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Education

Ph.D., English Literature, Brown University, May 2001

M.A., English Literature, Indiana University, December 1994

B.A., English Literature, Yale University, May 1993

Employment

Associate Professor, Department of English, The Ohio State University, 2011-present.

Assistant Professor, Department of English, The Ohio State University, 2004-2011

Assistant Professor, Department of English, Wagner College, 2000-2004

Book

Decentering Rushdie: Cosmopolitanism and the Indian Novel in English. Columbus: The Ohio State University Press, 2010; Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2011.

Manuscripts in Progress

Book manuscript: *Marxism, Nationalism and the 1857 Rebellion in British India*.

Articulates theoretical debates between Marxism and postcolonial studies through an analysis of the 1857 Revolt: as a historical event, as an object of colonialist, nationalist, and radical historiography, and as an ongoing symbol for postcolonial nationalism.

Research conducted in New Delhi, Delhi, and Jhansi (2010-11, 2012, 2013), London (2011, 2015), Berkeley (2013), and Berne (2011).

Book chapter: "Centering the Oppressed: Marxism and the Problematic of Race and Class." *Race, Class, and Education Reform*. Eds. Antonia Darder, Cleveland Hayes, and Howard Ryan.

Editorial Work

"Boundaries, Borders, and Margins." Eds. Jana Fedka and Pranav Jani. Special Issue of *South Asian Review* 36.3 (December 2015).

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

"Anglophone South Asian Women's Fiction: A Marxist, Intersectional Approach."

Teaching Anglophone South Asian Women's Writing. Eds. Deepika Bahri and Filippo Menozzi. Modern Language Association (forthcoming)

"Revolutionary Nationalism and Global Horizons: The Ghadar Party on India and China."

In *Marxism, Postcolonial Theory, and the Future of Critique: Critical Engagements with Benita Parry*. Eds. Sharae Deckard and Rashmi Varma. London: Routledge, 2018. 165-190.

"Democracy, Fundamentalism, Empire: Salman Rushdie and the Politics of Free Speech." *South Asian Review* 35.1 (2014). 75-93. [published 2017]

"Marxism, Mediation, Historiography: Writing About 1857." *Critical Sociology* 43: 7-8 (November 2017). 1093-1107.

"A Home of One's Own: Gender, Family, and Nation in Indian-American Literature and Film." *Tracing the New Indian Diaspora*. Ed. Om Prakash Dwivedi. Amsterdam: Rodopi, 2014. 271-97.

"Bihar, California, and the US Midwest: The Early Radicalization of Jayaprakash Narayan." *Postcolonial Studies* 16.2 (June 2013): 155-68.

"Beyond 'Anticommunism': The Progressive Politics of *The God of Small Things*." In *Globalizing Dissent: Essays on Arundhati Roy*. Eds. Ranjan Ghosh and Antonia Navarro-Tejero. New York: Routledge, 2009. 47-70.

"Anti-colonialism and Resistance: South Asia." With Mytheli Sreenivas. In *A Historical Companion to Postcolonial Thought in English*. Eds. Prem Kumar Poddar and D.W. Johnson. New York: Columbia University Press, 2005. 20-28.

"Karl Marx, Eurocentrism, and the 1857 Revolt in British India." In *Marxism, Modernity, and Postcolonial Studies*. Eds. Crystal Bartolovich and Neil Lazarus. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002. 81-97.

"India Is(n't): (Mis)representations of India in the U.S. Media." With Wes Cecil and Stacy Takacs. *SAMAR: South Asian Magazine for Action and Reflection* 2 (1994): 4-10.

Reviews

Review of Vasant Kaiwar, *The Postcolonial Orient*. *Race & Class* 58.4 (Apr-June 2017): 106-113.

"A Marxist Challenge to Postmodern Orientalism." Review of Vasant Kaiwar, *The Postcolonial Orient*. *International Socialist Review* 104 (Spring 2017): 179-83.

