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Biographical Sketch
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PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

University of Michigan	Ann Arbor	Sociology	B.A. 2003
		Communications	B.A. 2003
University of Chicago	Chicago	Social Sciences - Anthropology	M.A. 2005
University of Minnesota	Minneapolis	Anthropology	Ph.D. 2014
McMaster University	Canada	Water Policy Post-Doctorate	2014-2016

APPOINTMENTS

2018- *present* Assistant Professor of Anthropology
Affiliated: Interdisciplinary Social Sciences; Sustainability; Women and Gender Studies
University of South Florida St. Petersburg

2016-2018 Full-Time Lecturer, Department of Anthropology
Affiliated Faculty, Environmental Studies
Faculty Scholar, Institute of Public Health
Washington University in St. Louis

2014-2016 Postdoctoral Fellow in Water Policy, McMaster University, Canada
Research Fellow, OECD/Global Water Partnership Task Force on Water Security
Coordinator, McMaster Water Network
Instructor, Faculty of Social Sciences

2013-2014 Instructor of Record, Department of Anthropology;
Instructor of Record, Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change
University of Minnesota

RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION AND SKILLS

- Society and Resource Disparity (Water, Food, Energy, Waste)
- Urban and Development Anthropology
- Gender and Intersectional Justice
- India and South Asia
- Hindi, Urdu, French language abilities

PUBLICATIONS

Under contract *Conduits of Purity: Reproducing Class in a Developing Waterscape*. Book Manuscript.
University of Arizona Press: Critical Green Engagements Series.

Under Review "Collaborative Feminist Ethnography: Intersectionality and Ethical Survey Design"
Submitted to *Current Anthropology*.

In Progress "Electric Masculinity: High voltage lineworkers and knowledge management as gendered environmental labor." Submitting to *Practicing Anthropology.*

2019 "Conspicuous reserves: Ideologies of water consumption and the performance of class" In *Economic Anthropology,* "Water and Economy" 6: 195–207.

2018 "Pluralizing Science for Inclusive Water Governance: An engaged ethnographic approach to WaSH data collection in Delhi, India" In *Case Studies in the Environment.*
First Prize Case Studies in the Environment Best Article Award

2017 "Epistemological Undercurrents: Delhi's Water Crisis and the Role of the Urban Water Poor" In *Water, Knowledge and the Environment in Asia: Epistemologies, practices and locales*, Ravi Baghel, Lea Stepan, Joseph K.W. Hill (eds.). Routledge Earthscan series.

2016 "Between stagnancy and affluence: Reinterpreting water poverty and domestic flows in Delhi, India." *Society & Natural Resources*, *29* (6), 639-653.
First Prize The Burge and Field Outstanding Article Award
"for innovative and meaningful contributions and great promise to be influential over time"

2015 (with lead author, Dustin Garrick) "Chapter 4: Pathways to Water Security" *Securing Water, Sustaining Growth: Report of the GWP/OECD Task Force on Water Security and Sustainable Growth*, Claudia Sadoff (ed.). 114-169. University of Oxford.

2015 "Producing Middle-Class Waterscapes Beyond Middle-Class Thresholds: Domestic Workers and Identity Expression through Water Allocation in Lower-Class Delhi, India" In *Averting a Global Environmental Collapse: The Role of Anthropology and Local Knowledge*, Thomas Reuter (ed.); Cambridge Scholar Series.

SELECTED MAJOR FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2020-*2022* GCOOS RA – NOAA
Co-PI. Two years of funding at the University of Central Florida for estimating economic losses and impacts of Florida red tide. $274,913

2020-*2021* USF Pandemic Research Response Network Internal Grant Program
Co-PI. One year of funding at the University of South Florida for researching *Relationships Between Air Quality, Health Outcomes, and Socioeconomic Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Florida*, $25,000.

2020-*2021* USF New Researcher Internal Grant Program
PI. One year of funding at the University of South Florida for researching women's environmental labor to prevent, mitigate, and control the socio-economic risks of harmful algae blooms, $10,000.

