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EDUCATION

- 1984** Columbia University, New York
PhD, Political Science
- 1977** M.A., Political Science
Southern Asian Institute Certificate
- 1975** Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
B.A., Government, with minor in Asian Studies

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2007-2010** Associate Dean of the Faculty
- 2001-2005** Director, Five College Women's Studies Research Center
- 1994-2003** Professor, Department of Political Science and Women's and Gender Studies,
Amherst College
- 2003-** Paino Professor of Political Science and Women's and Gender Studies
- 1988-1994** Associate Professor, Political Science and Women's and Gender Studies,
Amherst College
- 1986-1987** Visiting Scholar, Southern Asian Institute, Columbia University
- 1981-1987** Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Amherst College

ACADEMIC HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2010** Commencement Speaker, Senior Assembly, Amherst College
- 2008** Distinguished Teaching Award, Amherst College
- 1998** Ford Foundation Curriculum Development Grant
- 1997-1998** Amherst College Research Award
- 1995** The United States Institute for Peace, grant to convene a conference on Political
Violence in India
- 1994** Peace and World Security Studies Program Curriculum Development Grant
- 1993-1995** John D & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Research and Writing
Award
- 1993** Travel and Conference Grant, Rockefeller Foundation
- 1993-1994** Amherst College Research Award

1993	Peace and World Security Studies Curriculum Development Grant
1992	Five College Asian-American Studies Curriculum Development Grant
1991-1992	Amherst College Research Award
1991-1992	Social Science Research Council, Senior Fellowship
1990	NEH Summer Fellowship
1990-1991	Fulbright Commission Senior Fellowship (declined)
	American Institute of Indian Studies Senior Fellowship
1984-1985	Karl Loewenstein Fellowship, Amherst College
1981-1983	Faculty Development Project, Black Studies/Women Studies
1980-1981	Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Foundation
1979-1980	Pre-Doctoral Junior Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies
1975-1981	Columbia University Fellowships

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Violent Conjunctions in Democratic India (Cambridge University Press, Contentious Politics Series, 2015)

Editor, *Women's Movements in the Global Era: The Power of Local Feminisms*, (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2010, second edition, 2016)

Co-Editor, *Beyond Exceptionalism: Violence, Religion and Democracy in India*, (New Delhi and London: Seagull Press, 2006)

Co-Editor, *Localizing Knowledge In a Globalizing World* (Syracuse University Press, 2002)

Co-editor, *Appropriating Gender: Women's Activism and Politicized Religion in South Asia* (NY: Routledge, New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1998)

Co-editor, *Community Conflicts and the State in India* (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1997)

Editor, *The Challenge of Local Feminisms: Women's Movements In Global Perspective* (Boulder: Westview Press, 1995 and New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1998)

Two Faces of Protest: Contrasting Modes of Women's Activism in India (University of California Press, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1992).

Articles/Contributions to Edited Books

"More than Meets the Eye: Sub-Rosa Violence in Hindu Nationalist India," in Karen Barkey and Sudipto Kaviraj ed, *Democracy and Religious Pluralism*, (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming)

Commentary on "The Systematic Study of Women's Movements in Western Democracies and the Difference It Makes" *Politics, Groups and Identities*, (Vol. 4, Issue 4, 2016)

"Women, dynasties and democracy in India," in Kanchan Chandra ed., *Democratic Dynasties: State, Party and Family in Contemporary Indian Politics* (Cambridge University Press, 2016)

"The Long March from Ayodhya to Godhra: Civil Society and the State in Service of Hindutva," in Wendy Doniger and Martha Nussbaum ed., *Pluralism and Democracy in India: Debating the Hindu Right*, (New York; Oxford University Press, 2015)

