

Curriculum Vitae  
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## **EDUCATION**

- 2002 Ph.D. Rice University, Department of Anthropology, May 2002  
Dissertation: “Development and Its Discontents: NGOs, Women and the Politics of Social Mobilization in Bangladesh”  
*John W. Gardner Award for Best Dissertation in the Humanities and Social Sciences*
- 1993 M.A. University of Michigan, Journalism
- 1984 B.A. Brandeis University, Political Science

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

### Head of the Department

2022-2025 Anthropology, University of Oregon, July 1, 2022

### Faculty

2022 Professor, Anthropology, University of Oregon, present, 2022-present  
2009 Associate Professor, Anthropology, University of Oregon, 2009-2022  
2003 Assistant Professor, Anthropology, University of Oregon, 2003-2009

### Fellow

2019-2020 CAS Deans’ Fellow  
2014-2015 Faculty-in-Residence, Graduate School, Fall and Winter Terms

### Director

2013-2015 Associate Head, Anthropology, University of Oregon  
2010-2012 Associate Director, Center for the Study of Women and Society, University of Oregon

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

## International

2016-2017 IGK Faculty Fellow at the Research Centre ‘Work and Human Lifecycle in Global History,’ Humboldt University/ re:work, Berlin, Germany.  
<https://rework.hu-berlin.de/fellows-en/id-2016-2017.html>

## National

2002-2003 Rockefeller Postdoctoral Fellow in Religion, Conflict, and Peace Building, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame,  
2002 Rockefeller Postdoctoral Humanities Fellow in Gender and Globalization in Asia and the Pacific, University of Hawaii, January-March 2002

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Book

*Castoffs of Capital: Work and Love Among Garment Workers in Bangladesh*, University of Minnesota Press, November 22, 2022. xiii+243 pp

*Microfinance and Its Discontents: Women in Debt in Bangladesh*, University of Minnesota Press, 2011. xxxiii+256 pp  
Korean Translation, Maybooks, 2015

## **ARTICLES**

### Single Authored and Peer Reviewed

“Older Garment Workers in the Global Apparel Industry in Bangladesh,”  
*in Life course, work and labor: historical, sociological and anthropological perspectives*, Josef Ehmer and Carola Lentz, eds. (in press, expected release date June 2023)

“Women as Objects of Development,” in *Beyond Liberal Order: States, Societies and Markets in the Global Indian Ocean*, Harry Verhoeven and Anatol Lieven, eds. ( London: Hurst Publishers, Winter 2021: 141-162.

“Reversal of Fortunes: State, NGOs and Civil Society Politics” in *NGO Futures, Special Issue of Critical Sociology*, Sangeeta Kamat and Feyzi Ismail, eds., Vol. 44 (4-5) July (2018): 579-594.

“The Production of Silence: State-NGO Nexus in Bangladesh” in *Feminists Rethink the Neoliberal State: Inequality, Exclusion, and Change*, Leela Fernandes, ed., New York University Press: New York (2018): 106-135.

“The ‘Scandal’ of Grameen: The Nobel Prize, The Bank, and the State in Bangladesh,” in *Seduced and Betrayed: Exposing the Contemporary Microfinance Phenomenon*,” Milford and Maclean eds., SAR Press: New Mexico (2017): 203-217.

“Resistance and Its Pitfalls: Analyzing NGO and Civil Society Politics in Bangladesh,” in *Sage Handbook on Resistance*, David Courpasson and Steve Vallas, eds., Sage Publications: London & California (2016): 461-475.

“NGOs, State and Neoliberal Development in South Asia: The Paradigmatic Case of Bangladesh,” in *Routledge Handbook of Gender in South Asia*, Leela Fernandes, ed., Routledge: London and New York (2014): 260-274.

“Analyzing Women’s Empowerment: Microfinance and Garment Labor in Bangladesh,” *The Fletcher Forum of World Affairs*, Special Issue on Women in International Affairs, Vol. 38 (2) Summer, 2014: 153-166.

“Transnational Politics of Reading and the (Un)Making of Taslima Nasreen,” in *South Asian Feminisms*, Ania Loomba and Ritty Lukose eds., Duke University Press: Durham (2012): 205-223.

“Disposable Bodies: Garment Factory Catastrophe and Feminist Practice in Bangladesh,” *Anthropology Now*, Vol. 6 (1) April (2014): 52-63.

“NGOs, Neoliberalism and Women in Bangladesh,” Janet Jakobsen and Elizabeth Bernstein, eds., *Feminist and Scholar Online* (sfonline.barnard.edu), December 31, 2012. <https://sfonline.barnard.edu/gender-justice-and-neoliberal-transformations/ngosneoliberalism-and-women-in-bangladesh/>

“Demystifying Micro-credit: The Grameen Bank, NGOs and Neoliberalism in Bangladesh,” *Cultural Dynamics*, Vol. 20, No.1 (2008): 5-29.

Reprinted

*Theorizing NGOs: States, Feminism, and Neoliberalism*, Victoria Bernal and Inderpal Grewal, eds., Duke University Press, Durham (2014): 193-218.

