferences and Lectures Committee 2003-5, 2006-7, and member of numerous committees for the Taft Research Center, the Political Science Department, the College of Arts and Sciences, the University of Cincinnati, and the Ohio Board of Regents.