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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Johns Hopkins University**, Department of Sociology, Baltimore, MD, USA  
*Professor*, 2022-present  
*Associate Professor*, 2014-2022  
*Assistant Professor*, 2006-2014

**Copenhagen University**, Sociology Department, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Visiting Scholar*, 2016-Present  
*Associate Professor*, 2014-2016

## EDUCATION

**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ, USA  
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Sociology and Demography, 2006

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

**Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY, USA  
Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Economics and Government, minor in International Relations, 1995  
*Cum laude* with Honors

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books:

Agarwala, Rina. 2022. *The Migration-Development Regime: How Class Shapes Indian Emigration*. New York: Oxford University Press.

- Winner, Outstanding Book Award, American Sociological Association (ASA), Sociology of Development Section, 2023
- Winner, Thomas & Znaniecki Best Book Award, ASA, International Migration Section, 2023
- Winner, Best Book Award, American Political Science Association (APSA), Migration and Citizenship Section, 2023
- Honorable Mention, Best Book Award, ASA Labor and Labor Movements Section, 2023

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

- Winner, Outstanding Book Award, 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; 2016 (re-print). *Whatever Happened to Class? Reflections from South Asia*. London: Routledge Press.

**Refereed Articles/Book Chapters:**

- Agarwala, Rina and Poulami Roychowdhury. 2025. "The Perils and Promises of Unequal Democracy: Insights from the Sociology of India." *Annual Sociological Review*.
- Agarwala, Rina and Ahmed Mori. 2025. "Union-Cooperative Collaborations: Toward a Global Framework of Analysis." *Sociology Compass*.
- Agarwala, Rina, Chris Tilly, and Aabid Firdausi. Forthcoming 2025. "Explaining informal workers' organizing experiments: A cross-country study of Brazil, China, and India." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*.
- Agarwala, Rina. Forthcoming 2025. "India's Informal Economy and its Workers: A Review and a Path Forward." *Cambridge Companion on Indian Politics and Society*.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2024. "The Politics of Contradictory Class Locations in the Contemporary Era," In *Engaging Erik Olin Wright: Between Class Analysis and Real Utopias*, Eds. Michael Burawoy and Gay Seidman. Verso.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2024. "Incorporating Informal Workers in Twenty-First-Century Social Contracts." In *Emerging Trends in Social Policy from the South: Challenges and Innovations in Emerging Economies*, Eds. Ilcheong Yi, Alexandra Kaasch, and Kelly Stetter. Policy Press, pp. 63-84.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2022. "The Politics of Skilling and Migration in India." In Paul Osterman, Nichola Lowe, Bridget Anderson, Joe William Trotter Jr., Natasha Iskander, and Rina Agarwala. "A Forum on the Politics of Skills," pp. 1362-1365. *ILR Review* 75(5): 1348-1368. (on-line publication first: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00197939221110097>)
- Agarwala, Rina. 2020. "Capital, the Right, and a New Age for Labour Scholarship." *Global Labour Journal*. Vol. 11, No. 3 <https://doi.org/10.15173/glj.v11i3.4486>
- Agarwala, Rina and Ron Herring. 2019. "How Does Class Matter in Politics? Rethinking Conditions and Reasons." In *Interpreting Politics: Situated Knowledge, India, and the Rudolph Legacy*, Eds. John E. Echeverri-Gent and Kamal Sadiq. Oxford University Press: New Delhi.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2019. "Informal Workers and the State," in *The Informal Economy Revisited: Looking Back, Thinking Forward*, Eds. Martha Chen and Francoise Carre. Routledge Press.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2019. "The Politics of India's Reformed Labor Model." In *Business and Politics in India*, Eds. Christophe Jaffrelot, Atul Kohli, and Kanta Murali. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 95-123.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2018. "From Theory to Praxis and Back to Theory: Informal Workers' Struggles against Capitalism and Patriarchy in India." *Political Power and Social Theory*. Vol. 35, pp. 29-57.
- Agarwala, Rina and Jennifer Jihye Chun. 2018. "Gendering Struggles against Informal and Precarious Work." *Political Power and Social Theory*. Vol 35. pp. 1-28.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2018. "The Development of Labor under Contemporary Capitalism," *Sociology of Development*. Vol. 4 No. 3, pp. 239-260.

