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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2022- present	Assistant Professor of Sociology, National University of Singapore Research Associate, Asia Research Institute
2021- present	Assistant Professor of Urban Studies, Yale-NUS College
2020-21	Social Sciences Post-doctoral Teaching Fellow, University of Chicago

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Sociology University of Chicago, 2015-2020 Committee: Kristen Schilt (Co-Chair), Andreas Glaeser (Co-Chair), Marco Garrido, Jonathan Anjaria and William Mazzarella Dissertation Title: Moving Targets: traffic rules, state authority and road safety in Hyderabad, India <i>Special Fields: Political Sociology (with honors), Qualitative Methods</i>
M.A.	Sociology, 2014-2015 University of Chicago
M.A.	Development Studies, 2009-2014 Indian Institute of Technology Madras <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Winner of the Institute Merit Prize for outstanding academic record</i>• <i>Winner of the Swati-Jayalaxhmi Memorial Award for highest CGPA</i>

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2023. "Gendering Infrastructure: An Introduction", co-author to introduction to special issue Gendering Infrastructure, edited by Yaffa Truelove and Sneha Annavarapu *Roadsides* (009) 1-8

2022. "The Weight of Waiting: suspended mobilities and deferred aspirations amongst cabdrivers in Hyderabad, India" *Social Change* 52(2) 187-202. (Special Issue: Navigating Hyper Precarity: Im(mobilities) during the Covid pandemic in India).

2022. "Risky roads, safe suspicions: gender, class, and cabs in Hyderabad, India" *Social Problems* 69 (3) 761-780.

- Winner of the Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Sociology of Development Section of the American Sociological Association 2020.

2021. "Social Life of the State: Relational Ethnography and Political Sociology", co-author of introduction to a special issue "Social Life of the State", edited by Zachary Levenson and Sneha Annavarapu *Qualitative Sociology* 44 (3) 337-348

2021. "Brokers and Bribes in India". *Contexts*. 20(1) 41-46. [Special Issue: Ethnographies of the Global South]

2018. "Where do all the lovers go? The cultural politics of public kissing in Mumbai, India" *Journal of Historical Sociology* 31(4) 405-419.

2018. "Consuming Wellness, Producing Difference: the case of a wellness center in India" *Journal of Consumer Culture* 18(3) 414-432.

- Honorable Mention, Graduate Student Paper Award, Body and Embodiment Section of the American Sociological Association 2017.

2015. Religious Nationalism in a Global Age: The Case of Hindu Nationalism. *Journal of Developing Societies* 31(1) 125-146.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Forthcoming. "Licenses for Sale: the performative authority of documents in India" book chapter in an edited volume *Sociology of Corruption* (edited by Drs. Marco Garrido, Marina Zaloznaya and Nicholas Wilson).

[article] "The Uneven City: potholes, pain, and politics in urban India". In progress.

[book manuscript] *On the Move: the politics of driving in urban India*.

REVIEW ESSAYS

2021. Lisa Björkman eds. (2021). *Bombay Brokers*. Duke University Press. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*.
2021. Inglis, Patrick. (2019) *Narrow Fairways: Getting by and falling behind in the New India*. Oxford University Press. *Work and Occupations*.
2021. Lederman, Jacob. (2020) *Chasing World-Class Urbanism*. University of Minnesota Press. *American Journal of Sociology*, 127 (1).
2020. Behl, Natasha. (2019) *Gendered Citizenship: understanding gendered violence in democratic India*. Oxford University Press. *Gender and Society*.
2017. Anand, Nikhil. (2017) *Hydraulic City: Water and the Infrastructures of Citizenship in Mumbai*. Duke University Press. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 41(5).
2017. Nakassis, Constantine. V. (2016) *Doing Style: Youth and Mass Mediation in South India*. University of Chicago Press. *South Asia* 40 (1)
2017. Anjaria, Jonathan. (2016) *The Slow Boil: Hawkers and Public Space in Mumbai*. Stanford University Press. *South Asia History and Culture* 8 (1)
2016. Srivastava, Sanjay. (2015) *Entangled Urbanism: Slum, Gated Community and Shopping Mall in Delhi and Gurgaon*. Oxford University Press. *Journal of Urban Studies* 53(12)