- Co-Authored with Atul Kohli, chapter on India, in Mark Kesselman, Joel Krieger and William Joseph eds., *Introduction To Comparative Politics*, (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2003, 2008, 2011, 2014, forthcoming 2017)
- “The Changing Fortunes of the Bharatiya Janata Party,” in Atul Kohli and Prerna Singh edited, *Handbook of Indian Politics*, (Routledge, 2012)
- “Rethinking Social Movements/Rethinking Hindu Nationalism,” in John Zavos et al. edited, *Public Hinduism*, (Sage Publications, 2012)
- “Who Secures Women’s Capabilities in Martha Nussbaum’s Quest for Social Justice?” *Columbia Journal of Gender and Law*, (Vol. 19, No. 1, 2010) [Reprinted in Thomas Bloom, ed., *Justice and the Capabilities Approach*, (Ashgate, 2010)]
- “Gender and Politics,” *Oxford Companion to Politics in India*, (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2010)
- “As the Empire Falls: Lessons Learned and Unlearned in America’s Asia,” *Critical Asian Studies*, 41:3, 2009
- “Women, Political Parties and Social Movements in South Asia,” in Anne Marie Goetz ed., *Governing Women: Women’s Political Effectiveness in Contexts of Democratization and Governance Reform*, (NY: Routledge, 2009)
- “Commentary on Transnational Feminism,” *Feminist Africa*, Issue 5, 2005
- “Women, Political Parties and Social Movements in South Asia,” Occasional Paper No. 5, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, July 2005
- Co-authored, “Prose After Gujarat: Violence, Secularism and Democracy in India,” in Mushirul Hasan ed., *Will Secular India Survive?* (New Delhi: Imprint One, 2004)
- “The Europeanization of American Racism or a New Racial Hybrid? *Souls*, Vol. 4, No. 3, 1May 2002 [Reprinted in Manning Marable and Vanessa Agard Jones Ed, *Transnational Blackness: Navigating the Global Color Line*, Palgrave, Macmillan, 2008]
- “Globalizing Local Women’s Movements”, in Basu et al, *Localizing Knowledge In a Globalizing World* (Syracuse University Press, 2002)
- “Parliamentary Democracy as a Historical Phenomenon, The CPM in West Bengal,” in Zoya Hasan ed., *Parties and Party Politics in India*, (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2002)
- “Counterpoints: Roundtable on Peace,” *Meridians: feminism, race, transnationalism*, (Vol. 2, No. 1, 2001)
- “The Dialectics of Hindu Nationalism,” in Atul Kohli ed., *The Success of India’s Democracy*, (Cambridge University Press, 2001)
- “Globalization of the Local/Localization of the Global: Mapping Transnational Women’s Movements,” *Meridians: feminism, race, transnationalism*. (Vol. 1, No. 1, Autumn 2000)
- “Best Books in Political Science and Women’s Studies,” *Women’s Review of Books*, Millennial Issue, 2000
- “Communalism Engendered: Men as Victims, Women as Agents,” in Julia Leslie ed., *Invented Identities: The Interplay of Gender, Religion and Politics in India* (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2000)
- “Of Men, Women and Bombs: India’s Nuclear Explosions,” *Dissent*, (Vol. 46, No. 1, Winter 1999)
- “Rethinking Communalism and Fundamentalism: Women’s Activism and Religious Politics in India,” Special Issue on Women and 20th Century Religion, *Journal of Women’s History*, (Vol. 10, No. 4, Winter 1999)