“Politics of the Poor: Grassroots Political Mobilization and NGOs in Bangladesh,” *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, Vol. 24, No. 1(2001): 97-107.

Reprinted

*Perspectives on Modern South Asia: A Reader in Culture, History, and Representation*, Kamala Visweswaran, ed., Wiley-Blackwell: Oxford and Sussex, UK (2011): 269-280.

“Democratizing Bangladesh: State, NGOs and Militant Islam,” *Cultural Dynamics*, Vol.16, No. 2 & 3, (2004): 291-318.

### Reprinted

*Contesting Nation: Gendered Violence in South Asia: Notes on the Postcolonial Present*, Angana Chatterji and Lubna Chaudhury, eds., Zubaan: New Delhi, India (2012): 260-291.

*Recreating the Commons? NGOs in Bangladesh*, Farida Kahn, Ahrar Ahmad, Munir Quddus, eds., (University Press Limited: Dhaka (2009): 149-181.

“Pushed to the Margins: Adivasis in Bangladesh and the Case of Kalpana Chaka” *Journal of Contemporary South Asia*, Vol. 7, No. 3 (1998): 301-316.

“Privatizing the State: Ethnography of Development, Transnational Capital and NGOs,” Introduction to Symposium on Power, NGOs and Development, Lauren Leve and Lamia Karim, eds., *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, Vol. 24, No.1 (2001): 43-58.

“A Kinship of One’s Own,” in *The Ethics of Kinship: Ethnographic Enquires*, James Faubion, ed., Rowman and Littlefield (2001): 98-124.

### Articles, Single-Authored, Non-Peer Reviewed

“Bangladesh Garment Workers’ Strike,” *Anthropology News*, January 22, 2019.  
<https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/bangladesh-garment-workers-strike/>

“After Work: Female Workers in the Garment Industry in Bangladesh,” *Center for the Study of Women and Society (CSWS) Annual Review*, 2019, 10-13.

“The Hidden Ways Microfinance Hurts Women,” *Brandeis Review*, Fall/Winter 2012/2013.  
<https://www.brandeis.edu/magazine/2012/fall-winter/inquiry/karim.html>

“Heavenly Desires: The Tablighi Ja’maat and the Regulation of Women in Bangladesh,” *Center for the Study of Women and Society (CSWS) Annual Review*, Alice Evans and Carol Stabile, eds., pp. Nov 2011: 6-7.

### Encyclopedia Entries

“Bangladesh” in *The (Oxford) Encyclopedia of Islam and Women*, Natana J. Delong-Bas (ed.), 2013.

“Why Microfinance Does Not Work?” in *Enduring Questions, Geography and World Cultures*, ABC-CLIO online database, 2012.

“The New Silk Roads: Perspectives from South Asia,” in *Encyclopedia of Global Studies*, Helmut Anheier and Mark Juergensmeyer, eds., Sage Publications, 2012.

“Is microfinance an effective way to address poverty in developing countries?” in *World Geographies: Understanding a Changing World*, Denis Moran (ed.), ABC-CLIO, 2012.

### Book Reviews

*Transnationalism Reversed: Women Organizing Against Gender Violence in Bangladesh* by Elora Chowdhury, *International Journal of Feminist Politics*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (2013): 277-280.

*Wall Street at War: The Secret Struggle for the Global Economy* by Alexandra Ouroussof, *American Anthropologist*, Vol. 114, No. 2 (June 2012): 379-380.

### Working Paper Series

“The Economy of Shame: Gender, Development and Discontents of Globalization in Bangladesh,” Kathy Ferguson and Monique Mironesco, (eds.), *Gender and Globalization in Asia and the Pacific*, Occasional Papers Series, Women Studies Program, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Vol. 4, (Summer, 2006): 31-55.

## **GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS**

### National

Wenner-Gren Foundation Post-PhD Research Grant, 2017-2018 (\$15,000).

National Science Foundation Research Grant 2008-2011 (\$75,000).

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Write-up Grant 1999-2000 (\$10,000).

Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Grant 1998 (\$20,000).

J. William Fulbright Fellowship for Bangladesh 1997 (\$17,000).

Social-Science Research Council Predoctoral Grant 1997 (declined, \$15,000).

### Finalist for National Academic Fellowships

Woodrow Wilson Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities 2002-03.

Harvard University Woodrow Wilson Fellowship (1 of 2 Finalists)

Princeton Society of Fellows Program in the Humanities (1 of 10 Finalists)

Princeton University, 2002-03.

Woodrow Wilson Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, 2001 (1<sup>st</sup> Tier Finalist).

### University of Oregon

Faculty Research Award 2019.

Center for the Study of Women and Society Faculty Research Award 2019.

Oregon Humanities Center VPRI Completion Fellowship 2018-19.  
Faculty Research Award 2013.  
Research Writing Grant 2010.  
Center for the Study of Women and Society Grant 2008.  
Junior Professor Development Grant 2008.  
Humanities Faculty Fellowship 2007.  
Wayne Morse Center for Law and Diplomacy Project Grant 2007.  
Information Technology Workshop Grant 2007.  
Information Technology Workshop Grant 2006.  
Center for the Study of Women and Society Research Grant 2005.  
Summer Research Award 2005.  
Junior Faculty Development Award 2005.  
Freeman Foundation Faculty Research Fellowship 2004.  
Junior Faculty Development Award 2004.