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

- 2020- Host, *New Books Network*
- 2020- Co-founder and editor, *Ethnographic Marginalia*
2023. “Gendering Infrastructure”, co-editor, *Roadsides* (open-access)
<https://roadsides.net/collection-no-009/>
2022. “Borders Cast Long Shadows on Nations: Talking with Malini Sur” *Public Books*.
<https://www.publicbooks.org/malini-sur-jungle-passports-india-bangladesh-border/>
2021. “The Politics of Women’s Safety” (episode 1) “Where Are Women Drivers?” (episode 2), Invited Guest speaker on *The Feminist City Podcast*, hosted by Sneha Visakha for Vidhi Center for Legal Policy
<https://vidhilegalpolicy.in/podcasts/the-feminist-city-trailer/>
2021. “Difficult Encounters, Fragmented Positionalities: Gender, Caste, and Hindutva in the field” *LSE Engenderings blog*
<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/gender/2021/12/01/difficult-encounters-fragmented->

positionality-gender-caste-and-hindutva-in-the-field/

2021. "Platonic *pyaar* in the time of Corona" *Agents of Ishq*
<https://agentsofishq.com/post/platonic-pyaar>
- Reprint: 2023 in *Yaari: An Anthology on Friendship by Women and Queer Folx*, edited by Shilpa Phadke and Nithila Kanagasabai. New Delhi: Yoda Press
 - Reprint: 27 March 2021 in *Times of India*
2021. "Bumpy Roads: global aspirations and local interruptions in Hyderabad, India" *Issues*.
<https://issues-journal.org/issues/vol-5/>
2021. "Distance is Measured in Time" *Economic and Political Weekly* 56(31)
<https://www.epw.in/journal/2021/31/postscript/distance-measured-time.html>
2021. "Talking Hope and Capital with Ravinder Kaur." *Public Books*.
<https://www.publicbooks.org/hope-and-capital-talking-india-with-ravinder-kaur/>
2020. "Home Is Where the Revolution Is" *Economic and Political Weekly* 55(2)
<https://www.epw.in/journal/2020/2/postscript/home-where-revolution.html>
2019. "Driver-Citizens and Technical Safety in India" (co-author with Bhoomika Joshi). *Platypus*:
blog of the Committee on the Anthropology of Science, Technology, and Computing
(CASTAC)
<https://blog.castac.org/2019/10/driver-citizens-and-technical-safety-in-india-traffic-violations-and-penalties-in-the-motor-vehicle-act-2019/>
2019. "Risky Choices: Women and Cabs in Hyderabad, India". *Public Books*.
<https://www.publicbooks.org/risky-choices-women-and-cabs-in-hyderabad-india/>
2019. "India's Youth: Small Chances, Big Dreams". *Public Books*.
<https://www.publicbooks.org/author/sneha-annavarapu/>
2019. "Driving Toward Development" *Sectors 8(1)*, Sociology of Development newsletter.
2018. "Aap karthe mere saath sex? The day my research interview with an auto driver went off
script to include sex, desire, and consent" *Agents of Ishq*
<https://agentsofishq.com/post/aap-karthe-mere-saath-sex>
- Reprint: 15 June 2019 in TARSHI
<https://www.tarshi.net/inplainspeak/aap-karthe-mere-saath-sex/>
2018. "Why Moving to the US isn't the only 'escape option' for women" (co-author with Sharvari
Sastry) *The Wire*
2016. "Of Latte Love and Kaapi Nirvana: the public life of coffee in India". *StandArt*.
2013. Honor Killings, Human Rights and the Law in India: the scope for a 'right to have rights'
Economic and Political Weekly 48(50): 129-132.

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Aesthetics of Authority”. The Everyday State in South Asia. Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS
- “Taximen, pandemic masculinities, and shock mobilities”. Workshop titled “Rural-Urban Lives, Locations, and Disconnections during Covid and Beyond”. Asia Research Institute, NUS.
- 2022 “Ethnography of heat and rain in Hyderabad, India”. Workshop on Urban Ecologies: Methods. University of Cambridge.
- “The Uneven City: potholes, pain, and politics in Hyderabad, India”. Research Seminar. South Asia Studies Program, NUS.
- 2021 “Auto Rani: an aunty, an America Ammayi, and an autorickshaw”. *Critical Aunty Studies* symposium, Mellon Sawyer Seminar on “Defamiliarizing the Family: Kinship as Critical Method”. Tufts University.
- “A Bumpy Road To Development: potholes politics in Hyderabad, India”. Urban Research Lab Seminar Series. IIT-Delhi.
- “Doing Digital Ethnography”. Sciences Po CER. (Virtual event)
- 2020 Panelist: “Book Salon for *Harassed: Gender, Bodies and Ethnographic Research?*”. 115th Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association.
- Panelist: Virtual Turns: Doing Ethnographic Research During and Beyond a Pandemic. Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, The University of Chicago.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