Review of *Prose of the World: Modernism and the Banality of Empire*, by Saikat Majumdar. *James Joyce Quarterly* 51.1 (Fall 2013): 227-232 [published in Spring 2016].

"The Destruction of the Third World Project." Review of *The Poorer Nations: A Possible History of the Global South* by Vijay Prashad. *International Socialist Review* 95 (Winter 2014-15): 130-134.

"Marxism and the Future of Postcolonial Theory." Review of *Postcolonial Theory and the Specter of Capital*, by Vivek Chibber. *International Socialist Review* 92 (Spring 2014): 105-21.

"Recovering the Lost Vices of Anticolonial Rebels." Review of *Britain's Empire: Resistance, Repression, and Revolt*, by Richard Gott. *International Socialist Review*. 83 (May-June 2012): 67-9.

Review of *Anxieties of Empire and the Fiction of Intrigue*, by Yumna Siddiqi. *Journal of Asian Studies* 70.3 (August 2011): 890-892.

Review of *The Indian Mutiny and the British Imagination*, by Gautam Chakravarty. *Prose Studies* 32.1 (April 2010): 76-79.

Review of *Postcolonial Narrative and the Work of Mourning: J.M. Coetzee, Wilson Harris, and Toni Morrison*, by Sam Durrant. *Callaloo* 29.2 (2006): 682-88.

Review of *Mapping Subaltern Studies and the Postcolonial*, ed. Vinayak Chaturvedi. *Historical Materialism* 11.3 (2003): 271-88.

Review of *Khaki Shorts and Saffron Flags: A Short History of the Hindu Right*, by Tapan Basu. *International Socialist Review* 9 (Fall 1999).

Articles in Professional Publications

"Reflections on Solidarity." Blog of the MLA Committee on the Literatures of People of Color in the United States and Canada. March 11, 2015.

With Gairola, Rahul. "Why #BlackLivesMatter is Integral to South Asian Studies." *Salaam: Newsletter of the South Asian Literary Association* (Winter 2014): 16-18.

"Postcolonial Studies: Rethinking Literatures in English." *english@osu* 4.1 (Spring 2010).

Invited Talks, Workshops & Interviews

Interview. "Marx and Colonialism with Pranav Jani." *Better Off Red* 24 (August 2018).
www.betteroffredpod.com

Invited Speaker and Facilitator. Arundhati Roy's *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness*. Gramercy Book Club. Bexley, OH. November 28, 2017.

Invited Speaker. "Columbus Day and Narratives of Conquest." Panel: "The Struggle for Indigenous Peoples' Rights." Indigenous Students and Syracuse and International Socialist Organization-Syracuse. Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY. October 9, 2017.

Invited Speaker. "Marxism and the Fight Against Racism." UVM-Socialists and International Socialist Organization-Burlington. Burlington, Vermont. September 21, 2017.

Invited Speaker. Dr. Helen Scott's "Works of Edwidge Danticat" seminar and Dr. Nancy Welch's "Protest and Persuasion" seminar. University of Vermont. Burlington, VT. September 19-20, 2017.

Invited Speaker. "My Life is Not an Open Book: South Asians, Self-care, and Activism Under Trump and Modi." 35th Annual Symposium: "Pedagogy and Community Building." Center for South Asian Studies. University of Hawai'i-Manoa. Honolulu, Hawai'i. April 21, 2017.

Invited Speaker. "Of Tiffin Carriers, Grandfathers, and Nations." Pizzuti Collection Literary Night. The Pizzuti Collection. Columbus, OH. April 5, 2017.

Keynote Speaker. "Social Justice and 21st Century Leadership." "21st Century Leadership Conference." The Center for Student Development, La Roche College. Pittsburgh, PA. 16 April 2016.

Interview. "Activism Within the Academy." With Elena Costello and Jonathan Hall. *B Side Conversations* podcast. 6 March 2016.

