

Employment University of California San Diego, Associate Professor
Department of Ethnic Studies (affiliate faculty of Critical Gender Studies and Science Studies Programs)

Education University of California Santa Cruz
Ph.D. in History of Consciousness (Feminist Studies)

University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Honolulu, HI, Fall 2000-Summer 2002. MA in Cultural Anthropology. Certificate in International Cultural Studies, East-West Center

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, Fall 1994-Spring 1998. BA in Religion; Music

Grants & Fellowships

- UCSD Academic Senate Research Grant, 2014-2015.
- Hellman Grant for Junior Faculty Research UCSD, 2012-2013
- UC Humanities Research Institute Residential Research Group Grant for “Imperial Legacies, Postsocialist Contexts: History, Ethics and Difference in a Neoliberal Age,” Co-PI, 2012
- “Working at Living: The Social Relations of Precarity.” UCHRI “UC Working Groups on the Humanities and Changing Conceptions of Work” grant funded by Mellon Foundation group member. 2012-2014
- UCHRI Working Group on Feminism and Technologies group member. 2013-2012
- Faculty Career Research Development Grant, UCSD 2011-2012
- Hellman Grant for Junior Faculty Research, UCSD, 2010
- UC Humanities Research Institute, Working Group Grant for Imperial Legacies, Post-socialist Contexts, 2010-2011.
- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Brown University Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women. 2009-2010. (declined).
- Scholar-in-residence, Michelle R. Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford University 2009-2010. (declined).
- University of California President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2007-2009.
- University of California President’s Dissertation Fellowship, 2006-2007.
- Junior Research Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies, 2005-06.
- Fellow in the Seminar in Experimental Critical Theory “Present Tense Empires, Race, Biopolitics,”
- University of California Humanities Research Institute, 2005.
- Degree Fellow, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawai’i, 2001-2002.
- Advanced Hindi Language Program Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies, Summer 2001.
- Watumull Fellowship for Study in India, University of Hawai’i Center for South Asian Studies, 2001.

Publications *Life Support: Biocapital and the New History of Outsourced Labor*. University of Minnesota Press. *Difference, Inc.* (series). 2015.

“Surrogate Humanity: Posthuman Networks and the (Racialized) Obsolescence of Labor.” *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience*. June 2015. (co-authored with Neda Atanasoski).

“Re-Imagining Reproduction: Unsettling Metaphors in the History of Imperial Science and Commercial Surrogacy in India.” (2015). *Somatechnics*. 5.1: 88-103

Introduction: “Bodies, Markets and the Experimental in South Asia.” *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology*. 79:1, 1-18. 2014. (co-authored with Fouzieyha Towghi)

“Experimental Sociality and Gestational Surrogacy in the Indian ART Clinic.” *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology*. 79:1, 1-18. 2014.

“Potential, Risk and Return in Transnational Indian Gestational Surrogacy.” *Current Anthropology*. 54: Supplement 7. October 2013. Pp. S97-S106.

"Limits of Labor: Accounting for Affect and the Biological in Transnational Surrogacy and Service Work." *The South Atlantic Quarterly*. 111:4, Fall 2012. pp. 681-700.

“Medicine, Markets and the Pregnant Body: Indian Commercial Surrogacy and Reproductive Labor in a Transnational Frame.” *Scholar & Feminist Online*. (2010).

“The Commodification of Affect in Indian Call Centers.” *Intimate Labors: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Care, Sex, and Domestic Work*. E. Boris and R. Parreñas, eds., Stanford Univ. Press. (2010). Pp. 33-48.

“Indian Transnational Surrogacy and the Commodification of Vital Energy. (2009) In special issue, “Re-tooling Subjectivities: Exploring the Possible Through Feminist Science Studies.” *Subjectivities*. 28.1.

“Other’s Organs and the Production of Life: South Asian Domestic Labor and Human Kidneys.” *Postmodern Culture*. 19.1. (2009).

Other Publications and Interviews:

UC Humanities Research Institute Perspectives (Fall 2012) with Kalindi Vora and Neda Atanasoski. RESEARCH VIDEO INTERVIEW.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6uDF7zUg1k>

“Work, Affect and Emotional Labor Co-authored module introduction for *Working Under Precarity*. Maurizia Bascaglia, co-author. Open access online teaching module for public use (list of primary and secondary resources, annotated bibliography) and theoretical introduction to issue and suggested materials. published by Escholarship.

“Indian Transnational Surrogacy and the Disaggregation of Mothering Work” *Anthropology News*. 50:2, April 2009. Pp. 9-12. (Report in monthly publication of the American Anthropology Association).

Invited Talks

“Life Support: Imperial Science and Surrogate Technologies of Racialized Reproduction.” UC Santa Cruz, Feminist Studies. January 5, 2015.

“Exploitation and the Politics of Protest: Indian Labor and the Postsocialist Condition.” Invited Speaker and Seminar leader for: “Rethinking the Category of Labor Roundtable,” Pembroke Center for the Study of Women, Brown University, March 14-15, 2014.