- Agarwala, Rina and Shiny Saha. 2018. "The Employment Relationship and Movement Strategies among Domestic Workers in India." *Critical Sociology*. Vol 44, Issue 7/8. 1207-1223.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2018. "Using Legal Empowerment for Labour Rights in India." *Journal of Development Studies*. Volume 55, Issue 3. (on-line publication first)
- Agarwala, Rina. 2017. "Transnational Diaspora Organizations and India's Development." *Routledge Handbook of the Indian Diaspora*, eds. Radha Sarma Hegde and Ajaya Kumar Sahoo. New York: Routledge. Pp. 104-116.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2016. "Redefining Exploitation: Self-Employed Workers' Movements in India's Garments and Trash Collection Industries." *International Labor and Working Class History*. No. 89, Spring, pp. 107-130.
- Chun, Jennifer Jihye and Rina Agarwala. 2016. "Global labour politics in informal and precarious jobs." *Handbook of the Sociology of Work and Employment*, eds. Stephen Edgell, Heidi Gottfried, Edward Granter. Sage: London. pp. 634-650.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2016. "Divine Development: Transnational Religious Organizations in the US and India." *International Migration Review*. Vol 50, Issue 4, pp. 910-950. (on-line publication in 2015)
- 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. Pp. 220-233.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2012. "The State and Labor in Transnational Activism: The Case of India." *Journal of Industrial Relations*. Vol. 54, Issue 4, pp. 443-458.
- 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. 2024. "The Role of Migration in *Classes of Labour: Work and Life in a Central Indian Steel Town*" (by Jonathan Parry). *International Labor Relations Review*.  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/00197939231203894>

Agarwala, Rina. 2023. "Does Skill Make Us Human?" (by Natasha Iskander). *International Migration Review* Vol 57, Issue 3. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/01979183231182127>

Agarwala, Rina. 2018. "Undervalued Dissent: Informal Workers' Politics in India," (by Manjusha Nair). *New Labor Forum*. Vol 27, Issue 3.

Agarwala, Rina. 2015. "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:**

Agarwala, Rina 2023. "The Migration Challenge for the Global North/South Divide," *Sectors*. Spring/Summer Volume 10 (1).

Agarwala, Rina "The Migration-Development Regime," *SAIS Review of International Affairs*. December 14, 2022.

Agarwala, Rina [\*Is the New UK Prime Minister a Paragon of Immigrant Success?\*](#) *Washington Post* (December 9, 2022).

McBride, Justin and Chris Tilly with Rina Agarwala, Jennifer Chun, Georgina Rojas, Ben Scully, Sarah Swider, Nik Theodore. January 2021. "Organizing Informal Workers to Win: Lessons from Informal Domestic and Construction Workers in Six Countries." Center for Global Workers' Rights, Pennsylvania State University and of Pittsburg, and Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, University of California, Los Angeles <https://irle.ucla.edu/publication/organizing-informal-workers-to-win-lessons-from-informal-domestic-and-construction-workers-in-six-countries/>

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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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:**

Agarwala, Rina and Chris Tilly (editors). "Experiments in Power-Building: Comparing Informal Worker Organizing Strategies." Special Issue of *Journal of Comparative Development Studies (JCDS)*.

Agarwala, Rina (editor). *Migration: India Across the Globe*. Special Issue of *Critical Sociology*.

Book manuscript: *Social Insecurity in the U.S., Denmark, and India: How it Happened and What We Can Do*

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

2022-23. Kendeda Fellowship at the Institute for the Study of Employee Ownership and Profit Sharing

2022 Winner of Girish and Himangi Rishi Student Travel Exchange Awards, GKII

2021-22. JHU COVID Grant

2015-18. 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

Panel Speaker, “Ham Sab Ek Exhibit” World Bank, Washington DC, January 8, 2025.

Invited book talks for *Migration-Development Regime* (2022-24):

- (India): Indian Institute of Technology-Mumbai, Tata Institute of Social Science, College of Social Work, Migration Institute of India-Kerala, Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation
- (Abu Dhabi): NYU-AD
- (Denmark): Copenhagen University

- (Germany): Gottingen University, Duisburg University
- (Netherlands): International Institute of Social History-Amsterdam
- (Belgium): Université Libre
- (Australia): Deakin University
- (U.S.): Princeton University, Harvard University, Cornell University, Tufts University, Southern-Methodist University in Texas, University of Maryland, George Washington University, George Mason University, University of Virginia, UCLA, UCSD, UC-Irvine, World Bank

Panel Speaker, “The Power of Sociology in Development.” Annual Development Conference, JHU, Washington DC, October 2024.

“Global Migration and the Global South.” Key-note Speaker for Migration, Labor, and Political Economy Workshop. July 2024. Duisburg, Germany.

“Women-led Cooperatives: The Case of SEWA,” Annual National Home Care Cooperative Conference, Dulles, VA, March 2024

“Union-Cooperative Collaborations.” January 2024, Annual Kelso Workshop, Rutgers, NJ. Paper presentation.

