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EDUCATION:

Ph.D.	University of Connecticut (Sociology, 1999)
M.S.	University of Massachusetts (Geography, 1987)
M.A:	University of Calcutta (Geography, 1979)
B.A.	Presidency College, Calcutta (Geography, 1977)

Awards/Honors:

2010	University of Connecticut Alumni Association Teaching Excellence Award.
2009	American Sociological Association, Asia and Asian American Section Teaching Award.
2009	Department of Sociology Graduate Students' Award for Mentoring.
2007	Department of Sociology Graduate Students' Award for Mentoring.
2004	University of Connecticut Women of Color Award for Excellence in Leadership, Achievement, and Service.
2004	State of Connecticut, General Assembly, Governor, and Lieutenant Governor's Immigrant Day Citations for outstanding achievement, leadership and commitment to Connecticut.
2001	AAUP Teaching Excellence (Promise) Award.
2001	State of Connecticut, General Assembly Citation for Teaching.

Other awards and honors.

National (Merit) Scholarship awarded by the Government of India; Gold Medal from the University of Calcutta (for the highest marks in Geography at the Master's Level); Jubilee Merit Prize for the highest marks in Geography from the University of Calcutta; Scindia Gold Medal and the Gwalior Book prize for the highest marks among all BA students of Calcutta University. Rhodes Scholarship finalist (1976, 1977).

Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Beta Kappa.

SCHOLARSHIP

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL EDITORSHIPS: Deputy Editor: Gender & Society. (2006-2011)

INTERNATIONAL EDITORIAL BOARD: Journal of South Asian Diasporas.

GENERAL EDITOR: Human Rights series. Frontpage Publications.

PANEL REVIEWER: National Science Foundation; National Endowment for the Humanities.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Glasberg, Davita, Purkayastha, Bandana and Armaline, William (eds.). 2011. *Human Rights In Our Backyard: Injustice and Resistance in the US*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

Lucas, Susan, and Bandana Purkayastha: *Invisible in the Mirror? Transnational Lives of Canadian Migrants in the United States*. London, UK: Ashgate Publishers (in press).

Narayan, Anjana and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2009. *Living Our Religions: South Asian Hindu and Muslim Women narrate their experiences*. Stirling, VA: Kumarian Press.

Caforio, Giuseppe, Kuemmel, Gerhard, and Purkayastha, Bandana. (eds.) 2008. *Armed Conflict and Conflict Resolution: Sociological Perspectives*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Group.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2005. *Negotiating Ethnicity: Second-generation South Asian Americans Traverse a Transnational World*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.

Purkayastha, Bandana, and Subramaniam, Mangala. (eds.) 2004. *The Power of Women's Informal Networks: Lessons in Social Change from South Asia and West Africa*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Books in preparation.

Asian Americans and Experiences of Aging. With Miho Iwata, Shweta Majumdar, Ranita Ray, and Trisha Tiamzon. (under advance contract with Rowman and Littlefield, completing final revisions).

Power to the People: The Human Rights Enterprise, Political Sociology and Social Movements. William Armaline, Davita Glasberg, and Bandana Purkayastha. (proposal under review at Polity Press).

Translating Human Rights, practices across generations.

Gender and Human Rights: (Re)presenting the Voices of the Marginalized.

Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals

Purkayastha, Bandana. (forthcoming 2012) Intersectionality in a transnational world. Symposium on Patricia Hill Collins. *Gender & Society*.

Ray, Ranita and Purkayastha, Bandana (forthcoming) "Challenges In Localizing Global Human Rights." *Societies Without Borders*.

Narayan, Anjana, Purkayastha, Bandana, and Banerji, Sudipto. (2011). Constructing Virtual, transnational identities on the web: The case of Hindu student groups in the US and UK. *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 32: 495-517.

Narayan, Anjana and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2011. Talking Gender Superiority in Virtual Spaces. *Journal of South Asian Diasporas*, 3: 53-69.

Purkayastha, B. 2010. Interrogating Intersectionality: Contemporary globalization and racialized gendering in the lives of highly educated South Asian Americans and their children. *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 31:29-47.

Purkayastha Bandana. 2009. Another Word of Experience? South Asian Diasporic Groups and the Transnational Context. *Journal of South Asian Diasporas*. 1: 85-99.

Lucas, Susan. and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2007. "Where is home?" Here and There: Transnational experiences of home among Canadian Immigrants in the United States. *GeoJournal*, 68: 243-251.