2015 Finalist: International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC)
Cities and Climate Change Initiative; international team; $1million CAD

2014 Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Coordinator of the McMaster Water Network
Two years of funding at McMaster University for urban water research

2012 University of Minnesota Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellow
Year-long funding at the Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change

2012 Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Fellow
Seven months of funding for dissertation fieldwork in Delhi, India

2011 University of Minnesota Department of Anthropology Field Research Grant
Three months of funding for dissertation fieldwork in Delhi, India

2010 Fulbright Fellow
Nine months of funding for dissertation fieldwork in Delhi, India.

2010 University of Minnesota Department of Anthropology Field Research Grant
Twelve months of language training in Advanced Hindi in Delhi, India

2010 U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language Area Studies Fellow (FLAS)
Twelve months of funding for language mastery in India [I declined for Fulbright]

2009 U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language Area Studies Fellow (FLAS)
Twelve months of funding for Hindi language mastery

2009 University of Minnesota Department of Anthropology Field Research Grant
Summer Research funding in Delhi, India on Resources and the Urban Poor

2008 University of Minnesota Department of Anthropology Field Research Grant
Summer research funding in Pondicherry, India on Water and Economy

FUNDED RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

2012-*2022* International WaTERS, SSHRC funded, tri-university interdisciplinary partnership. Role: Graduate Student Participant; Independent Research Participant.

2016-2018 Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar, "Wastelands." Year-long Funded Interdisciplinary Comparative Research Center. Role: Core Participant; Coordinator for Community Engagement and Undergraduate Coursework.

2014-2015 OECD/Global Water Partnership Task Force on Water Security - Research Team. Role: Postdoctoral Research Fellow. Focus: Comparative Urban Water Security.

2014-2015 IQ2: Institute for Quantitative and Qualitative Research. New Frontiers in Comparative Water Studies: Complexity, Commons and Multiple Methods for Community Engaged Research. Role: Co-PI.

2013-2015 Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar, "Making the Mississippi." Year-long Funded Interdisciplinary Comparative Research Center. Role: Participant.

2012-2014 Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change Water Research Circle. Role: Graduate Student Participant.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

2020 Scientific Committee and Executive Committee: International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) Congress. Sibenik, Croatia.

2019 Executive Committee: International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) Congress. Poznan, Poland.

2018 Executive Committee: International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) World-Congress. Florianopolis, Brazil.

2017 Executive Committee: International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) Inter-Congress. Ottawa, Canada.

2017 Secretary/Treasurer and Organizing Committee: Central States Anthropological Society (CSAS) Annual Meeting. Lincoln, Nebraska.

2016 Executive Committee of Conference; Plenary Co-Organizer and Moderator: Futures of Anthropology Plenary. International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) Inter-Congress. Dubrovnik, Croatia.

2016 Organizer: Commission for Anthropology and Environment Major Grant Summit. Heidelberg, Germany.

2016 Secretary/Treasurer: Central States Anthropological Society (CSAS) Annual Meeting. Kansas City, Missouri.

2016 Executive Committee: International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) Inter-Congress. Bangkok, Thailand.

2015 Assistant Treasurer and Local Organizing Team: Central States Anthropological Society (CSAS) Annual Meeting. St. Paul, Minnesota.

2015 Co-Organizer IQ2: Institute for Quantitative and Qualitative Research. Series in Interdisciplinary Water Research. Hamilton, ON, Canada.

2014 Co-Organizer: McMaster Spring Water Forum. Hamilton, ON, Canada.

2014 Co-Organizer: McMaster Water Week Conference. Hamilton, ON, Canada.

2014 Executive Committee: Central States Anthropological Society (CSAS) Annual Meeting. Bloomington-Normal, Illinois.

2012 Co-Organizer: U.S. Embassy Water Conference. Delhi, India.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2020 "COVID-19 Misinformation: Emerging Trends of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) during the COVID-19 Quarantine in Delhi, India" Paper on Panel: Water Management. International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM). Cairns, Australia (virtual), August.

2019 "Matters out of place: Human and material displacement in coastal cities" Paper on Panel: Urban Flooding: Inequalities, Development and Human Rights at the Edge of Climate Change. International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) Inter-Congress. Poznan, Poland, August.