Invited Speaker. "Nationalist Goddess, Militant Mother: The Queen of Jhansi in History and Myth, 1857-2007." Global Studies Program. Purdue University. West Lafayette, IN. February 29, 2016.

Invited Speaker. "Racism, Militarism, Poverty: MLK's 'Three Evils' and the Struggle Today." Global Studies Seminar Series. Denison University. Granville, OH. January 25, 2016.

Invited Speaker. "Learning, Teaching, Doing: How to be a Scholar-Activist." "Preparing for the Professoriate" Retreat. Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Ohio State University. Mt. Sterling, OH. November 14, 2015.

Invited speaker. "When the Subaltern Speaks: #BlackLivesMatter and South Asian Studies." Brown Bag Lecture Series. Department of African American and African Studies. Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. November 13, 2015.

Invited Speaker. "Legacies of Revolt: 1857 and the Indian Imagination." South Asian Studies Brown Bag Series. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. September 9, 2015.

Invited Speaker. "Anti-imperial connections: Ireland and India in the Early 20th Century." Belfast Working-Class History Group Series: "Neither King Nor Kaiser: Empire, War, and Rebellion in Ireland, 1912-1919." Feile en Phobail. St. Mary's University College. Belfast, Northern Ireland. August 1, 2015.

Invited Speaker. "The 1857 Revolt: How Indian Soldiers and Peasants Shook the British Empire." Kulla Family Lecture. Department of Political Science. Colgate University. Hamilton, NY. February 12, 2015.

Invited Speaker. "Against the Wars, For the Workers: Recovering the Legacy of MLK." MLK Celebration. Antioch College. Yellow Springs, OH. January 19, 2015.

Invited Speaker. "Activism and Academia." Graduate Student Subconference of the MLA. Vancouver, Canada. January 8, 2015.

Invited Speaker. "What's the Use of Stories That Aren't Even True?: Salman Rushdie and the Politics of Storytelling." Humanities Advisory Committee. Otterbein University. Westerville, OH. April 8, 2014.

Invited Speaker. "Higher Education and Capitalism." The Sociology Club. University of Toledo. Toledo, OH. November 22, 2013.

Invited Speaker. "The 1857 Revolt in British India." The History Club. Columbus, OH. December 2, 2013.

Invited Speaker. "Reflections on the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington." Roundtable participant. OSU Department of African American and African Studies, Extension Center, Columbus, OH. August 28, 2013.

Invited participant. "Seminar: Reading the Revolutionaries." The Annual Conference on South Asia. Madison, WI. October 11, 2012.

Invited Speaker. "Reading Past *Midnight's Children*: The Multiple Cosmopolitanisms of the Indian Novel in English." Cosmopolitanism and South Asia Research Group, Department of English, University of Berne, Berne, Switzerland. September 22, 2011.

Invited Speaker. "Salman Rushdie, Nationalism, and the Politics of Language." Seminar conducted for graduate class of Dr. Rina Ramdev. Delhi University, Delhi. 15 April 2011.

Invited Speaker. "Politics of Knowledge Production and Ethical Issues in the Practice of Social Science Research." Seminar conducted at Social Science Research Festival. School of Human Ecology, Ambedkar University, Delhi, India. 17 December 2010.

Invited Speaker. "Exiles, Migrants, Refugees: Class Politics and the New Postcolonial Memoir." English Seminar Lecture Series, Department of English and Comparative Literary Studies, University of Warwick, Coventry, England. January 2005.