- 2023 Travel and Research Grant, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS
- 2021- Startup Grant, Yale-NUS College and NUS
- 2020 Fellow, Chicago Ethnography Incubator
- 2019 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Center for International Social Science Research (2019-2020)
- 2019 Dissertation Grant, Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago.
- 2019 Doctoral Fellow, Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, University of Chicago (declined)
- 2019 Residential Fellowship, Center for Study of Gender and Sexuality (declined)
- 2019 Travel Grant, Sociology of Development Conference. University of Notre Dame.
- 2019 Travel Grant, Graduate Council, University of Chicago
- 2019 Travel Grant, Center for Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of

2018	Chicago Travel Grant, Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago.
2017	Travel Grant, Urban Institute, University of Chicago
2017	Summer Fellowship, Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago
2016	Summer Fellowship, Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago
2016-17	Urban Fellow, Urban Institute, University of Chicago
2016-19	Social Sciences Research Fellowship, University of Chicago
2015-16	Lalitha Chandrasekhar Fellowship, University of Chicago (Donor award)
2014-15	Evelyn Kitagawa Scholarship, University of Chicago (Donor award)
2015	Travel Grant, Committee on Southern Asian Studies
2014	Institute Merit Prize, Indian Institute of Technology Madras Swati-Jayalakshmi Memorial Award, Indian Institute of Technology Madras
2012	Institute Merit Prize, Indian Institute of Technology Madras

CONFERENCES and PAPER PRESENTATIONS

2023	<p><u>“The Uneven City: class politics of road surfaces in Hyderabad, India”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XX International Sociological Association Annual Conference. <p><u>“Aesthetics of Authority: unruly citizens, smart governance, and the politics of visibility”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XX International Sociological Association Annual Conference. • 2nd Annual Conference of the Netherlands Institute of Advanced Study <p><u>“Reel authority to real authority: traffic talk and Telugu cinema”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 51st Annual Conference on South Asia.
2021	<p><u>“Ethnographic Reflections: gender, class and Hindutva in the field”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association <p><u>“The Weight of Waiting: temporal labors of taxi driving in Hyderabad”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50th Annual South Asia Conference on South Asia <p><u>“Licenses for Sale: the performative authority of documents in India”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociology of Corruption symposium, University of Chicago <p><u>“Licenses for Sale: bribes and brokers in Hyderabad, India”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 116th Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association. <p><u>“Social Life of Potholes: a tale of two cities” (with Dr. Jeffrey Parker)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 116th Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association.

“Political Emotions on the Streets in India”

- 71st Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

2020

“Masculinities on the move: experiencing gendered citizenship on the Hyderabad road”

- 49th Annual Conference on South Asia*. University of Wisconsin-Madison. (Preconference: South Asia in Motion: mobility, movement, bodies).

** canceled due to COVID-19*

2019

“Friendly Policing: traffic police as pedagogical agents of state authority”

- 89th Annual Eastern Sociological Society Conference. Boston, MA.
- 82nd Annual Midwestern Sociological Society Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Annual Sociology of Development conference. Notre Dame, IN.

“Navigating Risk, Safety, and Pleasure: of women and taxi-drivers in Hyderabad, India”

- Annual Conference of Association of Asian Studies-In-Asia. Bangkok, Thailand.

“The Safety of Experience: road surfaces, traffic rules, and driving practices in Hyderabad, India”

- Annual Meeting of Society for Social Studies of Science (4S). New Orleans, LA.

“It is gliding, like a bird”: of aspirations and inspirations on the Hyderabad metro

- Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Washington, DC.

2018

“Persuade or Punish?”: of technology, authority, and traffic in Hyderabad, India

Presented at:

- 47th Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI. (*Panel Organizer: Pleasure, Punish, Panic: the social life of technology in India*)

2017

“Wake Up! Hyderabad: an analysis of road safety campaigns in Hyderabad, India”

Presented at:

- 47th Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.
- 46th Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI. (*Panel Organizer: “Technologies and Mythologies of Mobility in South Asia”*)

“Improvisational Disobedience – automobiles, risk and safety in Hyderabad, India”

- Humanities Day, University of Chicago, USA.
- Urban Workshop, University of Chicago, USA (Fall '17)

“We Match Better – an analysis of the marketing of online matrimonial websites”.