“Global Migration and Refugees” Wilson Center Guest Panel, Washington DC, November 2023

“Migration Regimes- Bringing the Global South Back in to Correct Migration Myopias.” November 2023. Social Science and History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting, Washington DC, panel organizer and paper presenter.

Author-Meets-Critics Panel featuring *The Migration-Development Regime* by Rina Agarwala. June 2023. International Sociological Association (ISA) Meeting, Melbourne, Australia.

“Labor Insecurity and Precarity in Contemporary Capitalism,” Key-note Speaker for Workshop entitled “Capturing the Countermovement and Karl Polanyi”, April 2023, Brussels, Belgium.

“Global Migration and the Embodiments of Empire and Exploitation,” March 2023. Association of Asian-American Studies (AAAS) Annual Meeting, paper presentation.

Author-Meets-Critics Panel featuring *The Migration-Development Regime* by Rina Agarwala. November 2022. SSHA Annual Meeting, Chicago.

“Global Migration and Displacement,” October 2022. Annual South Asia Conference, Madison, paper presentation.

New Books Panel featuring *The Migration-Development Regime* by Rina Agarwala. October 2022. Annual South Asia Conference, Madison.

“The Politics of Skilling and Migration in India.” September 2022. In the Forum on the Politics of Skills Webinar, ILR Review.

“Social Insecurity under Contemporary Capitalism.” August 2022. American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, paper presentation.

“The Migration-Development Regime: Recasting Migration Studies to Illuminate History, Sending States, and Class.” August 2022. ASA Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, paper presentation.

- “Reformulating our study of Global Capitalism in the Global South,” April 2022. Brown University, Invited presentation.
- “The Politics of Exclusion: Gender and Informality in India,” November 2021. University of Hyderabad, Invited Lecture.
- Author-meets-critique commentator for *Brewing Resistance*,” by Kristin Plys. November 2021. Social Science History Association (SSHA), invited presentation.
- “Women in Law in India,” September 2021. Johns Hopkins India Institute and Hopkins at Home, organizer, moderator, and discussant.
- “The Politics of Skill, Labor, and Development,” August 2021. ASA Annual Meeting, co-organizer & presenter.
- “The Politics of Contradictory Class Locations,” February 2021. International Sociological Association (ISA), paper presentation.
- “Informality and the Future of Work”, Rapoport Center, University of Texas, Austin. June 2021. Invited Presentation.
- Author-Meet-Critics Panel Speaker for The Dravidian Model. By Kalai Arasan and Vijay Baskar. Brown University. December 2020. Invited Presentation
- “Managing Migrants: Indian Emigration and Development.” October 2020. Cornell University. Invited Presentation
- “Managing Migrants: Indian Emigration and Development.” May 2020. University of Pennsylvania. Invited Presentation
- “Managing Migrants: Indian Emigration and Development.” May 2020. CUNY-Graduate Center. Invited Presentation
- “Managing Migrants: Indian Emigration and Development.” January 2020. University of Michigan. Invited Presentation
- “Labor, Resistance, and Right-Wing Populism in India,” Pennsylvania State University, April 4, 2019. Invited presentation for public event.
- “Informal Vs. Migrant Workers’ Movements,” Eighth Annual Center for Global Workers’ Rights Symposium, *Alternative Worker Movements at a Time of Political Crisis: From Predicament to Possibility*. Pennsylvania State University, April 4-5, 2019. Invited paper presentation.
- “The Uses and Limits of Class Analytics for Indian Politics: From the Centrist Dismissal to Bullock Capitalists,” Workshop on Interpretative Approaches to Political Economy: Political Science, India, and the Rudolph Legacy, University of Virginia, February 2-3, 2018. Invited paper presentation.
- “The Politics of Informal Workers and the Indian State.” WIEGO 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Research Conference, Harvard University, Boston, MA, November 2017. Invited Paper Presentation.
- “The Development of Labor in the Contemporary Context.” Annual Sociology of Development Conference. Wayne State University, October 2017. Invited Key-Note Speaker.