Scholarly Papers and Seminars

- "Bollywood's Nationalist Goddess: *Manikarnika* and the Many Lives of the Queen of Jhansi." North American Victorian Studies Association conference. October 19, 2019.
- "Colonialism, Slavery, and the Origins of Capitalism." Socialism 2019 conference. Center for Economic Research and Social Change. Chicago, IL. July 4, 2019.
- "Marxism, Colonialism, and Revolution." Socialism 2018 conference. Center for Economic Research and Social Change. Chicago, IL. July 5, 2018.
- "The Red Scare on Campus." Panel: "Resisting Insecurity Beyond the Academy." MLA Committee on Academic Freedom and Professional Rights and Responsibilities. 2018 Modern Language Association Convention. New York, New York. January 5, 2018.
- "M.N. Roy, the Comintern, and the Politics of National Liberation." Socialism 2017 conference. Center for Economic Research and Social Change. Chicago, IL. July 8, 2017.
- "Academic Energies: Maintaining Momentum after Tenure." Panel: "Mid-Career Professionalization." 2017 South Asian Literary Association conference. Philadelphia, PA. January 3, 2017.
- "Ireland, Partition, and the Indian Revolutionary Imagination." Conference: "Partitions and Empire: India, Ireland, Palestine, and Beyond." Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL. 23 September 2016.
- "After Independence: Neocolonialism, State Capitalism, and Resistance in Sub-Saharan Africa." Socialism 2016 Conference Center for Economic Research and Social Change. Chicago, IL. 1 July 2016.
- "Race, Class and Power: Are Marxism and Critical Race Theory Compatible?" Socialism 2015 conference. Economic Research and Social Change. Chicago, IL. July 2, 2015.
- "Nationalism and Internationalism in the Early 20th Century: The Ghadar Party on Ireland and China." Conference: "Race/Place/Capital in Postcolonial Studies." Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. April 4, 2015.
- "Rebels Without Borders: The Ghadar Party on Ireland and China." South Asian Literary Association. Vancouver, Canada. January 7, 2015.
- "Empire, Race, and Academic Freedom: Herbert Miller at OSU and Steven Salaita at UIUC." Scholars in the World: A Research Panel. Department of English Lecture & Events Committee. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. October 13, 2014.
- "Writing about 1857: Marxism and Representation." *Historical Materialism* conference. School of Oriental and African Studies, London, United Kingdom. November 8, 2013.
- "Marxism, Mediation, Totality: Reading Fragments of 1857." *Rethinking Marxism* conference. University of Massachusetts. Amherst, MA. September 20, 2013.
- "Marxism and Postcolonial Theory." Socialism 2013 Conference. Center for Economic Research and Social Change, Chicago, IL. June 28, 2013.
- "The Materialist Turn: Marxism, Intersectionality, and Postcolonial Studies." Materialism and the Colony conference. Bard College at Simon's Rock. Great Barrington, MA. May 23, 2013.
- "The Materialist Turn: Marxism and New Directions in Postcolonial Studies." *Historical Materialism* Conference. Delhi University. Delhi, India. April 4, 2013.
- "The State of Postcolonial Studies." Aesthetics and Politics Reading Group. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. December 3, 2012.