### **INVITED PUBLIC TALKS ON MY BOOK *MICROFINANCE AND ITS DISCONTENTS***

#### International

1. “Microfinance and Its Discontents: Women in Debt in Bangladesh,” Jamia Milia University, India, December 11, 2012.
2. “ ‘The Scandal of the State’: State, Grameen Bank and Microfinance,” Institute for Social Studies, India, December 12, 2012.

#### National

3. “Microfinance and Its Discontents: Women in Debt in Bangladesh,” University of Texas-San Antonio. March 29, 2012.
4. “Writing Against the Master Narrative,” Reed College, February 27, 2012.  
*Microfinance and Development*, panel discussion with Milford Bateman, David Ellerman, Lamia Karim, University of Southern California. January 17, 2012.
5. “Writing Against the Master Narrative: Microfinance and Its Discontents,” Yale University, January 11, 2012.
6. “Is Microfinance Dying?” Panel Discussion, Silicon Valley Microfinance Network (SVNM), San Francisco, CA. December 6, 2011.
7. “Writing Against the Master Narrative,” University of Illinois-Urbana Champaigne, IL, December 1, 2011.
8. “Does Microfinance Work?” Tom Heinemann and Lamia Karim, University of Oregon. October 20, 2011.

### **MEDIA**

Interviews/ Articles on *Microfinance and Its Discontents*

Televised interview with Bryan Hull, Portland Community College, October 19, 2011.

Interview, *UO Today*, August 11, 2011.

*The Jefferson Exchange: Microfinance*, Jefferson Public Radio, Ashland, OR, July 19, 2011.

Guest Viewpoint: "Microfinance can trap poor women in debt," *The Register Guard*, September 30, 2012.

<http://projects.registerguard.com/turin/2012/sep/30/microfinance-can-trap-poorwomen-in-debt/>

"Is Microfinance Pushing the World's Poorest Even Deeper into Poverty?" *The New Republic*, December 13, 2011.

<https://newrepublic.com/article/98499/microfinance-drive-poverty> "How Microfinance Has Failed to Deliver," *Cascade*, September 27, 2011.

<https://cascade.uoregon.edu/fall2011/expert/expert-article/> The Jefferson Exchange, July 19, 2011.

*The Globe and Mail*, Canada, April 15, 2011.

*Wall Street Journal*, March 9, 2011.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704758904576187940676522926.html>

*National Public Radio* (NPR), March 2, 2011.

<http://www.npr.org/2011/03/02/134208312/nobel-winner-removed-from-bank-hefounded>

"Bhagwati Gets It Wrong," March 18, 2011.

<http://anticap.wordpress.com/2011/03/31/bhagwati-gets-it-wrong/>

"The fall of Muhammad Yunus and its consequences for the women of Grameen Bank, University of Minnesota Press Blog, March 31, 2011.

<https://uminnpressblog.com/2011/03/31/lamia-karim-the-fall-of-muhammadyunus-and-its-consequences-for-the-women-of-grameen-bank/>

*Power and Diplomacy*, Interview of my work on microfinance and the Grameen Bank, April 28, 2009.

KPFT, Houston, TX. "Microcredit and Its Effects on Women in Bangladesh," *Border Crossings*, March 24, 2005.

**WEB ARTICLES**

"Becoming Labor," *New Age*, Bangladesh, September 3, 2015.

"Tablighi Ja'maat and the Regulation of Women in Bangladesh," *Altfemmag.com*, September, 2014. <http://www.altfemmag.com/tablighi-jamaat-and-the-regulation-of-women-in-bangladesh/>

"The Grameen Bank, Microcredit and the NGO Paradigm in Bangladesh," September 12, 2009, *South Asia Citizens Web*.

<http://www.sacw.net/article1100.html>

## **KEYNOTES AND PLENARIES (INVITED)**

1. Keynote, “Power/Knowledge in Ethnography: Feminist Perspectives,” School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Amrita Viswa Vidyapeetham, Amritapuri, India, July 6, 2022.
2. Keynote Address at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Western Departments of Sociology and Anthropology Undergraduate Research Conference, Santa Clara University, April 23, 2016.
3. Plenary, “NGOs, Markets and Civil Society,” *Bridging the Policy-Action Divide: Challenges and Prospects for Bangladesh*, Bangladesh Development Initiative, hosted by South Asia Studies Center, University of California-Berkeley, February 22-24, 2013.
4. “Does Micro-credit Really Help Women?” Closing Plenary on Global Issues, National Council on the Research on Women, CUNY Graduate School, New York, June 10-12, 2009.
5. Keynote, “Rethinking Development and Women’s Empowerment under Globalization,” *Engaging Islam: Feminisms, Religiosities, and Self Determinations Conference* at the University of Massachusetts-Boston, September 12-16, 2007.
6. “Reading ‘Obscenity’: National and Transnational Politics of Reading Exiled Feminist Author Taslima Nasrin,” Plenary, *Obscenity: An Oberman Center Humanities Symposium*, University of Iowa, March 1-4, 2007.