2017 "Resources as Spatiotemporal Rhythms: Paces of Water in Developing Delhi" Paper on Panel. International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM). Umea, Sweden, June.

2017 "Multi-Scalar Water Justice: EcoFeminist Approaches in South Asian Water Politics" Paper and Panel Convener. International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) Inter-Congress. Ottawa, Canada, April.

2016 "Systemic Resilience: Inclusive Waterscapes under Uneven Development" Paper and Panel Convener. International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) Inter-Congress. Dubrovnik, Croatia, May.

2015 "Pathways to Resource Security: Water Security among India's Urban Poor" Paper and Panel Convener. International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) Inter-Congress. Bangkok, Thailand, July.

2015 "Towards Equitable Water Governance" Webinar. International Water Resources Association. Cedex, France, May.

2014 "Epistemological Undercurrents: Delhi's Water Crisis and the Role of the Urban Water Poor" Epistemologies of Water in Asia Workshop. Heidelberg, Germany, December.

2014 "My Child's Water: Women, Justice, and the Future of Urban Water Allocation" Paper and Panel Convener. International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES). Tokyo, Japan, May.

2013 "Lifelines/Waiting for Vitality: The Disparity of Water Access in Delhi, India" Paper on Panel. International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) World Conference. Manchester, England, August.

2013 "Between Stagnancy and Affluence: People, Water and Hydrological Discourse in Delhi, India" Invited Paper on Panel. International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF) World Conference. Tartu, Estonia, June.

2011 "Domestic Water Disparity in North India" Invited paper on panel. Fulbright Conference: South and Central Asia. Goa, India, March.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2019 "*Hydro-Social Risk at the Edge of Climate Change: Flooding, In-Migration and Matter out of Place*" Paper on Panel. American Anthropological Association. Vancouver, Canada, November.

2019 "Engendering Climate Risk" Paper on Panel: Environmental Justice, gender and climate change. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS). Orlando, USA, June.

2018 "Climate Change Inequities in Urban India" Paper on Panel: Urban Waters: Everyday Encounters with a Changing Climate. Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA). Philadelphia, USA, March.

2018 "Conspicuous Waters: Class, Citizenship and Water in Delhi, India" Plenary Paper. Society for Economic Anthropology. Tempe, USA, March.

2016 "Developing Systemic Resilience: Risk Perception as Barrier to Inclusive Urban Waterscapes" Plenary Session. Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting. Athens, US, April.

2015 "Interstitial Flows: Development, Purity and Fluidity in the New India" Paper on Panel. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Denver, US, November.

2015 "Conspicuous Waters: The Performance of Class and Water Wealth among Delhi, India's Water Poor" Paper on Panel. Central States Anthropological Society. St. Paul, US, April.

2014 "The Currency of Water in the Production of World-Class Delhi" Paper on Panel. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Washington D.C., US, December.

2014 "Reproducing Class: Water Poor Mothers and the Burden of Affluence" Paper on panel. Central States Anthropological Society. Bloomington, IL, US, April.

2013 "Jal Hi Jivan Hai (Water is Life): Water Allocation, Urban Vitality, and a Green Delhi, As Perceived by the Urban Poor" Paper on Panel. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, US, November.

2013 "Hydrosocial Flows in Water Scarce Communities of Delhi, India" Invited Poster and Presentation. University of Minnesota Graduate School Doctoral Research Showcase. Minneapolis, US, April.

2013 "Sustaining Lives, Sustaining Lifestyles: Water, Domestic Workers and Urban Vitality in Delhi, India" Paper on panel: Environmental Consciousness and Sustainability. Central States Anthropological Society. St. Louis, US, April.

2012 "International Waters" Invited Discussant. University of Minnesota, Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change, Water Workshop. Minneapolis, US, November.

2012 "Invisible Thresholds: Domestic Workers, Water Allocation, and Rhetoric of the World-Class City in Delhi, India" Paper on panel. American Anthropological Association Annual Conference. San Francisco, US, November.

2010 "Natural Flows: Understanding the Human Dimension of Water" Paper on panel. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, US, November.