Stone, Rosalie, Purkayastha, Bandana. and Berhdahl, Terciera. 2006. Beyond Asian American: Examining conditions and mechanisms of earnings inequality for Filipina, Asian Indian and non-Hispanic white women. *Sociological Perspectives*, 49: 261-281.

Stone, Rosalie, and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2005. Predictors of Earnings for Mexican Americans in the Midwest. *Great Plains Research*, 15:101-116.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2004. Skilled Migration and Cumulative Disadvantage: The Case of Highly Qualified Asian Indian Immigrant Women in the U.S. *Geoforum*: 36:181-196.

Purkayastha, Bandana, Subramaniam, Mangala, Desai, Manisha, and Bose, Sunita. 2003. Gender Scholarship in India: A Partial Review. *Gender & Society*, 17:503-524.
(Reprinted in a collection edited by Chris Bose and Minjeong Kim; noted under chapters).

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2002. Non-cooperation as a Means of Peaceful Conflict Resolution: Cases from India. *Forum International*. (Germany). 22:267-292.

Ferree, Myra Marx, and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2000 Equality and Cumulative Disadvantage: Response to Baxter and Wright. *Gender & Society*: 6:809-813.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2000. Liminal Lives: South Asian Youth and Domestic Violence. *Journal of Social Distress and Homelessness*, 9: 201-219.

McMeeking, Diana. and Purkayastha, Bandana. 1995. "I can't have my mom running me everywhere": Adolescents, Leisure and Accessibility. *Journal of Leisure Sciences*, 27:360-378.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 1995. Italian Renaissance and Japanese Zen Gardens: An Approach for Introducing Cultural Landscapes. *Journal of Geography*, 94:412-419.
(Reprinted in Approaches to Teaching Human Geography, edited by Gary Elbow, 2004).

Special Issues co-editorship.

Margaret Abraham and Bandana Purkayastha. (forthcoming 2012). Linking Research to Practice. Special Issue of Current Sociology.

Chapters (2006-2011 only)

Purkayastha, Bandana. (forthcoming 2011) Imagining pan-Asia: Tagore from a 21st century perspective. Commemorative Volume on Tagore: 150th year retrospective. Kolkata: Visva Bharati.

Purkayastha, Bandana and Schwartzman, Jayme. (2010). Globalization and Mothering. In *Globalization and Women's Empowerment*, edited by Samir Das Gupta. London: Frontpage. (invited)

Gurbuz, Mustafa and Bandana Purkayastha. 2010. "From Gandhi to Gülen: The *Habitus* of Non-aggressive Action." Pp. 166-78 in *Islam in the Age of Global Challenges: Alternative Perspectives of the Gülen Movement*, edited by Ali Yurtsever, Somerset, NJ: Tughra Books.

Purkayastha, Bandana and Narayan, Anjana. 2009. Bridges and Chasms. Orientalism and the Making of Indian Americans in New England. In *Asian Americans in New England*, edited by Monica Chiu. Durham, NH: New England University Press. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2009. Tagore and Human Rights. In *Celebrating Tagore*, edited by Clinton Sealey and Rama Datta. Kolkata: Allied Publishers. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana and Majumdar, Shweta. 2009. Sex Trafficking in South Asia. In *Globalization and Third World Women*, edited by Ligaya McGovern and Isidor Welman, London: Ashgate. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2009. Many Views on Peace. In *Military Sociology, Essays in Memory of Charles Moskos*, edited by Giuseppe Caforio. Bingley, UK: Emerald Group, pp 43-59. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana, Subramaniam, Mangala, Desai, Manisha, and Bose, Sunita. 2009 Gender Scholarship in India: A Partial Review. In *Global Gender Research: Transnational Perspectives*, edited By Christine Bose and Minjeong Kim. New York: Routledge, pp. 92-109. (revised and reprinted from *Gender & Society*).

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2008. Building a Fabric of Peace: Notes from the Field. In *Armed Conflict and Conflict Resolution: Sociological Perspectives*, edited by Giuseppe Caforio, Gerhard Kuemmel, and Bandana Purkayastha. Bingley, UK: Emerald Group, pp.393-411.