### University of Oregon

1. “The Importance of Education for Women,” Keynote, International Women’s Day, University of Oregon, March 5, 2011.
2. “Women and Human Rights in a Global Context,” Keynote, International Women’s Day, University of Oregon, March 5, 2010.

## **ACADEMIC PUBLIC LECTURES (BY INVITATION)**

1. “Women and Microfinance,” Faculty Learning Community, Global and Gender Studies, Austin Community College, November 12, 2021.
2. “After Death: The Gendered Dynamics of Work in Bangladesh,” Colgate University, March 28, 2019.
3. “After Death: The Gendered Dynamics of Work in Bangladesh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bangladesh Conference, University of California, Berkeley, February 22, 2019.
4. “After Death,” The Gendered Dynamics of Work in Bangladesh,” Pitzer College, October 30, 2018.
5. “Politics of the Margins? Contextualizing Hefazat-E-Islam and Shahbagh Uprising,” South Asia Center, University of Texas, September 12, 2013.
6. “Feminism Untangled; Shifts in Praxis and Female Agency in Bangladesh,” Center for Women’s Development Studies (CWDS), New Delhi, December 10, 2012.



7. "Knowledge/Power in Microfinance," University of Iowa, November 13, 2010.  
"Microfinance and Its Discontents," Emory University, Atlanta, GA, April 14, 2010.
8. "Anthropology: Challenges, Discourses and Practices," Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh October 14, 2009.
9. "Debating Human Rights," Plenary Session, *Re: Gender*, New York, June 2009.  
"Microcredit and Its Limits: The Case from Bangladesh," Northeastern University, Boston, February 19, 2009.
10. "The Neoliberal Subject and The Economy of Shame," University of Toronto, February 3, 2006.
11. "Struggles Within Islam: The Emergence of Human Rights Discourse for Women and Minorities in Bangladesh," University of California at Irvine, March 15, 2005.
12. "Struggles Within Islam: The Emergence of Human Rights Discourse for Women and Minorities in Bangladesh," *South Asia Speaker Series*, University of Texas, Austin, March 10, 2005.
13. "Discourses of Modernity? Gender, NGOs and Militant Islam in Bangladesh." *Sociocultural Colloquia Series*, Department of Anthropology, University of Washington Seattle, November 17, 2003.
14. "The Economy of Shame: Gender, Development and the (Dis)Contents of Globalization in Bangladesh." Public Lecture, Women's Studies and the Department of Romance Languages, University of Houston, March 11, 2003.
15. "The "Surrogate" Capitalist: Women-Targeted Programs and the Emergence of New Technologies of Control in Bangladesh," Rockefeller Visiting Fellows Public Lecture, Kroc Institute for Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, October 3, 2002.
16. "Gendering Development: The Political Economy of Debt and Disgrace," Rockefeller Postdoctoral Fellows Public Lecture, Women's Studies and Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii, March 8, 2002.
17. "From Armchair Ethnology to the Postmodern Turn: New Directions in American Anthropology," Dhaka University, Department of Anthropology, March 15, 1998.

## **PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES (BY INVITATION)**

### International

1. "Power/Knowledge in Development," *Bangladesh at 50: Beyond Rhetoric* (virtual), Queen Mary College, University of London, December 9-11, 2012
2. "Islam and Citizenship: Comparative Perspectives from South Asia and the Middle East (CEMIS), Commentator, August-Gorge University Goettingen, Germany, November 11, 2016.
3. "Rethinking Non-Party Politics: Can It Bring Social Change?" *Marginality and the Politics of Mediation Workshop*, Center for Modern Indian Studies (CEMIS), August Gorge University, Göttingen, Germany, July 3-4, 2015.