- "Bihar, San Francisco, Madison, Columbus: Jayaprakash Narayan's Radicalization in the 1920s." The Annual Conference on South Asia. Madison, WI. October 12, 2012.
- "The 'New' India: Myth and Reality." Socialism 2012 conference. Center for Economic Research and Social Change. Chicago, IL. 29 June 2012.
- "Insurgency, Counter-Insurgency, and Representations of the Body." "The Body in Culture" Conference. Centre for English Studies, School of Language, Literature, and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. March 3, 2011.
- "Constructing the Nationalist Goddess: Representations of the Rani of Jhansi." "Gender, Sexualities, and Multiple Modernities" Conference. Department of English, Delhi University, Delhi, India. February 14, 2011.
- "Early Indian English Novels and the Politics of Language: Anand, Sahgal, Markandaya." Conference on "Comparative Cultural Studies: Towards New Postcolonial Paradigms." Indian Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies (IACLALS). Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India. January 27, 2011.
- "The Politics of Radical Pacifism: Gandhi and King Revisited." Socialism 2010 Conference. Center for Economic Justice and Social Change. Chicago, IL. June 2010.
- "Footnotes in Gaza: Interpreting Truth and Representation in a Graphic Novel." Local Worlds Working Group. Institute for Collaborative Research and Public Humanities at OSU. Columbus, OH. May 20, 2010.
- "Putting Criticism to Work: Teaching Across Borders in a 'Post-racial' age." Invited Talk. The Morgan Fellows Forum at Antioch College. Yellow Springs, OH. May 14, 2010.
- "When India is 'In Vogue': *Slumdog*, Snoop Dogg, and the Geopolitics of Fusion." British Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies Conference. Georgia Southern University, Savannah, GA. February 2010.
- "A Space of One's Own: Jhumpa Lahiri, Arundhati Roy, and the Value of Borders." Circle for Asian American Literary Studies Panel. American Literature Association Conference. Boston, MA. May 22, 2009.
- "After Midnight: Class and Nation in Salman Rushdie's *Midnight's Children* and Nayantara Sahgal's *Rich Like Us*." Diversity Enhancement Program Research Working Group. College of Arts and Sciences at OSU. May 15, 2009.
- "When India Is In Vogue: What Langston Hughes teaches us about *Slumdog Millionaire*." Panelist. "Comparative Racializations: A Forum." The US Ethnic/Postcolonial Studies Area Group. Department of English. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. April 10, 2009.
- "Obama and Empire: Will a Black Man Carry 'The White Man's Burden'?" Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity. Brown Bag Lecture Series. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. February 6, 2009.
- "The Mahatma as Icon: Film, Autobiography, Drama." 22nd Annual Conference of The Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literatures of the United States (MELUS). The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. March 28, 2008.
- "Old Dog, New Tricks: Narrative Theory and Postcolonial Literature." British Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies Conference. Georgia Southern University, Savannah, GA. February 2008.
- "Recovering the Small: Arundhati Roy's Challenge to Postmodernism and Stalinism." Ethnic Studies Research and Working Group. Humanities Institute. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. February 2007.

- "True to Her Salt: Nayantara Sahgal and *Namak-Halaal* Cosmopolitanism." South Asia Literary Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA. December 2006.
- "Nayantara Sahgal's Nationalist Cosmopolitanism." 35th Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. October 2006.
- "Not Your Granddaddy's Realism: Postcolonial Narratives of Labor and Marxist Aesthetics." British Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies Conference. Georgia Southern University, Savannah, GA. February 2006.
- "Bodies at Work: The Physicality of Labor in Postcolonial Literature." Panel: "Decolonization and the Working Class." North American Labor History Conference. Wayne State University. Detroit, MI. October 2005.
- "Situating Said: Cosmopolitanism and Nationalism in Postcolonial Studies." Out of Place: Text, Memory, Exile. Conference in honor of Edward Said. Institut Supérieur Des Sciences Humaines, Université de Tunis El-Manar, Tunis, Tunisia. December 2004.
- "Is Marxism Eurocentric?" Socialism 2004 Conference. Center for Economic Research and Social Change. Chicago, IL. June 2004.
- "Postmodernists Meet the Peasantry: Locating Shifts in *Subaltern Studies*." British Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies Conference. Georgia Southern University, Savannah, GA. February 2004.
- "Karl Marx and the 1857 Revolt in British India." Marxism and the World Stage. *Rethinking Marxism* Conference. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA. November 2003.
- "Elite Ventriloquism and the Problem of Representation in Postcolonial Studies." Wagner College Faculty Forum. Wagner College, Staten Island, NY. October 2002.
- "The Dismantling of the Big': Representations of Indian Modernity in Arundhati Roy's *The God of Small Things* and 'The Greater Common Good.'" British Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies Conference. Georgia Southern University, Savannah, GA. February 2000.