Ranjeet, Bidya. and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2007. A Minority within a Minority: Nepalese American Women and Domestic Violence. In *Body Evidence: Intimate Violence Against South Asian Women in America*, edited by Shamita Das Gupta. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, pp. 38-42. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2007. Anatomy of Second Generation "Indian" Cultural Events in the USA. In *Indian Diaspora--The 21st Century—Migration, Change, and Adaptation*, edited by Anand Singh, New Delhi: KRE Publishers, pp.81-89.

Other publications (2006-2011 only)

Purkayastha, Bandana and Ranita Ray. 2009. South Asian Americans. Entry in *Greenwood Encyclopedia on Contemporary Asian American Issues*, edited by Edith Chen, Wendy Ng, and Peter Chua. Greenwood Press. (invited)

Gurbuz, Mustafa and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2008. From Gandhi to Gulen: The Habitus of Non-aggressive Action. Conference Proceedings: Islam in the Age of Global Challenges, Alternative Perspectives of the Gulen Movement, Washington DC: Rumi Forum, pp.267-287.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2008. Ethnicity, negotiating. Entry in *Encyclopedia on Race, Ethnicity, Society*. Edited by Richard Schaefer. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2006. Breaking the Bowls: Degendering and Feminist Change (J. Lorber, Norton). Book Review in *Gender & Society*, 20:286-288.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2006. Social Movements in India: Poverty, Power, Politics. (R. Ray and M. Katzenstein, Rowman and Littlefield). Book Review in *Mobilization*, 11: 123-124.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2005. Panethnicity: Processes, Institutionalization, and Linkages. Occasional Papers. Department of History. Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, India.

PRESENTATIONS (2006-2011 only).

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2011. Is Intersectionality Sufficiently Robust for Studying Social Life in Virtual Spaces:? Eastern Sociological Society meeting. Philadelphia. March, 2011.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2010. Racism and Anti-Racism: Racism in the "Post-Race" Society . American Sociological Association, Atlanta, August 2010.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2010. "Past Passed? Experiences and Thoughts on Transmitting Religious and Cultural Heritage." Asian Pacific Americans Religion Research Initiative conference. Plenary speaker. Chicago, Aug 5-7, 2010.

Margaret Abraham, and Bandana Purkayastha. 2010. Addressing “Personal Problems” to Claiming Human Rights: Reflections on Anti-Domestic Violence Activism, International Sociological Association, Gothenburg Sweden, July 2010.

Bandana Purkayastha: Thinking About Peace: “Southern” contributions to peace-scholarship. (accepted by RC-0, ISA)

Conversation with Bandana Purkayastha, Debra Renee Kaufman, Kay Jenkins on "Lived Religion in Everyday Life" Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2010. Boston.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2009 “No right in sight”: Female Immigrant Workers and Questions of Economic Justice.” Conference on Human Rights in the US. University of Connecticut. October 22-24, 2009.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2009. “Imagined and Real Humans: Gender, Sexuality, and Hinduism.” Panelist for the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association; session on Transnational Genders and Sexualities in Religious Contexts. August 7-11, 2009. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. Between Humanitarian Claims and Practices: Constructions of colonial and post-colonial gendered racisms. Conference on Gender of Humanitarian Narrative Conference. University of Connecticut. May 14-16, 2009. (invited)

Gurung, Shobha Hamal, and Bandana Purkayastha. Dynamics of Gendered/Labor: Experiences of Nepali Women in Informal Labor Markets in Boston and New York. conference on Low-Wage Work, Migration, and Gender sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the Jane Addams Hull House, at the University of Illinois, Chicago, March 12-13, 2009. (refereed)

Purkayastha, Bandana. “Interrogating Intersectionality: Contemporary globalization and racialized gendering in the lives of highly educated South Asian Americans and their children” International Sociological Association, Interim Conference, Barcelona, Spain, September 2008. (refereed)

Abraham, Margaret, and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2008. Pitfalls and Possibilities of Action Research in Addressing Domestic Violence. International Sociological Association, Interim Conference, Barcelona, Spain, September 2008. (refereed)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2008. South Asian Americans in Asian America. East of California Conference. Storrs, November 2008. (invited)

Lucas, Susan, Bandana Purkayastha and Miho Iwata. 2008. Experiencing a different “difference.” Canadian American in the US and questions of integration. Association of American Geographers meeting, April 2008. (refereed).

Abraham, Margaret. and Purkayastha Bandana. 2006. Doing Public Sociologies: Bringing the Margin to the Center. Presented at the ISA, Durban, South Africa, July 2006. (refereed)

Purkayastha, Bandana. Building and Sustaining Peace: A Long Range View. Presentation at the University of KwaZulu Natal, Durban, South Africa. August 2006.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2006. Second Generation Indian Americans Imagine India. Mid Atlantic Region Asian Studies Conference. Seton Hall, New Jersey, October, 26-28, 2006. (invited).