2009 "Affluence: Indian Narratives of Clean Water Access" Paper on panel. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, US, November

2008 "Elusive Categorization in the Hybrid World of Thoreau's Walden: Defining 'Human' in Non-Modern Anthropology" Paper and Invited Chair on panel. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, US, November.

2008 "Thoreau's Execution of Kantian Metaphor in Walden: Environmental and Humanistic Ethics Through the Anthropological Lens" Paper on panel. Central States Anthropological Society. Indianapolis, US, April.

INVITED LECTURES

2020 "*Roti-Paani Kha Lena:* Politics of 'taking' bread and water in Urban India" Invited Lecture for Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar. Carnegie-Mellon, Pittsburg, US, March.

2019 "Zones of Sacrifice: Water Risk, Migration and the Magnification of Climate Change" Invited Lecture. University of Nebraska. Lincoln, US, March.

2018 "The Unplanned City: Urban In-Migration and Climate Change in India" Invited Lecture. University of South Florida. St. Petersburg, US, March.

2016 "Between Stagnancy and Affluence: Women, Poverty and Resource Flows in Delhi's Interstitial Waterscapes" Invited Lecture. University of Louisville. Louisville, US, February.

2015 "Water Sustainability and Food Security in Urban South Asia" Invited Lecture on Panel. United Nations University – Institute for Water Environment and Health, World Water Day Panel. Hamilton, Canada, March.

2015 "Anthropology, Rights and Activism" Invited Lecture. Augustana College. Rock Island, US, March.

2015 "Urban Water Insecurity: How Delhi's Interstitial Residents Grapple with Water Poverty" Invited Lecture. Whitman College. Walla Walla, US, February.

2014 "Water and Contemporary Indian Political Economics: The Disparity of Water Access in Delhi, India" Invited Lecture. McMaster University, Department of Political Science, Colloquium. Hamilton, Canada, October.

2014 "Global Water Crisis: Water Allocation and Domestic Use in Developing Countries" Invited Lecture. University of Minnesota, Honors Colloquium: Our Common Waters: Making Sense of the Great Lakes. Minneapolis, US, January.

2013 "Epistemologies of Global Food Security" Invited Lecture. University of Minnesota, Seminar: Environmental Decision Making – Focus: Food Systems. Minneapolis, US, September.

2013 "*Paid Lugao, Jeevan Bachchao* (Plant a Tree, Save a Life): Urban Lives and Livelihoods and Delhi's Water Struggles" Invited Lecture. University of Minnesota, Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change, Colloquium. Minneapolis, US, May.

2013 "Global Water Crisis: Focus India" Invited Lecture. University of Minnesota, Honors Colloquium: Making Sense of the Great Lakes. Minneapolis, US, January.

2009 "Water in our Homes, Water in our Nation: Preliminary Fieldwork Report" Invited Lecture. Delhi University, Department of Home Economics. Delhi, India, August.

2009 "Introduction to Anthropology and Fieldwork" Invited Lecture. Delhi University, Department of Home Economics. Delhi, India, August.

2009 "Ethnographic Fieldwork for Media Studies" Invited Lecture. Center for Media Studies, Delhi Academy. Delhi, India, August.

2009 "Flows of Power and Water: Intersections of Cultural Heritage and Development" Invited speaker. The Vigyan Vijay Foundation Founders Day. Delhi, India, August.

2009 "Neoliberalism, Globalization and Television: Understanding Social Theory" Invited Lecture. Center for Media Studies, Delhi Academy. Delhi, India, August.

2009 "Case Study in Survey Design: Household Water Surveys" Invited Lecture. Delhi University, Department of Communications. Delhi, India, August.