Media Appearances

- Interview. Smola, Jennifer. "COVID-19 Pandemic Costing Ohio Colleges Millions." *The Columbus Dispatch*. April 26, 2020.
- Interview. "Ohio State professor says arrest of MLK breakfast protesters violated King's message." *The Other Side: The Columbus Dispatch Podcast*. March 5, 2020.
- Interview. Decker, Theodore. "Silencing Demand for Equality at King Breakfast Misses the Point." *The Columbus Dispatch*. January 26, 2020.
- Interview. Shea, Renee H. "Worth the Wait: A Profile of Arundhati Roy." & *Writers* (July-August 2017).
- Interview. "ISIS Says Ohio State Attacker Was Its 'Soldier'; School Seeks Unity as Classes Resume." *The Washington Post*. November 30, 2016.
- Interview. "Asian Students Not Standing on Protest Sidelines." *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*. May 9, 2016.
- Interview. "A Divided Front: What Lies in the Void Between Ohio State Administrators and Teachers?" *The Lantern*. May 2, 2016.
- Interview. "Kasich Opposes Accepting Syrian Refugees." *The Lantern* November 19, 2015.

Interview. *Buckeye News Now. Lantern TV.* October 30, 2014.
Radio guest. "Anniversary of the Occupy Wall Street Movement." [Fight Back! with Bob Fittrakis.](#) September 18, 2013.
Radio guest. "The Zimmerman Verdict." [Fight Back! with Bob Fittrakis.](#) July 17, 2013.

Public-Facing Articles and Blog Posts

"Nation Shrugs as Armed, White Right-Wingers Take the Michigan Statehouse." *Age of Awareness: A Medium Publication.* May 1, 2020. (1.1K views)
"White Supremacists, Sexists, and Neo-Nazis Lead Protests at Ohio Statehouse." *Pranav Jani: A Medium Blog.* April 19, 2020. (700 views)
"Drop the Charges! Open Letter to Columbus Mayor Andrew J. Ginther On MLK Day Arrests." *Age of Awareness: A Medium Publication.* January 22, 2020. (3.3K views)
"Towards a Critical Defense of 'Identity Politics.'" *SocialistWorker.org.* April 3, 2019.
"Lessons in Class Consciousness from Striking Faculty." *SocialistWorker.org.* February 5, 2019.
"How We Stood Up for 'Light and Truth.'" *SocialistWorker.org.* October 11, 2018.
"Why Democracy is Under Siege in India." *SocialistWorker.org.* September 20, 2018.
"What the Indian Rebels Taught Karl Marx." *SocialistWorker.org.* May 9, 2018.
With Flynn Murray. "What Road Will Lead Kentucky Teachers Forward?" *SocialistWorker.org.* April 23, 2018.
"Where Will the Struggle Lead Kentucky Teachers?" *SocialistWorker.org.* April 13, 2018. Republished at *Truth-out.org.* April 15, 2018.
"Why Bluegrass Teachers Are Seeing Red." *SocialistWorker.org.* April 5, 2018.
Interview. "Roundtable: Glimpses of a New Movement." *SocialistWorker.org.* March 22, 2018.
"Talking Socialism in Trump Country." *SocialistWorker.org.* March 16, 2018.
"Picked off by the Right-Wing Thought-Police." *SocialistWorker.org.* January 17, 2018.
"Yes, Mocking Indian Accents Is Racist." Review of Hari Kondabolu, *The Problem with Apu.* *SocialistWorker.org.* November 22, 2017.
"The Alt-Right and Their Campus Red Scare." *SocialistWorker.org.* August 24, 2017.
"Face to Face with the Wendy's bosses." *SocialistWorker.org.* June 2, 2017. Republished, *Truth-out.org* as "Farmworkers Confront Wendy's in Fight for Fair Wages." June 8, 2017.
"Unions are for Challenging the Privileged." *SocialistWorker.org,* April 5, 2017.
"Why are South Asians Facing a Wave of Violence?" *SocialistWorker.org.* March 9, 2017.
"How Do We Stand Up to India's Far Right?" *SocialistWorker.org.* March 3, 2017.
"Bringing Together Militants and the Masses." *SocialistWorker.org* February 16, 2017.
"Is the Left With Trump Against the TPP?" *SocialistWorker.org* January 25, 2017. Republished at *Truth-out.org.* January 29, 2017.
"The President-Elect Exploits a Tragedy." *SocialistWorker.org.* December 12, 2016.
Statement supporting a boycott of Israeli academic institutions. MLA Members for Justice in Palestine website. September 22, 2016. Republished at *SocialistWorker.org.*

October 20, 2016.

