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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Johns Hopkins University, Department of Sociology, Baltimore, MD, USA
Associate Professor, 2014-present
Assistant Professor, 2006-2014

Copenhagen University, Sociology Department, Copenhagen, Denmark
Visiting Associate Professor, 2015

EDUCATION

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, USA
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Sociology and Demography, 2006
Areas of Specialization: International Development, Gender, Labor, Migration, Globalization, India.

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Boston, MA, USA
Master of Public Policy (MPP), 1999
Concentration in Political and Economic Development

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA
Bachelor of Arts (BA), *cum laude* with honors in Economics and Government, 1995
Concentration in International Relations

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Agarwala, Rina. 2013. *Informal Labor, Formal Politics, and Dignified Discontent in India*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

- Winner, Outstanding Book Award, American Sociological Association (ASA), Sociology of Development Section, 2014
- Winner, Outstanding Book Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Global Division, 2014
- Winner, Dean's Award for Excellence in Research and Book Publication, Johns Hopkins University, 2014
- Honorable Mention, Distinguished Scholarly Work Award, ASA, Labor and Labor Movement's Section, 2014

Herring, Ronald and Rina Agarwala (eds.) 2008. *Whatever Happened to Class? Reflections from South Asia*. London: Routledge Press.

Refereed Articles/Book Chapters:

- Agarwala, Rina. Forthcoming. "A New 21st Century Social Contract: Self-Employed Workers' Movements in Garments and Trash Collection." *International Labor and Working Class History*.
- Agarwala, Rina (with Jennifer Jihye Chun). Forthcoming. "Activism and Organization in the Global Era." *Handbook of the Sociology of Work and Employment*, eds. Stephen Edgell, Heidi Gottfried, Edward Granter.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2015. "Divine Development: Transnational Religious Organizations in the US and India." *International Migration Review* (available on-line).
- Agarwala, Rina. 2015. "Tapping the Indian Diaspora for Indian Development," in *The State and the Grassroots: Immigrant Transnational Organizations in Four Continents*. Alejandro Portes and Patricia Fernandez-Kelly (eds). Berghahn Press. New York. Pp. 84-110.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2014. "Informal Workers' Struggles in Eight Countries," in *Brown Journal of World Affairs*. Vol. XX, Issue 11, Spring/Summer, pp. 251-263.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2013. "A Second Marriage? An Intersection of Marxism and Feminism among India's Informal Workers." *Handbook on Gender in South Asia*. Leela Fernandes (ed). UK: Routledge.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2012. "The State and Labor in Transnational Activism: The Case of India." *Journal of Industrial Relations*. Vol. 54, Issue 4.
- Agarwala, Rina and Emmanuel Teitelbaum. 2010. "Trends in Funding for Dissertation Field Research: Why So Little Support for Political Science and Sociology?" *Political Science and Politics*. April, pp. 283-293.
- *Featured in *Inside Higher Ed*: <http://insidehighered.com/news/2008/09/02/field>
- Agarwala, Rina. 2009. "An Economic Sociology of Informal Work: The Case of India." *Research in the Sociology of Work*. Vol. 18, pp. 315-342.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2008. "Reshaping the Social Contract: Emerging Relations between the State and Informal Labor in India." *Theory and Society*. Vol. 37, No. 4, pp. 375-408.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2007. "Resistance and Compliance in the Age of Globalization: Indian Women and Labor Organizations," in *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. Vol. 610, March, pp. 143-159.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2006. "From Work to Welfare: A New Class Movement in India." *Critical Asian Studies*. Vol. 38, No. 4, December, pp. 419-445.
- Herring, Ronald and Rina Agarwala. 2006. "Introduction: Restoring Agency to Class: Puzzles from the Subcontinent." *Critical Asian Studies*. Vol. 38, No. 4, December, pp. 323-357.
- Agarwala, Rina and Scott M. Lynch. June 2006. "Refining the Measurement of Women's Autonomy: an International Application of a Multi-dimensional Construct." *Social Forces*, V. 84, No. 4, pp. 2077-2099.

Agarwala, Rina. 2002. "Working for Autonomy: Differentiating Women's Work in India." *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, Vol. 45, No. 4, pp. 1369-1388.

Selected Book Reviews:

Agarwala, Rina. Forthcoming. "Power, Policy, and Protest: The Politics of India's Special Economic Zones" (edited by Rob Jenkins, Loraine Kennedy, and Partha Mukhopadhyay). *Labor History*.

Agarwala, Rina. July 2014. "Global Unions, Local Power: The Spirit of Transnational Labor Organizing," (by Jamie McCallum). *American Journal of Sociology*.