“Surrogacy, Sociality and Biopower: Historical Habits of New Reproductive Technologies.” Invited speaker for conference: Habits of Living: Networked Affects, Glocal Effects. Brown University, March 21-23, 2013.

Invited key panelist for “Speculative Visions of Race, Technology, Science and Survival: Berkeley Center for Race and Gender, March 15-16, 2013.

Invited Workshop participant, Gender and Modernity Workshop: Clinical Labour and the New Labour Studies, University of Sydney (May 2012, declined).

“Surrogacy: Bodies, States and Networks.” Habits of Living Thinkathon, hosted by Brown University and the Centre for Internet and Society, Bangalore Indian. September 26-29, 2012. (declined).

“Radical Bioethics and Commodified Life.” *Cultural Studies Association Annual Meeting*, San Diego CA, March 29-21, 2012.

“New Spaces of Scientific Knowledge.” Conference. MOVE Project, University of Lausanne, June 30-July 1, 2011. Lausanne, Switzerland (declined).

“Global Relations: Kinship and Transnationalism.” Invited workshop participant, Brown University. (March 2011).

“Commercial Gestational Surrogacy: Potential, Risk and Return in the Indian ART Clinic,” (November 28th, 2011). UCSD Science Studies Colloquium Series.

“Contradictory Notions of Risk and Return in an Indian Gestational Surrogacy Clinic.” Invited participant, Wenner-Gren Symposium: “The Anthropology of Potentiality.” Teresopolis, Brazil. October 2011.

“Global Relations: Kinship and Transnationalism.” Invited workshop participant, Brown University. (March 2011).

“Experimental Bodies and Markets in Transnational Indian Surrogacy.” Invited panelist for “Reproductive Tourism in India: Ethical and Legal Concerns. European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies.”- University of Bonn Germany. (July 2010).

“Life Support: Transnational Indian Labor and US Lives,” UCSD Ethnic Studies Department. (2009).

“Surplus Wombs and Biocapital: Indian Surrogacy and the Transnational Distribution of Mothering Work.” Duke University Anthropology Department. (February 27th, 2010).

“Women We Will Never Know’: Indian Surrogacy and the Transnational Distribution of Mothering,” Global Asia Studies Program, University of Toronto. (February 24th, 2009).

“Surplus Wombs and Biocapital: Indian Surrogacy and the Transnational Distribution of Mothering,” Department of Anthropology, University of California Davis. (February 9th, 2009).

‘Women We Will Never Know’: Indian Surrogacy and the Transnational Distribution of Mothering.” Women’s Studies Department, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. (January 28th, 2009).

“Mothering, Transnational Indian Surrogacy, and the Productivity of Affective Labor.” Invited talk for the Annual Scholar and Feminist Conference, “The Politics of Reproduction: New Technologies of Life.” Barnard College Center for Research on Women. (February 2009).

‘Women We Will Never Know’: Indian Surrogacy and the Transnational Distribution of Mothering.” Department of Gender and Women’s Studies, Connecticut College. (December 14th, 2009).

Global IT in Bangalore: Managing Hopes and Fears. SEMCOM College, Sardar Patel University, Anand, India. (January 29, 2008).

Recent Conference Presentations

“New Materialisms, Ontologies and Vitalisms” Roundtable for American Ethnological Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. March 14th, 2015.

“Intimacies and Institutionalization: Emerging Subjects of Political Protest and Knowledge.” *Asian American Studies Association* Annual Meeting. April 17, 2014.

“Between the Network Society and Postsocialist Aesthetics” (Panel Respondent). *Society for the Study of Cinema and Media Studies*, Seattle, WA. March 23, 2014.

“ Postsocialist Debt and “Out of Time” Resistance to Speculative Bio-Futures,” *American Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Washington D.C., November 21, 2013.

“Reproducing the US Middle-class: Biopolitics and Indian Labor,” Conference: Critical Ethnic Studies and the Future of Genocide, UC Riverside, March 11, 2011.

“Vital(ity) Economies: Indian Surrogacy and US Middle-Class Dependence on Employable Mothers. Modern Language Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, January 7th, 2011.

“Textualizing Ethnography: Experiments in Non-positivist Materialisms.” Annual South Asia Conference, Madison, WI, October 19, 2011.

“Exchange, Value and Labor: Commercial Mothering in India.” Paper presented at American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA. November 2010.

“Reproductive Labor Between India and the U.S.” Paper presented at American Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX. November, 2010.

“Biological Labor and Social Work: Transnational Indian Surrogacy.” Paper presented at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. December 3, 2009.

“Women We Will Never Know Who are Part of Our Lives: Transnational Indian Surrogacy and US Consequences.” Paper presented at American Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 7th. 2009.

“Surplus Wombs and Biocapital: Transnational Indian Surrogacy.” Paper presented at the Society for Medical Anthropology, Yale University, New Haven, CT. September 23rd, 2009.