- "Cops, Racism, and Cover-ups in Columbus." *SocialistWorker.org*. September 26, 2016. Web. Reprinted in *Columbus Free Press*, September 29, 2016.
- "Bernie's Blind Spot." *SocialistWorker.org*. March 17, 2016.
- "This is What Happened in My New Jersey." *SocialistWorker.org*. December 7, 2015.
- "Obama in India: The Sequel." *SocialistWorker.org*. January 29, 2015.
- With Verbz. "Gunned Down for being Black in Wal-Mart." Interviews with activists of the Ohio Student Association. *SocialistWorker.org*. October 8, 2014.
- "Forcing DeWine to Address Rape." *SocialistWorker.org*. 19 March 2013.
- "OSU Student Beaten by Police." *SocialistWorker.org*. 25 October 2012.
- "Bringing the Revolutions Home." *race-talk*. 25 April 2011.
- "Feeling the Impact of Egypt in India." *SocialistWorker.org*. 8 March 2011.
- "India for Sale." *Socialist Worker Online*. 16 November 2010.
- "Protesting Obama in India." *SocialistWorker.org*. 10 November 2010.
- "Marching for LGBT Rights in India." *SocialistWorker.org*. 25 March 2009.
- "150 Years After India's Mutiny Against Britain." *SocialistWorker.org*. 25 May 2007.
- "Whither Nepal?" *MR Zine*. 6 January 2006.
- "Imperialist Ignorance." Letter. *Economic and Political Weekly* (India). 3 June 2003.
- "Ford Makes Workers Pay." With Lee Sustar. *SocialistWorker.org*. 18 January 2002.
- "NJ Teachers Sent to Jail." *SocialistWorker.org*. 13 December 2001.

Public-Facing Talks & Workshops

- Invited Speaker. "Plenary: Building An Alternative to Trump's America." Ohio Marxism Conference. International Socialist Organization-Columbus. Columbus, OH. November 10, 2018.
- Invited Panelist. "Affirmative Action on Trial." Asian American Studies and Asian American Association. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. November 1, 2018.
- Invited Speaker. "Syria and Imperialism Today." International Socialist Organization-Columbus. Columbus, OH. May 10, 2018.
- Invited Speaker. "MLK and Workers Struggle Today." International Socialist Organization-Columbus and Communication Workers of America, Local 4501. Columbus, OH. April 4, 2018.
- Invited Speaker. Panel: "Solidarity and Struggle at Ohio State: Stories from Campus Workers." International Socialist Organization-Columbus. Columbus, OH. January 20, 2018.
- Invited Speaker. "Syria and Palestine." Jewish Voices For Peace-Central Ohio. Columbus Metropolitan Library. Columbus, OH. September 6, 2017.
- Invited Speaker. "Syria: Imperialism, Dictatorship, Revolution." Central Ohioans for Peace. Columbus Mennonite Church. Columbus, OH. June 26, 2017.
- Invited Speaker. Panel: "Internationalism and Solidarity with Syria." Toledo Activists. Sylvania Branch Library. Sylvania, Ohio. April 26, 2017.
- Invited Speaker. "Don't Bomb Syria! Let Refugees In." International Socialist

Organization-Columbus. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Columbus, OH. April 20, 2017.

Invited Speaker. "International Women's Strike Solidarity Teach-In." OSU Coalition for the International Women's Strike. Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. March 8, 2017.

Invited Speaker: Panel: "Academic Energies: Maintaining Momentum after Tenure." South Asian Literary Association conference. Philadelphia, PA. January 3, 2017.