- “Introduction,” in Jeffery and Basu eds., *Appropriating Gender: Women’s Activism and Politicized Religion in South Asia* (NY: Routledge 1997, New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1998)
- “Hindu Women’s Activism and the Questions that it Raises,” in Jeffery and Basu eds., *Appropriating Gender: Women’s Activism and Politicized Religion in South Asia* (NY: Routledge 1997, New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1998) (Reprinted in Betsy Reed ed., *Nothing Sacred: Women Respond to Religious Fundamentalism and Terror*, (NY: Thunder Mouth Press/Nation Books, 2002)
- “Reflections on Community Conflicts and the State in India,” *Journal of Asian Studies*, (Vol. 56, No. 2, May 1997)
- “Mass Movement or Elite Conspiracy? The Puzzle of Hindu Nationalism,” in David Ludden, ed., *Contesting the Nation: Religion, Community and the Politics of Democracy in India* (The University of Pennsylvania Press, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1996)
- “When The Center Does Not Hold: Hindu Nationalism and State Decay,” *Harvard International Review*, (Vol. 2, Summer 1996)
- “The Gendered Imagery and Women’s Leadership of Hindu Nationalism,” *Reproductive Health Matters*, (No. 8, November 1996)
- “Why Local Riots Are Not Simply Local: Collective Violence and The State in Bijnor, India 1988-1993,” *Theory and Society* (Vol. 24, 1995)
- “Introduction,” in Basu ed., *The Challenge of Local Feminisms: Women’s Movements In Global Perspective*, (Boulder: Westview Press, 1995)
- “When Local Riots Are Not Merely Local, Bringing the State Back In: Bijnor, 1988-1992,” *Economic and Political Weekly* (Bombay, Vol. XXIX, No. 40, October 1, 1994) [Reprinted in Rajeev Bhargav and Partha Chatterjee eds., *Politics In India* (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1997)]
- “Bhopal Revisited: The View From Below,” *The Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars* (Vol. 26, Nos. 1 & 2, January - June 1994: 3-14) [Reprinted in Bridget Hanna , Ward Morehouse, and Satnath Sarangi, *The Bhopal Reader, Twenty Years of the World’s Worst Industrial Disaster*, (NY: The Apex Press, 2006)]
- “Feminism Inverted: The Gendered Imagery and Real Women of Hindu Nationalism,” *The Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars* (Vol. 25, No. 4, 1993) [Reprinted in Urvashi Butalia and Tanika Sarkar eds., *Women and The Hindu Right*, (New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1995)]
- “The State and Agrarian Transformation in India,” *Comparative Politics*, (Vol. 22, No. 4, 1990: 483-500)
- “Indigenous Feminism, Tribal Radicalism and Grass Roots Mobilization in India,” *Dialectical Anthropology*, (Vol. 15, Nos. 2 & 3, 1990: 193-209)
- “Democratic Centralism in The Home and The World: Women and The Communist Party in West Bengal,” Sonia Kruks, Rayna Rapp and Marilyn Young, eds., *Promissory Notes: Women in the Transition to Socialism* (NY: Monthly Review Press, 1989).
- “Grass Roots Movements and The State: Reflections on Radical Change in India,” *Theory & Society*, (Vol. 16, 1987: 647-674).
- “Complexities of Theory and Practice: The Women’s Movement in India,” *The Barnard Occasional Papers on Women’s Issues*, (Vol. 2, No. 3, 1987)

- “Two Steps Forward, One Step Backwards: The Non-Governmental Women’s Forum in Nairobi,”
Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society, (Vol. 11, No. 3, Spring 1986)
- “Class, Communalism and Official Complicity: India After Indira” (co-authored), *Monthly Review*,
 (Vol. 36, No. 8, January 1985)
- “Studies in Power and Powerlessness: Women in Contemporary India,” *Trends in History*, (Vol. 4,
 No. 1, Fall 1985)
- “Two Faces of Protest: Alternative Forms of Women’s Mobilization in Bengal and Maharashtra,”
 in Gail Minault, ed., *The Extended Family: Women’s Political Participation in South Asia*,
 (Columbia, Missouri: South Asia Books, 1981).

Guest Editor

- With Austin Sarat, “Political Science as a Liberal Arts Subject,” *Polity* (Vol. 46, 81-84, January
 2014)
- With Inderpal Grewal, Caren Kaplan and Liisa Mallki, special issue on Gender and Globalization,
Signs, (Vol. 26, No. 4, Summer 2001)
- With Paula Giddings, Inderpal Grewal and Kamala Visveshvaran eds., “September 11th: A
 Feminist Archive,” *Meridians: feminism, race, transnationalism*, (Vol. 2, No. 2, 2002)
- With Atul Kohli, special issue, “Community Conflicts and the State in India,” in *The Journal of
 Asian Studies*, (Vol. 56, No. 2, May 1997)
- “Women and Religious Nationalism,” *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars*, (Vol. 25, # 4, 1993).