Student Committees

Undergraduate Honors Research Students

Alina Sau (Critical Gender Studies Honors Thesis Advisor, 2012-2013).
Hardeep Jandu (Ethnic Studies “Special Distinction” Thesis advisor, 2013-2013)
Susie Kim (Ethnic Studies “Special Distinction” Thesis advisor, 2012-2013)
Amanda Wells (Ethnic Studies Honor Thesis Advisor 2011-2012)
Paola Rodelas (Ethnic Studies Honor Thesis Advisor 2009-2010)

Master’s and Qualifying Exam Committees

Malathi Iyengar (Chair, Ethnic Studies)
Monica Hoffman (Communications/Science Studies)
Jennifer Mogannam (Ethnic Studies)
Monique Paes (Ethnic Studies)
Linh Nguyen (Ethnic Studies)
Ashwin Kini (Literature)
Julia Rogers (Sociology/Science Studies)
Thea Tagle (Ethnic Studies)
Davorn Sisavath (Ethnic Studies)
Monika Sengul-Jones (Communications)

Doctoral Candidates

Chair of Committee:

Malathi Iyengar, (Ethnic Studies)
Reema Rajbanshi (Literature, Co-chair)

Member of Committee:

KyungHee Ha (Ethnic Studies)
Monica Hoffman (Communications/Science Studies)
Amrita Pande (Anthropology)
Ashwin Kini (Literature)
Linh Nguyen (Ethnic Studies)
Julia Rogers (Sociology/Science Studies)
Davorn Sisavath (Ethnic Studies)
Thea Tagle, (Ethnic Studies)
Sal Zarate, (Ethnic Studies)
Monika Sengul-Jones (Communications)
Cathi Kozen (Ethnic Studies)

Significant Service

International Institute Working Group, UCSD. 2015.
Co-Organizer, South Asia Project at UCSD. 2013-2015
UCSD Ethnic Studies Graduate Admissions Committee
UCSD Ethnic Studies Search Committee for Asian/Asian Diaspora Studies (2014-2015)
UCSD Faculty Organizer for South Asia Seminar Series, Institute for International and Area Studies (IICAS) (2012-present)
UCSD Ethnic Studies Chair's Advisory Committee, Junior Faculty member (2012-present)
UCSD Ethnic Studies Graduate Admissions Committee (2011-2012; 2014-2015)
Faculty advisor to UCSD Coalition of South Asian Peoples (2011-present)
UC President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program Faculty Resource (workshops, professionalizing retreats) (2009-present)
UCSD Undergraduate Honor's Program Mentor (2009-present)
Invited discussant, UCSD Student Society for Medical Ethics event on commercial surrogacy (2011)
Co-organizer, "Political Civility and Scientific Objectivity: Science, Technology and Public Policy in Democratic Societies," Conference, Institute for Comparative and Area Studies, UCSD, March 1-3, 2012.
UCSD Sixth College CAT Core Series Curriculum Development committee (2011-2012)
Facilitator, Job Market Writing Workshop for Graduate Student Professional Development (2010)
Ethnic Studies undergraduate major curriculum revision committee (2010-2012)
Ethnic Studies Colloquium Committee (2010-2011)
Ethnic Studies Graduate Records Committee (2010-2011)

Courses Taught

ETHN 2: *Circulations of Difference* Focusing on historical and contemporary migration and the circulation of commodities, knowledge, bodies, and culture, this course looks at how racial formation in the U.S. and transnationally is shaped and contested by such movements (300-400 student lecture with 5 teaching assistants).

ETHN 102: *Science and Technology in Society: Race, Gender, Class*. This course examines the role of science and technology in forming conceptions of race, gender and class, and vice-versa. We also consider how some populations benefit from the results of experimentation while others come to be its subjects.

ETHN 106: *Life, Death and the Human*. Using interdisciplinary approaches, this course examines some of the contexts in which the conditions of life and death become sites of political, economic, and cultural significance, and how categories of difference impact access to the protections of 'humanity.'

ETHN 185: *Discourse, Power and Inequality*: While discourse analysis has transformed numerous disciplines, a gap separates perspectives that envision discourse as practices that construct inequality from approaches which treat discourse as everyday language. This course engages both perspectives critically in analyzing law, medicine, and popular culture.

ETHN 100B: *Interdisciplinary Methodologies*. An introduction to interdisciplinary research methodologies in critical ethnic studies. By developing a critical analysis of the politics of knowledge production, students will learn to identify different methodological approaches in the field and to evaluate their use in practical application.

ETHN 200B: *Formulations: Interdisciplinarity and Knowledge Production in Ethnic*

Studies. This course uses model studies to explore how comparative and relational problems are posed as research projects, how research questions are constructed, and how they employ theory to frame the project and establish what is at stake in the research. *Prerequisite:* graduate standing or consent of instructor.

ETHN 275: *Marxist Thought.* This seminar examines critical engagements between scholarship from postcolonial, feminist and other radical Marxist traditions. We focus on philosophical and political debates stemming from issues of race and gender, tracing them in Marx's texts and their historical contexts. *Prerequisite:* graduate standing or consent of instructor.