## National

4. "Decolonizing Fast Fashion: A Living Wage and Good Working Conditions for Women of the Global South," Virtual Panel, Universalist Unitarian Church and the Committee on the Status of Women, United Nations, March 24, 2021.
5. "Feminists Theorize the Post-Liberalization State," Institute for Research on Women, University of Michigan, October 23-24, 2014.
6. "The Erotics of Liberation: Secular Feminists and Women of the Tablighi Ja'maat in Bangladesh," Religion and Its Discontents, Special South Asia Roundtable at the Arab Studies Conference, UC-Davis, May 1, 2014.
7. Im (possibly) Post-Capitalist Transnational Feminisms," Roundtable Discussion, Rethinking Marxism, Amherst, September 20, 2013.
8. "Changing Capitalism,/Changing Feminism," Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Israel, November 26-27, 2012 (unable to attend due to Israel-Palestine conflict) "Gender, Justice and Neoliberal Transformation," Barnard Center for Research on Women, Barnard College, September 20-21, 2012.
9. "The Role of Religion in Global Civil Society," Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies, University of California-Santa Barbara, January 15, 2011. "The New Silk Road: Perspectives on the Asian Highway from Bangladesh," Inter-Asian Connections II, Social Science Research Council, National University of Singapore, Singapore, December 8-10, 2010.
10. "Revisiting Microcredit/Microfinance as a Development Strategy for an Inclusive Growth: A Global Perspective," University of California, Santa Barbara, May 28, 2010.
11. "Women at the Heart of Development," University of Iowa, November 13, 2010 Microfinance Symposium, Lorwin Lecture Series on Women's Rights in a Global Frame, University of Oregon, October 19, 2010.
12. "Open-pit Mining and Indigenous Social Movement in Bangladesh," *Conference on Poverty, Inequality and the State*, UNC-Chapel Hill, January 11-13, 2008.
13. "Bangladeshi Nationalism and Islam," *Conference on Feminist Scholarship on the Margins of South Asian Studies*, University of California-Irvine, January 25-26, 2007. "Ethnography as a Decolonial Practice," *The Turns and Folly of Apprentice Ethnography*, University of California-Irvine, March 30-31, 2006.
14. Speaker at the *Race, Class, Gender and Ethnicity Conference* Law School, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, February 19, 2005.
15. "Gendered Violence in South Asia: Nation and Community in the Postcolonial Present Gender, Violence and Nationalism in South Asia," *South Asia Studies Conference*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 14-16, 2004.
16. "Democratizing Women: NGOs, Empowerment, and Marginalization in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" at the Rockefeller Bellagio Study and Conference Center, Italy sponsored by the University of California-Irvine and the Rockefeller Foundation, August 9-15, 2004.

17. Workshop on “Global Circuits of Feminism” at the University of California at Irvine, May 21, 2004.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

1. “NGO Afterlives,” Commentator, American Association of Anthropology Annual Meetings, November 12, 2022, Seattle, W
2. “Global Garment Workers, Entrepreneurship, and Neoliberal Family Dynamics in Rural Sri Lanka,” Roundtable, Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 22, 2021.
3. “The Broken Ladder: Round-Table in Honor of the 2019 Coomaraswamy Prize,” Association for Asian Studies, March 22, 2021.
4. “Does Equality Mean Business?” *Feminism and Finance Symposium*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 11, 2016
5. “Learning to Labor’: Industrial Dystopia and Everyday Life of Female Garment Labor in Bangladesh, 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Gender Studies Symposium, Lewis and Clarke, March 11-12, 2015.
6. ‘Learning to Labor’: Left Political Parties, Trade Unions, and Female Garment Labor in Bangladesh,” Annual Anthropology Meetings, Washington, DC, November, 2014.
7. “Industrial Dystopia, ‘Laughter’ and Female Garment Workers in Bangladesh,” 43<sup>rd</sup> South Asia Annual Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 16-19, 2014.
8. “ ‘Learning to Labor’: Community-Based Healthcare and Female Garment Labor in Bangladesh,” Special Session on Community Health, Asia-Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) Global Health Workshop, National Taiwan University School of Public Health, Taipei, September 24-27, 2014.
9. “Capital and Conflict: The Politics of Open-pit Mining in Bangladesh,” 43<sup>rd</sup> South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 19, 2013.
10. “The Scandal of Grameen Bank: State and NGOs in Bangladesh,” Development and NGOs in South Asia: Feminist Debates on Empowerment, sponsored by South Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, March 22, 2013.
11. “The New Silk Road: Perspective on the Asian Highway from Bangladesh,” Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) & International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS), Honolulu, March 31- April 3, 2011.
12. “Rethinking Entrepreneurship: A Grassroots Study of Microfinance NGOs in Bangladesh,” Microfinance Symposium, Lorwin Lecture Series on Women’s Rights in a Global World, Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon, Eugene, October 19, 2010.
13. “Politics of the Oppressed: Resistance to Globalization, Asia Energy and People’s Movement in Phulbari, Bangladesh,” Conference on Poverty, Inequality and the State, UNC-Chapel Hill, January 11-13, 2008.
14. “An Ethnography of Feelings: Nationalism and the Rise of Political Islam in Bangladesh,” Conference on Feminist Scholarship on the Margins of South Asian Studies, UC-Irvine, January 25-26, 2007.