Book Reviews

In *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Political Science Quarterly*,
Journal of Oriental Studies and *South Asia in Review*, *American Academy of Political and Social
 Science*

EDITORIAL BOARDS

- 2010-** *International Political Science Review*
- 2008-** *American Political Science Review*
- 2002-** *International Feminist Journal of Politics*
- 2001-** *Meridians: Feminism, Race, Transnationalism*
- 1995-1997** *Westview Press series on Asia and Asian Americans*
- 1995-2001** *Editor for South Asia, The Journal of Asian Studies*
- 1992-** *Critical Asian Studies (formerly The Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars)*

CONFERENCES CONVENED

- Co-director of conference, “Suicide Protest: Normative Intrusions,” Amherst College,
 October 2013
- Co-director of Workshop, “Political Science and the Liberal Arts,” sponsored by the Mellon
 Foundation, Amherst College, November 2011

Co-director, Replenishing Democracy: Summer Institute on Civic Engagement and Political Activism, June 13-24, 2005 and June 11-24, 2006
 Women's Lives In Times of War, Amherst College, December 5-6, 2002.
 Afghanistan and Beyond: Women's Activism in Times of War, Mount Holyoke College, March 8-9, 2002.
 Workshop on Secularism and Human Rights and Globalization, A Five College/Ford Foundation Project on Crossing Borders, Revitalizing Area Studies, October 2001, December 2002.
 Beyond The Boundaries of the Old Geographies: Natives, Citizens, Exiles and Cosmopolitans, Hampshire College, October 25-27, 2001.
 Women's Movements In Global Perspective, Amherst, January 19-22, 1994
 Social Science Research Council, Appropriating Gender: Women, Religion, and the State in South Asia, The Bellagio Study and Conference Center, Italy, August 29-September 2, 1994.
 Political Violence in India: The State and Community Conflicts, sponsored by the Social Science Research Council, Amherst College, September 23-24, 1995.
 Political Economy and Women in the Third World, Five College Women's Studies Seminar, Smith College, October 16, 1985, and Hampshire College, December 9, 1985.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2016 External Review Committee, Asian Studies Program, Bowdoin College
2015-2016 American Political Science Association (APSA) Strategic Planning Committee
2013-2015 APSA Executive Council
2014-2016 Vice President, American Institute of Indian Studies
2013-2017 Executive Committee, American Institute of Indian Studies
2011-2013 Board of Trustees, American Institute of Indian Studies
2013 External Review Committee, Feminist Gender & Sexuality Studies Program, Scripps College
2011 Chair, External Review Committee, Politics and International Relations Department, Scripps College
2011 Selection Committee, Infosy Social Science Award, Chaired by Amartya Sen
2011 Search and Selection Committee, Presidency College, Calcutta
2009-2012 Woodrow Wilson Women's Studies Dissertation Fellowship Committee
2009-2010 Nominating Committee, American Political Science Association
2009 External Review Committee, Southern Asian Institute, Columbia University
2008 The Ralph Bunche Book Award Committee of the APSA
2006-2008 Program Committee, Association of Asian Studies
2005-2006 Chair of the Women and Politics Committee of the APSA
2004-2005 President of the Women and Politics Committee of APSA
2004 The Victoria Shuck Book Award Committee, APSA
2000-2003 Member of the Women and Politics Committee of APSA
2003 External Review Committee, Asian Studies Department, Wellesley College
2003 External Review Committee, Women's Studies Department at the University of California, Berkeley
2001 Consultant to the United Nations Development Program, (UNDP) Project on Women and Governance, New Delhi, India