Invited Colloquia (Academic) 2006-2011 only

International: Loreto College, Kolkata, India, University of Wollongong, Australia, Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, India.

National: Wellesley College, Bryn Mawr College.

TEACHING

Undergraduate teaching, advising, research.

Courses:

Human Rights in the US (Fall, from 2006).

Sociological Perspectives on Asian American Women (Fall, from 1999).

Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change. (Spring, from 2001)

(Two additional courses--Urban Sociology, City Life--once a year, 1999-2005 at the West Hartford Campus).

Independent studies:

2011. Global Policy Forum: The Making of Millennium Development Goals. Navina Vimuri.

2010. Cambodian Americans and Aging. Stacey Somsichak.

2009. From Connecticut to Capetown: Obstacles and Aspirations to Enter College. Faina Dookh.

2009. Contemporary college age male attitudes on topics of women's rights and violence against women:
A Comparative Analysis of US and South Africa" Hannah Thornton Smith

2008 Human Rights in the World: A literature review. Cordell Jackson

2008 Migrant Workers and Human Rights. Charlayne McStay (University Scholar).

2007 Globalization in India: multiple voices. Monoswita Saha (University Scholar).

2006 The Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa. Melissa Rushefski.

2005 Readings on racial minority students and retention issues. Rhema Thompson

2005 Aurobindo and his teachings. Monoswita Saha.

2002 Identity among Korean adoptees in white families Bonnie Wehinger.

2001 Supervised 20 undergraduate and graduate independent studies on Nepal in connection with a Study
Abroad Trip to Nepal.

Manziona, Lara. 2001. *Human rights in the Kingdom of Nepal: Do they only exist on paper?* Brooklyn Journal of International Law, Vol. xxvii, No.1pp.193-225. (Publication developed from this Study Abroad trip)

Undergraduate Advising:

18-20 Sociology undergraduate students, & 1 or 2 individualized study majors each year. 1 Legacy Mentee
(Other advisees, University scholars and honors students, are listed with their research projects).

Undergraduate Research Projects: (major advisor unless otherwise noted)

University Scholar Projects:

- Economic human Rights of Domestic Workers: A Comparison of the US and Singapore. Romana Haider. University Scholar Project. Nominated for the Truman Scholarship.
- Accessing Economic Human Rights: Comparing US and South Africa. 2008-2009. Amanda Ploch. Truman Scholarship Finalist. Nominated for the Rhodes, Marshall, and Mitchell scholarships. Spierer/Ducker Student Humanitarian Achievement Award, 2008. Babbidge Scholar. Nutmeg Scholar.
- Mutagenesis of 8-OxoGuanine Adjacent to an Abasic Site in Human Embryonic Kidney Cells. 2008-2009. 2009 David McCullough Award for Leadership. Charlene McStay. (Associate advisor)
- Garaam Chair and Starbucks Coffee: Voices of Globalization. 2007-2008. Monoswita Saha. Recipient of two SURF grants, Humanities Scholar, Hira Jain scholarship. Hartford Area Business Economists (state level) fellowship, nominated for the Marshall, and USA Today scholarships.
- University Scholar Project: Breast Cancer Awareness among South Asians. 2003. Nitya Abraham.
- Video documentary on Buddhist Stupas of Nepal. 2001. William Swofford.

Honors thesis projects:

- From Connecticut to Capetown: Obstacles and Aspirations to Enter College. 2010. Faina Dookh.
- “Contemporary college age male attitudes on topics of women's rights and violence against women: A Comparative Analysis of US and South Africa” 2010. Hannah Thornton Smith.
- Will I stay or will I go? Racial Minority Students at UCONN. 2006. Rhema Thompson.
- Current depictions of Asian American women in Hollywood Films. 2001. Hymee Kim.

Graduate teaching, research, advising.

Graduate Courses

Topics in Advanced Qualitative Methods: Publishing Your work (Fall 2010).

Gender and Society: International Perspectives (Fall 2002, Spring 2005, Spring 2007, Spring 2009).

Sociology of Immigration (Spring 2007, Spring 2011).

Readings in Human Rights. (Special topics course, Fall 2008).