15. "The Recalcitrant Subject of Human Rights: NGOs and the Struggle for Women's Citizenship Rights in Bangladesh," Invited Panel, Annual Anthropological Association Meetings, San Jose, California, November 15-19, 2006.
16. "Ethnography as a Decolonizing Practice," Conference on Turns and Folly of Apprentice Anthropology, University of California-Irvine, March 30-31, 2006.
17. 'Contested Citizenships': Human Rights, Democracy, and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jam'aat in Bangladesh," *Gender, Race and Militarization Conference*, University of Oregon, October 28, 2005.
18. "Grotesque Nationalism and the Minority Question in Bangladesh," International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, Kolkata, India, December 12-15, 2004.
19. "Women as Surrogate Citizens: State Policies, Developmental NGOs, and Militant Islam in Bangladesh," Women and the Contested State Conference, Kroc Institute for Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, April 11-12, 2003.
20. "The "Intimate Enemy": Bengali Hindus and Language Culture Debates for Bengali Muslims," Invited Panel, Annual Anthropological Association Meetings, New Orleans, November 20-24, 2002.
21. "National Identity and The Politics of Reading Taslima Nasreen: The Two Bengals," South Asian Studies Conference, University of Hawaii, April 10-11, 2002.
22. "Narrating the Poor," Narrative Conference, Society for the Study of Narrative Literature, Rice University, Houston, March 8-11, 2001.
23. "Politics and its Futures: NGOs, Global Capital and Emerging Identities," Invited Panel, American Anthropological Association Meetings, Chicago, November 17-21, 1999.
24. "Rethinking the Rhetoric of Development: Discourses, Policies Practices," Allied Social Science Associations Conference, New York, January 2-5, 1999.
25. "Narratives of Debt and Empowerment," Annual Conference of the International Association for Feminist Economics, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, June 4-6, 1999.
26. "Woman as Money Makes the World Go Round," American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, December 2-6, 1998.
27. "Micro-credit: An Untold Story," Conference on Culture and Economics, the University of Exeter & Society for Critical Exchange, Exeter, UK, July 23-26, 1998.
28. "Feminizing Micro-credit: Is it Empowering Women?" *Annual Conference on International Association for Feminist Economics*, Mexico City and Taxco, Mexico, June 19-22, 1997.
29. "Between State and Donors: NGOs and Governmentality in Bangladesh." *Brown Bag Seminar* at the Department of Anthropology, Rice University, Houston, TX, March 31, 1997.
30. "The Tribal in Bangladesh: Whose State is it Anyway?" Annual South Asian Studies Conference, University of California-Berkeley, CA, February 15 & 16, 1997.

31. "Ethnographer as Native/Other: Reflections on Conducting Interviews," Annual Meeting of the American Ethnological Society, April 18-20, 1996.
32. "The Writer as Enemy: Bangladeshi Women and Exiled Feminist Writer Taslima Nasreen," Brown Bag Seminar, Department of Anthropology, Rice University, November 28, 1995.
33. "Islam, Gender Identity, and the Bangladeshi Diaspora in the US," Center for the Study of Social Sciences, Dhaka University, August 6, 1995.

### University of Oregon

Discussing Genocide and Human Rights: Bangladesh and Mexico," with Dr. Lynn Stephens, Discussing Genocide and Human Rights in the Classroom, Challenges and Opportunities, University of Oregon, February 19, 2015

## **ACADEMIC CONFERENCE, SYMPOSIA, AND PANEL ORGANIZING**

### Conferences

Chair, Organizing Committee, South Asia Conference of the Pacific Northwest (SACPAN) 2016, University of Oregon, White Stag Building, Portland, OR, February 5 & 6, 2016.

Chair, *Assessing the Economic and Social Implications of Microfinance*, School of American Research (SAR), Santa Fe, NSF Research Team Short Seminar, jointly organized with Dr. Milford Bateman, September 25-27, 2012.

Co-organizer, *Empires in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Emergence and Contestation*, Center for the Study of Women and Society, University of Oregon. The conference brought five international feminist scholars to analyze the effects of neoliberalism on women in Asia, Spring 2007.

Chair, *South Asia Speaker Series* that brought five international scholars to campus representing the following topics: nationalism, gender, war and violence, human rights and Islamic laws, and LGBTQ issues facing transnational Muslims. Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, 2004-05.

Co-organizer, *Women and the Contested State Conference*, co-organizer, Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, April 11-12, 2000 .

### Panels

Organizer, "Feminist Roundtable: The Business Case, Precarity and Women," American Anthropological Association, November 2017.

Chair and panel organizer, "Politics of the Governed: Environment, State and Capital in South Asia," 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference in South Asia, Madison, WI, October 19, 2013.

Chair and panel co-organizer, “Transnational Networks, Globalization and Social Movements,” Invited Session (AES) and (SCA), Annual Anthropology Meetings, November 2008.

Co-chair and panel co-organizer, “Dislocating/Resituating South Asian Anthropology: Critical Perspectives on Knowledge Formation from Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, November 2002.

Chair and panel organizer, “Ethnographic Narratives of Culture: Power in the Global Economies,” Society for the Study of Narrative Literature, International Narrative Conference, Rice University, Houston, March 2001.

Panel co-organizer, “Privatizing the State: Ethnography of Development, Transnational Capital and NGOs,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, November 1999.

Chair, Kinship and Globalization, *Conference on Kinship and Cosmopolitanism*, Rice University, Houston, March 29, 1997.

Co-chair, *Visualizing South Asian Diasporas*, Graduate Student Symposium, Rice University, March 1996.

### Symposia

Co-Organizer, *Working Futures*, Symposium on Female Labor in Asia, Asian Studies, University of Oregon, May 27, 2016.

Organizer, Faculty Seminar on Subaltern Historiography with Fulbright Fellow Dr. Anjan Ghosh, Center for Social Studies, Kolkata, India, University of Oregon, Fall 2006.