Agarwala, Rina. 2013. "Decolonizing Democracy: Transforming the Social Contract in India," (by Christine Keating). *Perspectives on Politics*.

Agarwala, Rina. 2012. "Cultures of Servitude: Modernity, Domesticity, and Class in India," (by Raka Ray and Seemin Qayum). *American Journal of Sociology*. Vol. 117, No. 4.

Agarwala, Rina. 2011. "Managing the Margins: Gender, Citizenship, and the International Regulation of Precarious Employment," (by Leah Vosko). *Contemporary Sociology* 40.6 (Nov 2011): 760-762.

Agarwala, Rina. 2007. "L.A. Story: Immigrant Workers and the Future of the US Labor Movement," (by Ruth Milkman). *Contexts*, Fall Vol. 6, No.4.

Agarwala, Rina. 2003. "Occupational Choices, Networks, and Transfers: An Exegesis Based on Micro Data from Delhi Slums," (by Arup Mitra). *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 39, No. 06.

Agarwala, Rina. 2003. "Labor Market and Institution in India: 1990s and Beyond," (ed. Shuji Uchikawa). *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 38, No. 47, pp. 4963-4964.

Agarwala, Rina. 2003. "The Politics of Labor in a Global Age: Continuity and Change in Late-industrializing and Post-socialist Economies," (eds. Christopher Candland and Rudra Sil). *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 38, No. 37, pp. 3892-3893.

Other Publications:

Tilly, Chris, Rina Agarwala, Sarah Mosoetsa, Pun Ngai, Carlos Salas, and Hina Sheikh. September 2013. "Informal Worker Organizing as a Strategy for Improving Subcontracted Work in the Textile and Apparel Industries of Brazil, South Africa, India and China." Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, University of California Los Angeles and US Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB)
<http://www.dol.gov/ilab/reports/pdf/ILAB-UCLA%20Report%20-%20Final%20Full%20Report%202013-09.pdf> .

Agarwala, Rina. 2011. "India's Informal Workers and Social Protection," *India in Transition*. April 11th. A publication of the Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania

Agarwala, Rina. 1997. "Report on National Forestry Conference." SEWA, Ahmedabad.

- Agarwala, Rina. 1997. "Policy Impacts of Local Advocacy Needs" Foundation for Public Interest and SEWA, Ahmedabad.
- Agarwala, Rina. 1997. "Child-Care for Salt Farmers" SEWA, Ahmedabad.
- Agarwala, Rina. 1996. *Managing Water for the People by the People: A Participatory Assessment on SEWA's Rural Water Resource Management in Gujarat*. SEWA, Ahmedabad.
- Agarwala, Rina. 1996. "Shifting Capital Markets and Increased Market Access to Microcredit." SEWA, Ahmedabad.
- UNDP. 1996. *China Environment and Sustainable Development Resource Book: A Compendium of Donor Activities*, UNDP, Beijing (Report authored by Rina Agarwala).

Works In Progress:

- Book project on international migration and development from India to the US and the Gulf
- Project on state responses to automobile workers in India—from repression to accommodation

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2015-16. Ford Foundation Grant
2015. Seminar Grant from Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University
- 2012-13. US Department of Labor, International Labor Affairs Bureau Grant
- 2011-12. MacArthur Foundation Research Grant
- 2010-11. Russell Sage / Mellon Foundation Research Grant
- 2009-10. Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship
- 2009-10. Ford Foundation Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)
- 2009-10. Association of American University Women American Fellowships Program (alternate, declined)
- 2005-2006. Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars (full-year support for dissertation writing)
2005. Center for Migration and Development (CMD) Dissertation Award, Princeton University
- 2004-2005. National Institutes of Health (NIH) Research Fellowship
2004. Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Research Grant
- 2003-2004. Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship
2002. Sasakawa Foundation Research Abroad Fellowship

2001-2002. National Institutes of Health (NIH) Research Fellowship

2000-2001. Woodrow Wilson School Fellowship, Princeton University

1995. Phi Beta Kappa National Honors Society

CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Visiting Professor, University of Toronto, March 2015.

“Informal Workers and the 21st Century Social Contract”, UNRISD Workshop on the New Social Contract, Geneva, Switzerland, January 2015.

“Divine Development: Migration, Religion, and Organization in the US and India,” Annual Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA, August 2014. Paper presentation.

“Remaking the Working Class in the 21st Century: Informal Workers’ Struggles in 8 Countries,” Invited paper for workshop on “The Future of Democracy after Neoliberalism: Social Movements in a Globalizing World,” University of Tokyo, July 2014.