- “Reassessing Class 10 Years Hence” Annual Conference on South Asia at University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, October 2017. Panel organized around my co-edited 2006 book, “*Whatever Happened to Class? Fresh Reflections from South Asia.*” Invited paper presentation.
- “The Impact of Gender on Informal Workers’ Organizing-the Case of India.” ASA Annual Meeting, Toronto, CA August 2017. Invited paper presentation for thematic panel.
- “Sociology of Informalisation: Reflections from India.” Workers of the World Symposium, Hanover, Germany, June 2017. Invited Key-Note Speaker.
- “Macroeconomic Issues, Employment, and Skill Development.” Conference on the Political Economy of Contemporary India, IGIDR, Mumbai, India, January 2017. Invited Respondent.
- “Polanyi, Gramsci, and Precarity in India.” ASA Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August 2016. Paper presentation.
- “Gender and Informal Labor in India,” ISA Meeting, Vienna, Australia, July 2016. Paper presentation.
- “Labor and Business in India,” Princeton University, May 2016 (Invited presentation for workshop on Business and Politics in India).
- “Labor and Welfare in India and Denmark,” University of Oslo, May 2016 (Invited presentation for workshop on Welfare States in India and Scandinavia)
- “Informal Labor, Formal Politics,” Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen, May 2016 (Invited Lecture)
- “Informal Labor, Formal Politics,” Department of Sociology, University of Copenhagen, April 2015 (Invited Lecture)
- “Informal Labor in India,” The Danish National Centre for Social Research (SFI), Copenhagen Denmark (Invited Lecture), April 2015
- “Informal Labor in India’s New World,” New India World Workshop, University of Copenhagen, April 2015 (Invited presentation for workshop)
- Visiting Professor, University of Toronto, March 2015.
- “Informal Workers and the 21<sup>st</sup> 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,” ASA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 2014. Paper presentation.
- “Remaking the Working Class in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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,” ISA Meeting, 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 Meeting, 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 Meeting, Denver, CO, August 2012. Invited presentation for thematic panel.
- “Alternative Approaches to Informal Work.” ISA Meeting, 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 Meeting, 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**

2024-25: Faculty Director of HSDC Theme: Global Migration and Refugees  
2018. Winner of Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity’s Outstanding Faculty Member Award.

### **Undergraduate:**

Contemporary Sociological Theory

Introduction to International Development

Advanced Seminar in International Development

Global Migration and Development

Global Migration and Refugees

Gender & International Development

The Political Economy of India

Introduction to Sociology

**Graduate:**

Seminar on Contemporary Sociological Theory

Seminar on International Development

Seminar on Indian Political Economy

Graduate Research and Writing Seminar

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

**Department of Sociology at JHU:**

2024-present	Direct of Graduate Studies (DGS) and Chair of Committee on Graduate Studies
2023	Chair of Hiring Committee for 3 positions on Sociology of Race and Gender
2009-14, 2016-2022	Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS), Sociology
2009-14, 2016-2022	Chair of Undergraduate Committee, Sociology
2021	Chair of Hiring Committee for position on Sociology of Race
2020	Chair of COVID-19 Relief Fund for Graduate Students
2019	Sociology Member of Hiring Committee for Agora Faculty Search
2017-18	Member of Admissions Committee, Sociology
2006-09	Member of Undergraduate Committee, Sociology
2008	Member of Speakers' Committee, Sociology
2007	Member of Curriculum Committee, Sociology

**University Level at JHU:**

2024-present	Member of SGC Sub-Committee on Graduate Affairs
2020-2024	KSAS Representative on Steering Committee of Gupta-Klinsky India Institute (GKII)
2021-2023	Chair of Homewood Council for Institutional Excellence (HCIE)
2023	Chair of Promotion case for HAC
2022	Member of Academic Grievance Committee
2021, 2022	Member of Diversity Leadership Council (DLC)
2020	Internal Reviewer for Review of Anthropology Department
2019-2021	Vice-Chair of HCIE
2017-Present	Board Member of HCIE
2016-2017	Member of Open Access Committee, Office of President
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”

**University Level at Copenhagen University:**

2015-2016 International Coordinator

**Profession Level**

2015-present Editorial Board Member *Politics & Society*  
2018-present Advisory Board Member *Global Labour Journal*  
2024-present Associate Editor *Theory and Social Inquiry*  
2024 Council Member, Asia and Asian American Section, American Sociological Association (ASA)  
2024 Book Award Committee Member, Asia and Asian American Section, ASA  
2024 Co-Chair Book Award Committee, Migration Section, ASA  
2021 Book Award Committee Member, Global and Transnational Sociology Section, ASA  
2021 Organizer of Panel on Labor and Skill, Development Section, ASA  
2018-2020 Member of Program Committee for SASE  
2015-2018 Editorial Board Member *Global Labour Journal*  
2015-2018 Council Member, Sociology of Development Section, ASA  
2015, 2018 Chair of Book Committee Award, Development Section, ASA  
2018 Organizer of Labor Section Panel, ASA Meeting  
2018 Organizer of Panel on Social Movements, ISA Meeting  
2016 Chair of Book Committee Award, SSSP  
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 Development Studies, 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), Social Science History Association (SSHA), 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*