### Pedagogy

Co-organizer, “Teaching Race and Gender in a Postcolonial/Globalized World,” with Richard Shapiro at *Teaching Beyond Race and Gender Diversity Conference*, University of Oregon, May 5-6, 2010.

### Talks

Invited Taylor Stewart, founder of *Oregon Remembrance Project* on race, lynching, and reconciliation to speak to my anthropology class, Winter 2021.

Invited writer/author Sohaila Abdulali to speak on her book, *What We Talk About When We Talk About Rape*, University of Oregon, April 18, 2019.

## **EXTERNAL TENURE AND PROMOTION REVIEWER**

Anthropology, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK  
School for Global Inclusion and Social Development, University of Massachusetts, Boston, 2020.

Department of Modern and Classical Languages, University of Houston, Main Campus, 2020.

### **EXTERNAL DISSERTATION REVIEWER**

Department of Anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway, November 19, 2018.

### **DELEGATE TO INTER/NATIONAL CONFERENCES**

University of Oregon Delegate to the Asian Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) Global Health Workshop, Taipei, September 24-27, 2014.

University Delegate to the Regional National Council on Research on Women West Coast Meetings at UC-Davis, May 1, 2009.

Delegate to the Asian Pacific Rim Universities Fellows Program, University of Malaya, Malaysia. August 21-27, 2005.

### **EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS**

Trustee, American Institute for Bangladesh Studies (AIBS)

*Journal of Contemporary South Asia*

*Future of NGO Studies*, University of Alabama Press

Declined the offer of editorship of *Political and Legal Anthropology Journal (PoLar)*

### **INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL GRANT REVIEW**

National Science Foundation, 2019, 2011, 2008, 2007, 2004, 2005.

Irish Research Council, Ireland, 2018.

Reviewer, Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship Program, (DPDF), Social Science Research Council, 2014.

Review Board Member, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, 2004-2006.

### **ACADEMIC PRIZE REVIEW**

Coomeraswamy Prize Committee Member, Association for South Asian Studies, 2018-2020

Reviewer, Cynthia Enlow Prize, *International Feminist Journal of Politics* (IFJP), 2013

### **MANUSCRIPT AND ARTICLE REVIEW**

Book Manuscript

Cambridge University Press, 2021; Stanford University Press, 2012, 2011; Routledge, 2012; AltaMira Press, 2012

## Article Review

*Meridiens* (2020) *Cultural Dynamics* (2020), *Cultural Anthropology* (2018, 2019), *American Ethnologist* (2018, 2016), *American Anthropologist* (2018, 2020, 2022), *International Journal of Social Welfare* (2014, 2015), *Feminist Economics* (2008), *Contemporary Islam* (2012), *International Feminist Journal of Politics* (2014, 2015)), *Gender, Place and Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography* (2015, 2013), *Journal of South Asia* (2017, 2018, 2020), *Comparative Studies of South Asia* (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020), *Africa and the Middle East* (2014, 2016) *Social Science and Medicine* (2020).

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERT CONSULTATIONS**

Expert Consultant on US-Bangladesh Diplomatic and Trade Relations, Meridian Center for Cultural Diplomacy, Washington, DC and US Embassy, Bangladesh, 2022-23.

Presentation at the Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum (CPPF/SSRC) to the United Nations, New York, February 27-28, 2014.

Presentation at the *Global Development and Institutions Inspired by Faith in Bangladesh*, World's Faiths Development Dialogue and Berkeley Center, Georgetown University, London, January 26-27, 2014.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Anthropological Association  
Feminist Anthropology  
Association for Asian Studies

## **SERVICE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON**

### Anthropology Department

Chair Third Year Review, Johanna Richlin, 2022

Executive Committee Member, 2020-2022.

Chair, Third Year Review, Maria Escallon, 2021-2022.

Chair, Search Committee, Johanna Richlin, 2019.

Graduate Studies, Committee Member, 2017-2019, 2019-2020.

Chair, NTTF Search, 2018.

Chair, Cultural Faculty Search Committee, 2015.

Member, Department Head Review Committee, 2015.

Associate Head, Anthropology, 2013-2015.

Member, Graduate Committee, 2014-2015.

Member, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Anthropology, 2012-2013.



Member, Diversity Committee, 2006-09. Graduate Admissions, 2006, 2007, 2008.

### University-wide

Executive Board member, Oregon Humanities Center, 2020-2022.

Panelist at Deans' Winter Diversity Chair Committee Meeting, March 21, 2019

Worked as liaison for Global Affairs (UO) for faculty and student exchange programs with Hankuk University (South Korea) and North South University (Bangladesh), 2018-19.

Faculty-in-Residence, Graduate School, Fall/Winter, 2014-15. Program Review (Women's & Gender Studies, Art & Architecture) Promising Scholar Admissions, January 2015.

Judge, Graduate Research Forum, 2015 and 2016.

Judge, Three-Minute Thesis, April 17, 2015.

*India on the Eve of Independence: The Simla Conference 1945: Reacting to the Past Conference, Participant*, University of Oregon, November 7 & 8, 2014.