MA Theses projects

Major Advisor:

- Sergio Mobilia, 2010. “My Big, Fat, Hairy, Masculine, Argentine Gay Lover”: Local Framings of *Ososexual* Identity & Urso-Eroticism in the Buenos Aires Bear Community.
- Trisha Tiamzon, 2009. My American *Tahanan*: Contemporary Aging Experiences of Filipino Americans in the United States.
- Chandra Waring, 2009. The Layered Lens: How Black/White Biracial Americans Conceptualize Race.
- Jayme Schwartzman, 2008: “I’m Grown!” The Implications of a School-Based Program for Teenage Mothers and Mothers-To-Be.
- Miho Iwata, 2008: Investigation of Ethnoracialization and Engendering of Japanese Brazilians in Japan.
- Sage Radechowsky, 2003: Participation in Women's Groups Dimensions of Empowerment and Effects of Political Participation in Rural Nepal.
- Kristine Brown, 2002: Flexible work Arrangements and Gender Inequalities.
- Chantal Krmar. 2001: Becoming Asian American: Organizational Influence in the Development of Social Identity.

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Associate Advisor:

- Gretchen Marin: Latinos and education (in progress)
- Barrett Katuna. 2010. Nepali Women’s Global Network and empowerment of women.
- Lori-Anne Scola Wisnesky. 2009: The Social Structure of Healthy Cities.
- Sicelo Makapela, 2008: The Impact of Globalization on the Ability of States to Pursue Particular Policy Goals: A Case Study of Post-Apartheid South Africa
- Christine Zozula, 2008. Broken Windows Broken People Interaction in a Quality of Life Court.
- Sarah Medina 2008. Women in Sports: The Case of Ultimate Frisbee.
- Jorge Hernandez Hernandez, 2008: Migration Social Networks and the Cargo System in Ocotlan, Oaxaca.
- Katie Acosta, 2005. Gay and Lesbian Latino Immigrants.
- Kevin Sullivan, 2003: Criminalization of Homelessness: A Case Study on Hartford.
- Manju Radhakrishnan. 1999: Sneha and Multifaceted Activism.

Dissertation projects:

Major Advisor:

- Anjana Narayan, 2005. Gendered Transnational Identities: The Case of Hindu Student Organizations in the US and UK.
- Shweta Majumdar Adur: Negotiating Sexuality and Ethnicity: Queer South Asians in America. In progress).
- Miho Iwata: States and Minorities: Minorities in Japan (in progress)
- Chandra Waring: Race socialization and biracial groups in the US (in progress)

- Other advisees: topics under discussion: Trisha Tiamzon, Sheila Pierre, Rose Anne Njiru, Farhan Yusaf (Fulbright scholar).

Associate Advisor, in progress:

- Anne Marie Nicolaysen. Empowering Small Farmers through Organic Agriculture and Biodiversity Conservation in India: The Navdanya movement. (Anthropology, in progress).
- Ranita Ray: Social reproduction of poverty.
- Lwendo Moonzwe: Gender and Health in Zambia.
- (other associate advisees: Barret Katuna, Nicolas Simon, Jayme Schwartzman)

Associate Advisor completed:

- Angie Beeman. 2010. Grassroots Organizing and Post-Civil Rights Racism: The Dilemmas of Negotiating Interracial Solidarity in a Color-Blind Society.
- Katie Acosta, 2009: Breaking the Silence: How Immigration Influences the Sexual Lives of Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Latinas.
- I-Ching Lee, 2006: Psychology. "Examining Intergroup Relations Across Time and Space: A Comparison Between Taiwan and the U.S."
- Bill Armaline, 2006: Human rights and the juvenile justice system.
- Rachel Sullivan, 2005: Inter-racial marriages and family networks.
- Beth Merenstein, 2003: Racial Reproduction: The Development and Expression of Racial Knowledge among Immigrants.

Area Examination committees on Gender (18), Racism/Race (10), Social movements (4), Political Sociology (4), Immigration (3).