- 1998-2002** Steering Committee, a Five College/Ford Foundation Project on Crossing Borders, Revitalizing Area Studies
- 1999-2002** John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellowship Selection Committee for Research and Writing Awards
- 1997-1999** Program Committee for the 1999 Berkshire Conference on the History of Women
- 2005-2006** Board of Trustees, American Institute of Indian Studies
- 1996-2001** ACLS and SSRC Regional Advisory Panel for South Asia
- 1996-2000** Screening Committee of the ACLS/SSRC International Post-Doctoral Fellowship Competition
- 1996** Consultant to Ford Foundation, evaluating its grants to the SSRC
- 1995** Consultant to United Nations Development Program, Human Development Report
- 1995** Committee of Social Science Research Council to award Near and Middle Eastern pre-dissertation awards
- 1995** Consultant to Ford Foundation to award grants in area studies and women's studies
- 1993-1995** Chair, Discipline Advisory Committee, Fulbright Scholar Awards for South Asia
- 1992-1993** Discipline Advisory Committee, Fulbright Awards for South Asia
- 1992-1996** Joint Committee on South Asia of the Social Science Research Council
- 1992-1993** Screening Committee, National Endowment for the Humanities
- 1992-1994** Committee on Asian Women of the Asian Studies Association
- 1991-** Board of Directors, Social Thought and Political Economy Program, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 1990-1993** South Asia Council of the Asian Studies Association

FIVE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

- 2005** External Review Committee, School of Social Sciences, Hampshire College
- 2004** External Review Committee, Politics Department, Mount Holyoke College
- 2001** External Review Committee, Political Science Department, University of Massachusetts at Amherst
- 2000-** Doctoral Student committees at the University of Chicago, New York University, University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Princeton University
- 2000** Five College Women's Studies Research Center, Fellowship Selection Committee
- 1997-1998** Hampshire College Search Committee for South Asian Historian

AMHERST COLLEGE COMMITTEES

- 2016** Ad Hoc Faculty Advisory Group on Reaccreditation
- 2016** Copeland Committee
- 2015-2016** Curriculum Committee
- 2013-2014** Chair, Strategic Planning Committee on Internationalization of the Liberal Arts
- 2013-2014** Dean of the Faculty Search Committee
- 2009-2011** Committee of Six (Executive Faculty Committee)
- 2008-2009** Ad-Hoc Committee on Academic Support
- 2004-2005** Committee on Academic Priorities
- 2000-2001** Alpha Delta; Phi Student Fellowship Committee

1998-1999	Committee on Student Fellowships
1995-1996	Adjudication Committee
1994-1995	Search Committee for Dean of Admissions
1994-1995	Search Committee for Dean of Faculty
1987-1988	Committee on Discipline
1985-1986	Committee on Academic Standing
1983-1984	Committee to study the Working Conditions of Women Faculty
1982-1983	Committee on Admission and Financial Aid