“Author-Meets-Critic Panel on *Informal Labor, Formal Politics* by Rina Agarwala,” International Sociological Society Meeting (ISA), Yokohama, Japan, July 2014.

“Author-Meets-Critic Panel on *Informal Labor, Formal Politics* by Rina Agarwala,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting (ESS), Baltimore, MD, February 2013

“Work in the Global South: The Politics of Recognition,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting (ESS), Baltimore, MD, February 2013. Paper presentation.

“Varieties of State Responses to Informal Workers’ Politics in India,” Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 2013. Paper presentation.

“Street Vendors, Textile Workers, and India’s Alternative Labor Movements.” ASA Annual Meetings, New York, NY 2013. Paper presentation.

“The Future of Indian Labor Movements.” The Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA) Annual Meetings, St. Louis, MO, June 2013. Paper presentation.

“A Second Marriage? An Intersection of Marxism and Feminism among India’s Informal Workers,” ASA Annual Meetings, Denver, CO, August 2012. Invited presentation for thematic panel.

“Alternative Approaches to Informal Work.” ISA Meetings, Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 2012. Invited Organizer and discussant for Panel of RC44.

“Indian Diaspora and Development.” Princeton University, NJ, May 2012. Invited speaker for Workshop of Transnational Immigrant Organizations Network.

“India’s Informal Economy in a Comparative Perspective.” UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, April 2012. Speaker for

Workshop of Experiences Organizing Informal Workers Network.

- “Tapping the Indian Diaspora for Indian Development: A Survey of Indian Transnational Organizations.” Workshop on Diaspora Philanthropy and Social Development in India, University of Iowa, Iowa. March 2012. Paper presentation.
- “Transnational Labor Movements and the State in India.” Chung-Ang University, Seoul, South Korea, June 2011. Invited paper presentation for Asian-Pacific Region Labor Workshop.
- “Indian Diaspora and Development.” Princeton University, NJ, April 2011. Invited speaker for Workshop of Transnational Immigrant Organizations Network.
- “Social Democracy and Diaspora in India.” Institute of Indian Technology (IIT)-Gandhinagar, Gandhinagar, India, March 2011. Invited speaker for Social Science speaker series.
- “Dignifying Discontent: Informal Workers and the State in India.” University of British Columbia, Canada, February 2011. Invited speaker for Sociology seminar series.
- “Dignifying Discontent: Informal Workers and the State in India.” Center for Advanced Study of India (CASI) Seminar Series, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. December 2010. Invited speaker.
- “Cross-National Sociology.” ASA Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA, August 2010. Invited Organizer of Regular Session and discussant.
- “The State and Transnational Labor Movements: The Case of SEWA in India.” ISA Meeting, Gothenburg, Sweden, July 2010. Paper presentation.
- “Populism, Communism and Informal Workers: Progressive Party Politics in the Neoliberal Era.” Conference on Indian Democracy, Brown University, Providence, RI, May 2010. Invited paper presentation.
- “Gender, Labor, and the State in Post-Colonial India.” Center for Migration and Development Seminar Series, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, April 2010. Invited Speaker.
- “Informality and Gender in India.” Summer Institute in Development and Inequality in the Global South, Brown University, Providence, RI, June 10, 2009. Invited plenary speaker.
- “India beyond the IT Boom.” Central and South Asia Symposium, Georgia Perimeter College, Clarkston, GA, September 27, 2008. Invited Key-note speaker.
- “Funding for Dissertation Field Research: Why So Little Support for Political Science and Sociology?” American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 2008. Panel organizer and paper presentation.
- “Labor Movements and Globalization.” ASA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 2008. Invited presentation on thematic panel.
- “Gender, Informal Economy and Political Action.” ASA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 2008. Invited presentation on thematic panel.