Summer Academy to Inspire Learning (SAIL), University of Oregon, 2013, 2014, 2015.

Member on the Committee on Committees, University of Oregon, 2012-2013.

Core Member of South Asian Studies Minor, University of Oregon, 2012.

Member, Advisory Review Committee to University of Oregon .

Presidential Search Committee, 2012.

Senator, University of Oregon Faculty Senate, 2005-2008.

Advisory Board Member, Wayne Morse School of Law, and Politics, University of Oregon, 2006-2009.

Executive Board Member, Center for the Study of Women and Society (CSWS), 2004-2006.

Coordinator, Women of Color Project at the Center for the Study on Women and Society, 2009-2010.

Member, Advisory Board, Center for Asian and Pacific Studies (CAPS), University of Oregon, 2003-2005.

### **PUBLIC ANTHROPOLOGY/MEDIA**

"After Work: Life in the Shadows of Capital," Osher LifeLong Learning Center, University of Oregon, Spring, 2019.

"#MeToo helping to end the silence," Lamia Karim, Opinion, *Register Guard*, January 19, 2018.

"In the Light of What We Know: A Novel That Defines Our Times," *Dhaka Tribune*, October 20, 2014

"A Winning Game," *New Age*, January 18, 2014.

"A call for a Bangladesh civil liberties union," *New Age*, March 4, 2013.

"Projonmo Chattar: Alternative politics or politics as usual," *New Age*, February 21, 2013.

“Eve Ensler and Vagina Monologues: the Debate,” *New Age*, January 30, 2013.  
“Brilliant-Chekhovian-like Insights,” *New Age*, January 10, 2013.  
‘Ground zero mosque’: A stain on American democracy.” October 10, 2010.  
“Racism Sells like Hot Cakes in US,” *Register Guard*, August 8, 2010.  
“A Cup of Bitter Tea: US Politics of Race,” Op-Ed in *New Age*, July 29, 2010. “Voices Breaking Boundaries,” Op-Ed in *New Age*, March 8, 2010.

## **UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE ANTHROPOLOGY COURSES**

Undergraduate Anthropological Theory  
Anthropology of India and South Asia  
Anthropology and Sexuality  
Anthropology of Globalization  
Anthropology of Colonialism  
Feminist Ethnography  
Ethnographic Methods  
Postcolonial and Feminist Theory  
Graduate Social Theory  
Business Anthropology (under construction)

## **FACULTY AFFILIATIONS**

Asian Studies Program  
Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies  
Folklore Program

## **GRADUATE STUDENTS**

### PhD Students Graduated

### Primary Thesis Advisor

Rucha Chandvarakr, 2021  
Rupa Pillai, 2017.  
Senior Lecturer, Asian American and Gender Studies, University of Pennsylvania  
(present).

### PhD Students Primary Thesis Advisor

Malvya Chintakindi, Anthropology, 2020-present  
Daizi Hazarika, Anthropology, 2018-present

### Dissertation Committee Member (Students Graduated)

Amna Javed, Economics, 2019-2020.  
Nikki Cox, Anthropology, 2019.  
James Daria, Anthropology, 2019.  
Sierra Deutsche Sociology, External Member, 2017.  
Ivan Sandoval, Anthropology, 2016.  
Chris O' Bryan, Anthropology, 2014.  
Mauricio Magana, Anthropology, 2014.  
Aaron Greer, Anthropology, 2012.  
Blair Orfall, English, External Member, 2009.  
Sandra Ezquerra, Sociology, External Member, 2008.

#### Dissertation Committee Member

Kiana Williams, Anthropology, 2018-present.  
Yumna Imtiaz, Environmental Studies, 2019-present

### **MA STUDENTS GRADUATED**

#### Primary Advisor MA Thesis

Daizi Hazarika, Anthropology, 2020.  
Gennie Nguyen, Anthropology, 2009,

#### Second Reader MA Thesis

Ivan Sandoval, Anthropology, 2012.  
Samantha King, Anthropology, 2012.  
Sandra Cruz, Anthropology, 2011.  
Summer Pennell, Folklore, 2009.  
Mauricio Magana, Anthropology, 2008.  
Taimur Khan, Journalism, 2007.  
June Hwe Kwon, Anthropology, 2005.  
Jennifer Erickson, Anthropology, 2004.

### **UNDERGRADUATES (Partial List)**

Violet Fox, Thesis Advisor, 2019 (graduated with Honors in Anthropology) Winner,  
Oregon Humanities Undergraduate Research Fellowship (HURF) 2018-19.  
Accepted to the London School of Economics (LSE) for MA in Development, 2020.

#### McNair Scholars

## Thesis Advisor

1. Amber Bryan, McNair Scholar (2013).

Winner Library Research Award, University of Oregon.

2. Dianna Aki Wa, McNair Scholar (2012).

On graduation attended Anthropology (MA 2014) and Law School (JD 2017), University of New Mexico.

Erick English, McNair Scholar

On graduation attended Fletcher's School of Law and Diplomacy.

Sunny Harrison, McNair Scholar

On graduation joined Americorps