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

National/International (2006-2011 only)

2010-2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External Reviewer, 2 Promotion and Tenure cases. • Panel (grants) Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities. • Session Organizer: Feminist Theory, American Sociological Association. • Discussant (Feminist Theory, South Asian Diversities, American Sociological Association meeting); • Vice President, Research Committee on Armed Conflict and Conflict Resolution, International Sociological Association (ISA). • Secretary Treasurer, Research Committee on Women in Society, ISA • Member, Jessie Bernard Award. American Sociological Association's (ASA) highest award for scholarship on gender, 2010-2013. • Member, Founder's (Lifetime achievement) award, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, ASA. • Council, Asia and Asian American section; book awards committee, co-organizer Asian American mentoring network. • Balancing Work and Career for Women of Color in Academia. Sociologists for Women in Society. August 20, 2011. • Proactive Strategies for Academic Careers. Sociologists for Women in Society. February 3-6, 2011. & Moderator. Sister to Sister Panel on Looking Back and Looking Forward. • Program Committee, Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) 2011 annual meeting. • Co-Organizer, Mini conference on Transnationalism, Gender, Sexuality, (ESS meeting, 2011)
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2009-2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Sociological Association meeting in Gothenberg Sweden 2010. Session Organizer: 2 sessions for RC-01, and two sessions (co-organizer) for RC-32. • Panel Reviewer, National Science Foundation. • Conference on Human Rights and Health, October 2009. UNESCO Chair and Global Human Rights Program, Conference Organizing Committee. • External Reviewer for four PTR cases.
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Organizer: International Sociological Association, RC-01 Meeting, Seoul, Korea, July 2008. • American Sociological Association: Organizer, Session on Human Rights, Race, Ethnicity, Gender. 2008. • American Sociological Association: Sex and Gender Section, Book Award Committee. 2008. • Sociologists for Women in Society: Chair, Minority women's conference scholarship. • Conference on Human Rights and Religion. UNESCO Chair and Global Human Rights Program, Conference Organizing Committee. • External Reviewer, Promotions and Tenure Package. • Academic Advisory Board, CT Health, Racial Disparities Project. Discussion on the Findings of the Department of Public Health Database, November 2008.
2007.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Advisory Board, CT Health, Racial Disparities Project. Discussion on the Findings of the Department of Public Health Database, CT Legislative Building, October 2007. • Conference on Human Rights and Gender. UNESCO Chair and Global Human Rights Program. Conference Program Committee. • Joint session, International Sociological Association, American Sociological Association and Sociologist for Women in Society. Globalization and Gender. August 2007.
2006.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External Reviewer, Promotions and Tenure Package • External Reviewer, CUNY grant • Reviewer, NSF grants application. • Session organizer (with Yakin Erturk, METU, Turkey and Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, United Nations) on Gender and Human Rights. International Sociological Association (ISA) Meeting: Durban South Africa, July 2006. • Conflict resolution for Building and Sustaining Peace. (With Proshanta Nandi Professor emeritus, University of Illinois, and Alemayahu Kumsa, Czech Republic, Prague, for the ISA Meeting, Durban South Africa, July 2006. • Joe Feagin Undergraduate Paper Awards Committee Chair, American Sociological Association (ASA), Race and Ethnic Minority Relations Section award. • Executive Board Member, Research Committee-32 (Women in Society), ISA. 2006-2010. • Executive Board, ISA RC-01 (Armed conflict and Conflict Resolution). • Council Member (elected), Section on Race and Ethnic Minority Relations, American Sociological Association.
ongoing	<p><i>REVIEWER: Gender & Society, Sociological Forum, Social Problems, Sociological Quarterly, Social Forces, Sociological Perspectives, Women's Studies Quarterly, Feminist Review, Symbolic Interaction, American Sociological Review, Gender & Politics, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Violence Against Women.</i></p> <p><i>National Science Foundation grants (individual review)</i></p>

University/department (2006-2011 only)