- “Dignifying Discontent: Informal Workers’ Movements in India.” Conference on Labor Unions and Democracy in a Globalizing Asia, SUNY-Binghamton, Binghamton, NY, October 5-6, 2007. Invited paper presentation.
- “Indian Labor and Globalization.” Johns Hopkins Knowledge for the World Tour, Atlanta, GA, September 23, 2007, Invited presentation.
- “The Future of the Labor Movement.” ASA Annual Meeting, New York, NY, August 2007. Invited presentation on thematic panel.
- “Dignifying Discontent: Informal Workers and the State in India.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Meeting, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 2007. Paper presentation.
- “From Work to Welfare: Informal Workers’ Organizations and the State in India.” ASA Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, August 2006. Paper presentation.
- “Recovering Class: Reflections from the Subcontinent.” Committee for South Asian Studies Conference at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, May 8, 2006. Conference organizer and paper presentation.
- “Whatever Happened to Class in South Asia?” Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2006. Panel organizer and paper presentation.
- “Resistance and Compliance among Indian Workers.” NAFTA and Beyond: Alternative Disciplinary Perspectives in the Study of Global Trade and Development Conference at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, December 2-3, 2005. Invited presentation.
- “The Political Economy of Informal Workers in India.” University Seminar on Globalization: Labor and Popular Struggles Seminar at Columbia University, New York, NY, October 2005. Invited presentation.
- “Bringing Class Back into South Asia.” Annual Conference on South Asia at University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, October 2005. Panel organizer and paper presentation.
- “Struggling with Informality: A New Class Movement in India.” ASA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2005. Paper presentation.
- “Informal Workers and the State in India.” Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 2005. Poster presentation.
- “Child Labor in the Global South.” University Seminar on Globalization: Labor and Popular Struggles at Columbia University, New York, NY, February 2005. Invited discussant.
- “From Work to Welfare: Informal Workers and the State in India.” APSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, September 2004. Paper presentation.
- “A New Social Movement: India’s Informal Workers.” ASA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 2004. Poster presentation.
- “Refining the Measurement of Women’s Autonomy.” PAA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, April 2004. Paper presentation.
- “Liberalization and Labor in India.” Mumbai University, Department of Politics. Mumbai, India, December 2003. Invited class lecture.

“Measuring Women’s Work in India.” Indian Society of Labour Economics Annual Meeting, Amritsar, India, December 2002. Invited presentation.

“What Do You Do? Estimating the Effect of Women’s Work on Autonomy.” ASA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2002. Paper presentation.

“Child and Youth Well-being in Developing Countries.” PAA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, May 2002. Invited discussant.

“Power and Social Movements.” Out of the Shadows: Political Action and the Informal Economy Conference at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, November 2001. Invited presentation.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Issues in International Development, Johns Hopkins University (undergraduate, 30-35 students)
Migration and Development, Johns Hopkins University (undergraduate, 20 students)
Gender and International Development, Johns Hopkins University (undergraduate, 12-25 students)
State and Society in Modern India, Johns Hopkins University (undergraduate and graduate, 20-25 students)
Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate, 120 students)
Seminar on International Development, Johns Hopkins University (graduate, 7-12 students)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Department

2009-14 Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS)
2009-14 Chair of Undergraduate Committee
2006-09 Member of Undergraduate Committee
2008 Member of Speakers’ Committee
2007 Member of Curriculum Committee

University

2012-14 Member of KSAS Status of Women Committee
2011-13 Selection Committee Member, Dean’s Undergraduate Research Award (DURA)
2009-13 Board Member of International Studies Program
2010 Interviewer for Fulbright Fellowships
2009, 2010 Selection Committee Member, Dean’s Teaching Fellowship (DTF)
2008 Reviewer for Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Applications
2007 Speaker for “Hopkins Knowledge for the World Campaign Conference”

Discipline

2015-present Editorial Board Member *Politics & Society*
2015-present Editorial Board Member *Global Labour Journal*
2011-13 Selection Committee Member, American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) Dissertation Awards
2010-14 Board Member, RC-44 Labour Movements Research Committee of ISA
2012 Organizer and Chair of Panel on Informal Workers for ISA Meeting
2012 Organizer for Panel on Graduate Dissertation Funding for ASA Annual Meeting
2010 Committee Member for Best Book Award, Labor Section of ASA

2010 Organizer for Regular Session of “Cross-National Sociology” at ASA Annual Meeting
2008 Organizer for Labor Section panel at ASA Annual Meeting

Reviewer for: American Ethnologist, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Contemporary Sociology, Critical Asian Studies, Critical Sociology, Economic and Political Weekly, Ethnography, Global Labour Journal, International Review of Modern Sociology, Indian Journal of Labour Economics, Journal of Urban Affairs, Russell Sage Foundation, Social Problems, Studies in Comparative International Development, Theory & Society, Women’s Studies International Forum, and Women and International Development Publication Series.

Member of: Association for Asian Studies (AAS), American Political Science Association (APSA), American Sociological Association (ASA), Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE), International Sociological Association (ISA), Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA), Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), and Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP).

DEVELOPMENT-RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Women’s World Banking (WWB), New York, NY
Technical Program Associate, Asia Division, 1999-2000

Self Employed Women’s Association (SEWA), Gujarat, India
SEWA is a union and cooperative for women in the informal economy
Research Consultant, Department of Rural Development, 1996-1997

United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Beijing, China
Research Associate, Division of Energy and Environment, Summer 1994, 1995-1996

United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), Beijing, China
Communications Assistant, Media Office at UN 4th World Conference on Women, Summer 1995