SELECTED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Whither Transnational Feminisms,” Women’s World Conference, Florianopolis, Brazil, July 2017
- “Whither National Feminisms in a Global Era,” The Joshi lecture, University of Connecticut at Storrs, March 6, 2017
- Symposium on Amrita Basu’s *Violent Conjunctions in Democratic India*, India International Center, New Delhi, Jan. 17, 2017
- Discussant at Conference in Honor of Nasser Hussain, Amherst College, Nov. 4-5, 2016
- Presentation at Conference on Democracy and Religious Pluralism: A Comparative Perspective, Turkey, India and Pakistan, University of California, Berkeley, Oct. 27-28, 2016
- Panelist, “Welfare and Violence in the Politics of Hindutva: A Symposium on Basu’s *Violent Conjunctions in Democratic India* and Thachil’s *Elite Parties, Poor Voters*. 45th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison. WI, Oct. 20-22, 2016
- Panelist, “Styles of Representation,” 45th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Oct. 20-22. 2016
- Chair and Discussant, Conference on Business and Politics in India, Princeton University, May 6-7, 2016
- Panelist on Critical Race Theory and Social Movements, Race (In)Action, Conference on Critical Race Theory, Yale Law School, April 9, 2016
- “Women’s Leadership in Community Movements,” Conference on Rethinking Leadership From the Bottom Up, University of Pennsylvania, April 1, 2016
- “Violent Conjunctions in Democratic India,” University of Michigan, March 21, 2016
- Commentator at Symposium on Amrita Basu’s *Violent Conjunctions in Democratic India*, Global South Asia: Public and Politics, New York University, February 26, 2016
- “More Than Meets the Eye: Sub Rosa Violence in Hindu Nationalist India,” Conference on Democracy and Religious Pluralism, Columbia University, Feb. 12-13, 2016
- “Violent Conjunctions: Hindu Nationalism in Democratic India,” Center for Modern Indian Studies, Gottingen, Germany, June 11, 2014; University of Aarhus, Denmark, May 1, 2005; Social Scientist Association, Colombo, Sri Lanka, Feb. 27, 2015
- Discussant, “Women and Religious Politics in South Asia: Fighting In, For, Against,” Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 27-March 30, 2014
- "UnBounding Disciplinary Knowledge on Ethnic Conflict" Conference on Re-Mapping South Asia: Space, Time, Method, Center for South Asian and Indian Ocean Studies, Tufts University, December 3-4 2010
- “Political and Cultural Expressions of Indian Democracy,” Yale University April 30-May 2, 2010
- “Violence and Democracy in India,” Harvard University, December 3, 2009

Keynote address at Conference on Hindu Nationalist Organizations in Social and Political Context, Nehru University, New Delhi, November 19-20, 2008

“Trans-nationalism and Religious Violence: Gendered Resistance to Globalization in India,” Rutgers University, February 20, 2008

“Violence and Democracy in India: When Movements Join Parties Join States” Princeton University, Nov. 7, 2007

“When Women are to Movements What Men are to Parties: The Case of Hindu Nationalism in India,” The Yale University Seminar on Women, Religion and Globalization, Dec. 7, 2007

Round table participant on The Future of Secularism in India, Annual Conference on India, Madison, Wisconsin, October 21, 2006

Workshop participant, The Localization of Global Discourses on Women’s Rights, Wellesley College, July 30-Aug. 2, 2006

“Democracy and Violence, India: Implementing Pluralism and Democracy, The University of Chicago, November 11-13, 2005

“Gender and Comparative Politics,” Frontiers in Women and Politics Research, Women and Politics Institute, American University, August 31, 2005

Closing plenary speaker, at PEWS conference on World Systemic Crisis and Contending Scenarios, The University of Massachusetts at Amherst, April 14-16, 2005

Plenary speaker, The Scholar and the Feminist, Barnard College, April 9, 2005

Presentation on Women and Governance on South Asia at United Nations Institute for Research and Development Conference, “Striving for Gender Equality in an Unequal World,” The Ford Foundation, New York, March 7th, 2005

Keynote address, “The Power of Women’s Violence,” conference on Gender and Ethnic Violence, Duke University, March 5, 2005

Plenary Speaker at conference on Women’s Education Worldwide: The Unfinished Agenda, Mount Holyoke College, June 2-4 2004

Discussant, Discourses of Secularism and Religious Nationalism in Comparative Perspective, American Political Science Association, annual meetings, August 2003

2003 Hanes Visiting Scholar Program, The University of Wisconsin at Madison, March 10-11, 2003

Plenary Session, “Teaching About Women and Gender: The Intellectual and Institutional Shape of the Field,” Seven College Conference, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, December 10-11, 2002.

Panelist on “Doing Women’s Studies: Gender and the State,” The University of Massachusetts at Amherst, November 19, 2002

Convocation Address, “Women and Other War Time Casualties: Afghanistan and Beyond”, The Noun Program in Women’s Studies, Grinnell College, October 17, 2002.