2010-2011	<p>Search Committee, African American Studies director. Dean's Committee for developing standards of support for journals and editorships. Sociology: Executive Committee. PTR sub-committees (2). Director of Graduate Studies (Fall 2009-2011), Planning Committee (2009-2011). Women's Studies Advisory Board. Member, India Studies Program Committee.</p>
2009-2010	<p>Undergraduate and regional campuses, Vice Provost Search committee(s). CLAS Dean's Committee on Committees. Graduate Faculty Council (member). Sociology: Executive Committee. PTR sub-committees (2). Director of Graduate Studies (Fall 2009-2011), Planning Committee (2009-2011). Asian American Studies Institute (AASI) Faculty-committee-of-the-whole; Combined Institutes Steering committee. AASI Advisory Board. Women's Studies Advisory Board. Member, India Studies Program Committee.</p>
2008-2009	<p>CLAS Dean's Committee on Committees. Graduate Faculty Council (Member). Sociology: Executive Committee. PTR sub-committees (2). Director of Graduate Studies (Fall 2009-2011), Planning Committee (2009-2011). Asian American Studies Institute (AASI) Faculty-committee-of-the-whole. AASI Advisory Board Women's Studies Advisory Board Member, India Studies Program Committee,</p>
2007-2008	<p>North East Alliance at the University of Connecticut: Summer Research for under-represented minority students. Mentored a Native American student on research in Sociology. Department of Sociology: Graduate Program Committee. Planning Committee. Merit Committee. Graduate Program Director (interim). PTR sub-committee (1). AASI: Fred Ho Awards Committee, Asian American Studies Advisory Board. AASI Faculty-committee-of-the-whole. Asian American Cultural Center. Advisory Board. Women's Studies Advisory Board Member, India Studies Program Committee, Member, Board, Teaching and Learning Institute.</p>
2006-2007	<p>Asian American Cultural Center. Advisory Board. Department of Sociology: Executive Committee, Merit Committee AASI: Fred Ho Awards Committee, Asian American Studies Advisory Board. AASI Faculty-committee-of-the-whole. Women's Studies Advisory Board Member, India Studies Program Committee, Member, Board, Teaching and Learning Institute.</p>
2005-2006.	<p>Department of Sociology: Executive Committee, AASI: Fred Ho Awards Committee, Asian American Studies Advisory Board. AASI Faculty-committee-of-the-whole. Women of Color Award committee, UCONN Women's Center. Women's Studies Advisory Board Member, India Studies Program Committee, Search Committee, Regional Urban and Community Studies Search. Member, Board, Teaching and Learning Institute.</p>

OTHER SERVICE:

University Community-Linkages:

- Panel Presentation. 10 years after 9/11. University of Connecticut.
- Panel Presentation on Asian American professionals for the National Association of Asian American Professionals, Connecticut Chapter, (with Honorable Nina Elgo, Superior Court Judge; Dr. Bill Howe, with the Connecticut State Department of Education; Michael Kim, Vice-President of IT at The Hartford), May 28, 2009.
- Panelist: Book panel on Living Our Religions. Women's Center, University of Connecticut, March 2009.
- Panelist: Martin Luther King Panel, University of Connecticut, and March 2009.
- Introduction of keynote speaker, Nitasha Sharma, East Of California Conference, November 2008.
- Conference Closing Summary: Human Rights and Religion (UNESCO Chair sponsored) conference, October 2008.
- Panelist: Book panel on Feminism/Sexuality. UCONN-Co-op and the Office of International and Multicultural Affairs, March 2008.
- Introduction of South African Peace Activist, Ela Gandhi. October 2007.
- Panelist: Book panel on Immigration. UCONN-Co-op and the Office of International and Multicultural Affairs, September 2007.
- Conference Closing Summary: Human Rights and the Environment ((UNESCO Chair sponsored) conference, October 2007.
- Panelist: Asian Pacific Islander Coalition (APAC) meeting, June 2007.
- Conference Closing Summary: Human Rights and Gender. ((UNESCO Chair sponsored) conference, October 2006.
- Organizing Committee: Masala: Tradition and Diversity in Indian Art. University of Connecticut, Benton Museum and the India Studies Program, 2002-2004.
- Facilitator: UCONN Women's Center Board Retreat, October 2003.
- Welcoming Remarks: Symposium on Nonviolence. UCONN Storrs. April, 2003;
- Presentation on South Asians: Past, Present and Future UCONN School of Social Work. April 2003.
- Chair, Gender Session: Filipino-American National Conference, September 2002;
- Welcoming Remarks (with Provost Fred Maryanski): Symposium on Non-Violence and Nirvana. UCONN-Storrs: September, 2001
- Panelist: Workshop on Multiracial Populations and Domestic Violence, Women's Center, UCONN, 2001;
- Presentation: Asiantation, Asian American Cultural Center, 1999-2003.

Talks and popular articles for community organizations: Simsbury Unitarian Church lecture series, topics include: Peaceful Conflict Resolution (2005); Human Rights and Asian Indian Women (2003); "Building Peace" (2002); "Woven Histories: History of Bengal through Saris (2000); articles for ethnic organizations and university publications include: Our Living Goddesses (2008), Indian presence in New England: People and Ideas (2008), lecture for the members of the International Women's Committee, CT, Children of Immigrants and Immigrant-Parent Penalties (2006).

Press

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