Presented at:

- Gender and Sexuality Studies Working Group. University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

2016

“Where Do All The Lovers Go? Class, Space and Intimacy in Mumbai.”

Presented at:

- 41st Social Science History Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.
- 45th Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI.
- Gender | Publics | Panics in the global South. University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- Midwest Popular Culture Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop, University of Chicago. Chicago, IL

“Producing wellness, consuming difference – the case of a wellness center in India”

at the 18th Chicago Ethnography Conference. DePaul University. Chicago, IL

2015

“Behave Yourself! – cultural politics of intimacy in public in Mumbai”.

Presented at Feminist Preconference, 44th Annual South Asia Studies Conference. University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI.

“Boundaries of wellness: the case of a wellness center in an urban city”.

Presented at the Sixth Annual Spaces and Flows: International Conference on Urban and Extraurban studies. Chicago, IL.

“Rebelling with Love: An analysis of the Kiss of Love protests in India”. Presented at the 23rd Annual Conference of the Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery (SISSI). Colorado State University Pueblo, Colorado Springs, CO.

2014

“In-vitro fertilization in India: Negotiating motherhood, infertility and social diagnosis”. Presented at

Chapter III of Studies in Indian Science, Technology, Environment, Management: Socio-Philosophical, Historical, Economic, Research Engagements (*SISTEM-SPHERE*). Indian Institute of Technology Madras. Chennai, India.

2013

“In-vitro fertilization in India: constructing gender and class.” Presented at:

- Annual International Studies Convention. Jawaharlal Nehru University. New Delhi, India.
- Annual Conference of Association of Third World Studies. Indian Institute of Technology Madras. Chennai, India.

“Heteronormativity, Rape and Law in India.” Presented at Development Research Day Conference. Lund University, Sweden.

TEACHING

National University of Singapore

Undergraduate

Issues in State and Society | Spring 2023, Spring 2024

Yale-NUS College

Undergraduate

Gender in the City | Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024

Urban Theory | Autumn 2022, Autumn 2023

Modern Social Theory | Autumn 2021

University of Chicago

Undergraduate

Sex and Gender in the City | Spring 2020, Autumn 2020

Digital Lives, Virtual Selves | Winter 2021

Self, Culture and Society | Spring 2021

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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| 2021-21 | Host, New Books Network podcast
Reviewer, Poetics
Reviewer, American Journal of Sociology
Reviewer, Transfers
Reviewer, Globalization
Reviewer, Gender and Society
Reviewer, Cultural Anthropology |
| 2020-21 | Host, New Books Network podcast
Co-founder and co-editor, <i>Ethnographic Marginalia</i>

Organizer, Preconference on “South Asia in Motion”, 48 th Annual Conference on South Asia (canceled due to COVID-19)
Reviewer, Cultural Anthropology
Reviewer, American Journal of Sociology
Reviewer, Poetics |
| 2019-20 | Reviewer, American Journal of Sociology
Reviewer, Gender and Society |

- Reviewer, South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies
 Reviewer, Journal of Consumer Culture
- 2017-21 Member, American Sociological Association
 (Global and Transnational Sociology, Sociology of Development, Political Sociology, Body and Embodiment, Sex and Gender, Social Theory)
- 2018-19 Manuscript Board, American Journal of Sociology
 Reviewer, Journal of Consumer Culture
- 2017- 18 Committee Member, Fulbright Campus Committee, USA.
 Panel Organizer, 46th Annual Conference on South Asia.
 Student Organizer, 20th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, USA.
 Reviewer, American Journal of Sociology
- 2016-17 Coordinator, South Asia Seminar, University of Chicago, USA.
 Coordinator, Theory and Praxis in South Asia, University of Chicago, USA.
 Reviewer, American Journal of Sociology
- 2015-16 Student Representative, Society for Social Research (SSR), University of Chicago
 Organizing Committee, Gender | Publics | Panics in the global South Conference
 Student Organizer, University of Chicago Sociology Spring Institute
- 2015 Student Organizer, Sixth Annual Conference of Spaces and Flows: International Conference of Urban and Extraurban Studies. Chicago, IL.

REFERENCES

Dr. Kristen Schilt, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Chicago
 Dr. Gowri Vijayakumar, Associate Professor of Sociology, Brandeis University
 Dr. Jonathan Anjaria, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Brandeis University
 Dr. Rumya Putcha, Associate Professor of Women's Studies, University of Georgia
 Dr. Marco Garrido, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Chicago