The Ugly Face of Mobilization: The Gujarat Riots and Beyond, Tufts University, October 2, 2002.

Participant in roundtable, “State Feminism, Women’s Movement and Democracy,” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, September 5, 2002.

Plenary participant, A Just War? Gender and Global Crisis, American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, September 4, 2002.

Participant in plenary, “No Turning Back: The Challenge of Feminist Syntheses,” The Berkshire Conference on Women’s History, University of Connecticut, June 2002.

Plenary speaker, Conference on Race and Globalization, Columbia University, NY, October 31-November 2, 2001

“The Gendered Politics of Hindu Nationalism,” the Fourth Annual Beatrice Kachuk Lecture on Women in India, City University of New York, April 26, 2001

“Feminism, Race and Transnationalism,” Meridians Conference, Smith College, Northampton, March 8-10, 2001.

“Gender and The State In South Asia, Northeastern University, Feminist Issues Colloquia Series, February 22, 2001.

Women and Governance: Concepts and Contexts, presented at a workshop of The UNDP, New Delhi, December 21-23, 2000.

“Global Women’s Activism: Beijing and Beyond,” Keynote lecture, University of Maine at Orono, November 18, 2000.

Roundtable on “Women and Fundamentalism,” Women Waging Peace, Harvard University, November 9-10, 2000

“Mapping Transnational Women’s Movements,” Rutgers University, October 11, 2000.

Internationalizing Women’s Studies, Trinity College, October 6, 2000

Plenary on the Impact of Gender on the Discipline, Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 31, 2000.

Plenary speaker at session on Comparative Politics, mini conference for graduate students, Frontiers of Women and Politics Research, American Political Science Association, August 30, 2000.

Keynote speaker at conference on “Gender and Globalization,” University of Illinois at Carbondale, April 14-15, 2000

Controversies In International Feminism, Clark University, March 20, 2000.

Women and Democratization: U.S. Policy, Council on Foreign Relations, January 7, 2000

Chair, and participant, round table, American Political Science Association annual meetings, Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1999.

Panelist on round table, Assessing Transnational Women’s Activism, American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1999

Chair, Plenary, Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Rochester, NY, June 1999.

“Mapping Transnational Feminism,” Pritzen Lecture, Amherst College, April 14, 1999.

Chair and discussant, “Identity Politics in South and Southeast Asia,” Asian Studies Association Annual Meeting, March 12, 1999

Participant in Seminar on “Identity and Security Issues In the Symbolic Geography of Global Society,” John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, Nov. 18-20, 1998.

Globalization of the Local/Localization of the Global: Mapping Transnational Women’s Movements,” Hampshire College, Oct. 16, 1998

Discussant for panel, “When Norms Collide,” American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Boston, September 3, 1998

Leader of Faculty Development Workshop on Multiculturalism In Higher Education, University of Maine at Orono, June 23-25, 1998.

“When Parties Are Movements Are Parties,” South Asia and Middle East Workshop, The University of Chicago, May 21, 1998

“When Local Movements Are Not Merely Local,” Five College Faculty Seminar, May 13, 1998

“Indian Democracy and The Challenge of Hindu Nationalism,” Association for Asian Studies, Annual Meetings, March 27, 1998.

“The Growth of Hindu Nationalism and Transformation of Democracy,” conference on Democracy and Transformation: India Fifty Years After Independence, India International Center, New Delhi, November 16-19, 1997.

The Many Faces of Women’s Resistance,” William College, November 6, 1997

“Indian Democracy and the Challenge of Hindu Nationalism,” presented at conference on Democratization and Decentralization in India, Vaduz, Liechtenstein, June 5-8, 1997; Princeton University, October 31-November 1, 1997; and Asian Studies Association, annual meetings, March 27, 1998.