COURSES TAUGHT

- Culture and Environment
- Environmental Anthropology
- EcoFeminism: Environmental Social Movements and Anthropology
- Gender in the Cross-Cultural Perspective
- Political Ecology
- Anthropology of Water
- Inquiry in the Social Sciences: Water and Sustainability
- Global Food Security
- Dimensions of Waste
- Being Human: The Food-Energy-Water Nexus
- Anthropology for Change: Practicing Applied and Public Anthropology
- Indian Culture and Society
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- Social Science Research Methods
- Social Science Senior Capstone Project

STUDENT MENTORING AND SUPERVISION

2017-2018 Supervisor, BA Honors Theses: Molly Brodsky, Evelyn Shen, Sally Rifkin, Washington University in St. Louis

2017-2018 Faculty Associate: Residential Life Faculty Initiatives, Washington University in St. Louis

2017-2018 Founder and Faculty Mentor: Doctoral Dissertation Writing Retreat, Washington University in St. Louis

2016-2017 Supervisor, BA Thesis: Jocelyn Walsh, Washington University in St. Louis

2013-2017 Founder: Central States Anthropological Society Mentoring Initiative

2014-2015 Co-Supervisor: MA and BA Student Research Assistants in Water Security, McMaster University

2012-2014 Fulbright Mentor and Pre-Departure and In-Country Orientation Leader

AWARDS FOR TEACHING

2018	Distinguished Faculty Award, Washington University Arts & Sciences
2017	Nominee: Distinguished Teaching Award, Washington University Arts & Sciences

GRANTS FOR ENHANCED TEACHING AND OUTREACH

2019	Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning: Faculty Learning Community Grant, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg - $5,000
2018	College of Arts& Sciences: Classroom Innovation Grant, Washington University in St. Louis - $5,000
2017-2018	Gephardt Institute for Civic and Community Engagement: Community Engaged Teaching Grant, Washington University in St. Louis - $5,000
2017	College of Arts& Sciences: Classroom Innovation Grant, Washington University in St. Louis - $4,000

SELECTED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

FIELD		ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES	
2018	UCity Green Practices Commission *Municipal Council*	2014-16	McMaster Water Network *Mentor; Community Outreach*
2011-12	HopeWorldwide India *Maternal and Child Welfare*	2013-14	River Life Project *Mississippi River Ranger; Mentor*
2009	The Vigyan Vijay Foundation *Urban Water Awareness*	2005-06	Field Museum Chicago *Anthropology Collection*
2006	Deepalaya Foundation *Child Education and Welfare*	2003	Detroit Project *Fundraiser; Community Liaison*

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2019-2020	Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning – Faculty Learning Community Leader: Creating Quiet: Sustained Parallel Working and Co-Mentorship
2018	Environmental Justice Initiative Steering Committee, Washington University in St. Louis
2017-2018	Climate Change Program Steering Committee, Washington University in St. Louis
2015-2016	Canadian Union of Public Employees Bargaining Team (CUPE 3906 Unit 3), McMaster University
2009-2010	Department of Anthropology Socio-Cultural Seminar Series Leader, University of Minnesota
2008-2010	Graduate and Professional Student Association Department Representative, University of Minnesota
2008-2010	Council of Graduate Students Department Representative, University of Minnesota
2007; 2009	Anthropology Graduate Student Organization Co-President, University of Minnesota

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

2017-*2023*	Steering Committee Member (two terms) World Anthropological Union
2015-*2023*	Head of Council of Commissions; Executive Committee Member (two terms) International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES)
2013-*2023*	Chair and Founding Member (two terms) IUAES: Scientific Commission of Anthropology and Environment
2015-2018	Secretary-Treasurer Central States Anthropological Society Executive Board
2013-2018	Invited Member World Council of Anthropological Associations Ethics Taskforce
2014-2015	Assistant Treasurer/Secretary Central States Anthropological Society Executive Board
2013-2014	Student Board Member Central States Anthropological Society Executive Board
2013-2014	Anthropology of Water Coordinator Commission of Anthropology and the Environment
2012	Invited Conference Co-Organizer U.S. Embassy Water Conference (Delhi, India)

LANGUAGE TRAINING

Advanced Hindi (spoken, written); Intermediate Spoken Urdu; Beginning Written Urdu; Advanced and Business French

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
Anthropology and Environment (A&E)
Central States Anthropological Society (CSAS)
Commission for Anthropology and the Environment (CAE)
Freshwater Society
International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES)
Society for Humanistic Anthropology (SHA)
Society for Urban, National, and Transnational Anthropology (SUNTA)

ACADEMIC REVIEWER: International Science Council; United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs; National Science Foundation; American Ethnologist; Environmental Science and Policy; University of California Press.