Connecting Local and Global Feminisms, conference on “Transforming Knowledge for a Changing World,” University of Maryland at College Park, October 16-17, 1997

“Engendering Communalism,” at conference on Rethinking South Asian History, Re-visioning South Asia’s Future, Tufts University, May 9-10, 1997

Chair and participant on a panel on Patriarchy in Asia: Comparative and Theoretical Perspectives from South Asia Asian Studies Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, March 15, 1997.

“Sisterhood is Local: Women’s Movements In Global Perspective,” Keynote address, Fitchburg State College, March 3, 1997

Participant in International Seminar on Diversity Issues In Higher Education, New Delhi, January 21-24, 1997.

“Hindu Nationalism: A Movement From Above As Seen From Below,” Harvard University, CFIA South Asia Seminar, November 8, 1996

“Local Feminisms, Global Perspectives,” University of Maryland at College Park, June 18, 1996.

“Engendering Communalism: Men As Victims, Women As Agents,” School of Oriental and African Studies, London, January 4-6, 1996.

Panelist at conference on Black Studies/Women’s Studies, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, November 17-19, 1995

Participant in Portrack Seminar on “Confrontations and Synergies: The Cultural Interplay of The Indigenous, The Traditional, The Modern and The Post Modern,” Dumfries, Scotland, November 3-6, 1995.

Keynote speaker at conference on Feminism: Linking Global and National Perspectives, SUNY at New Paltz, October 21, 1995.

Interview with Terry Gross on All Things Considered, National Public Radio, Sept. 7, 1995

“Women and Hindu Nationalism,” Peace and World Security Studies Faculty Workshop, Hampshire College, April 3, 1995.

“Women’s Activism and The Questions it Raises”, Cornell University, April 1, 1995.

Panelist on “Women’s Rights” and “Minority Rights,” Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta, January 22, 1995

Participant in round table discussion on “New Audiences For South Asian Studies,” Asian Studies Association, Annual Meetings, Boston, March 26, 1994

“Celibates, Eunuchs and Rapist: The Real and Imaginary Violence of Hindu Nationalism,” Columbia University, March 21, 1994.

“Feminism Inverted: The Gendered Imagery and Real Women of Hindu Nationalism,” Yale University, February 24, 1994.

“Mass Movement or Elite Conspiracy: The Puzzle of Hindu Nationalism,” Tufts University, January 31, 1994; The University of Pennsylvania, February 25, 1994.

Chair and discussant for panel on Women, Religion and the State in South Asia, Ninth Berkshire Conference on The History of Women, Vassar College, June 11-13, 1993

“What’s Left for the Left?” panel discussion, University of Massachusetts, April 30, 1993.
 “Rethinking State-Society Relations in Communal Conflict,” Asian Studies Association, Annual Meetings, Los Angeles. March 25-28, 1993.
 “When Local Riots Are Not Merely Local: Bringing the State Back In,” South Asia Seminar, Harvard University, November 20, 1992.
 “The Ambiguity of Resistance in the Third World,” Rethinking Marxism, Nov. 14, 1992.
 “Ethnic and Religious Conflicts in the Post-Cold-War Era,” Summer Faculty Institute, Hampshire College, June 8-12, 1992.
 “The Lotus and The Trishul: The Bharatiya Janata Party and The Growth of Hindu Nationalism,” Asian Studies Association, Annual Meeting, Washington DC, March 31-April 2, 1992.
 “Decentered Democracy and Democratic Centralism,” conference on “Democracy and Development in South Asia,” Tufts University, April 21-22, 1990
 Discussant, panel on “Tradition and Transformation in South Asia,” Asian Studies Association annual meetings, Chicago, April 8, 1990
 Why Peasant Women Protest,” Conference on Capitalist Development and Women’s Liberation, Center for Social Theory and Comparative History, University of California, Los Angeles, May 15, 1989.
 “The Politics of Collective Identities: Women and Religion in India,” Asian Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, March 17-19, 1989
 ”Reconstructing Tradition: Dilemmas of Indian Feminism,” Smith College, March 13, 1989
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