Invited Speaker. Panel: "Teaching in Troubled Times." Ad-hoc OSU Faculty Group. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. December 8, 2016.

Invited Speaker. Panel: "Radicalization and Terrorism in the Arab World." The Arab Student Union. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. 14 November 2016.

Invited Speaker. "Understanding the 2016 Presidential Elections." David Strausbaugh's "Political Radicalism in United States" class. Worthington Kilbourne High School, Worthington, OH. 10 November 2016.

Moderator and chair. "Caste Modernities in India: Spaces as Text, Texts as Spaces," with three of my OSU graduate students. Annual Conference on South Asia. Center for South Asia. University of Wisconsin, Madison WI. 23 October 2016.

Moderator. "Voicing Departmental Dynamics." Department of English, The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. 26 April 2016.

Invited Speaker. "The Comprehensive Energy Management Program: Neoliberalism at OSU." Rally to #StopTheSellout." United Students Against Sweatshops - OSU. Columbus, OH. 21 April 2016.

Invited Speaker. "Structures of Thought: Islamophobia and Empire." Craig Jones' "Race and Identity" class. The Wellington School, Upper Arlington, Ohio. February 11, 2016.

Invited Speaker. Panel: "All Out for Tamir Rice!" OSU Coalition for Black Lives. Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. November 18, 2015.

Invited Speaker. "Exploring Solidarity: #BlackLivesMatter and Asian Americans." Panel: "State of the Field: Racialized Tensions." GRADPAC: OSU Pan-Asian Graduate Caucus. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. February 24, 2015.

Invited Speaker. "Revolution and Counter-revolution in the Arab World." Panel: "The Aftermath of the Arab Spring." The Arab Student Union. Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. October 22, 2015. Invited Panelist.

Speaker and organizer. #Ferguson2MLA action. Modern Language Association conference. Vancouver, Canada. January 9, 2015.

Invited Speaker. "Race, Class, and Rebellion: Lessons from Ferguson and Beavercreek." International Socialist Organization - Columbus. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. October 23, 2014.

Invited Speaker. "Palestine, South Africa, and the Struggle for Liberation." International Socialist Organization. Columbus, OH. February 6, 2014.

Invited Speaker. "The 1857 Revolt in British India." The History Club. Columbus, OH. December 2, 2013.

Invited Speaker. "Gender, Class, and Resistance in Suzanne Collins' *Catching Fire*." Honors and Scholars Program. Ohio State. Columbus, OH. November 14, 2013.

Invited Speaker. "The Communist Manifesto: What Does it Mean for Today." International

- Socialist Organization. The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. September 16, 2013.
- Invited Speaker. "Scrap the MAP, Paolo Freire, and the Crisis of Public Education." American Radicalism class. Thomas Worthington High School. Worthington, OH. April 30, 2013.
- Invited Speaker. Panel: "The Fight for Public Housing: The Poindexter Village Struggle." Coalition for Responsible and Sustainable Development of the Near East Side. Columbus, OH. February 28, 2013.
- Invited Speaker. "Marxist Theories of Crisis." Midwest Marxism Conference. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. December 1, 2012.
- Invited Speaker. "Slavery, Empire, and the Roots of Racism." Carnegie West Library–Ohio City. Cleveland, Ohio. November 17, 2012.
- Invited Speaker. "Structures of Power in Academia." Reimagine OSU event. The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. 17 May 2012.
- Invited Speaker. "Palestine on the Oval." Committee for Justice in Palestine. The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. 15 May 2012.
- Invited Speaker. "Slavery, Empire, and the Roots of Racism." International Socialist Organization. The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. 10 April 2012.
- Coordinator. "Academics & Activism: Forums and Workshops on Intersections of Curriculum, Academia, Social Engagement, and Politics," presented by DISCO, the Diversity and Identity Studies Collective (DISCO). Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. February 22-23, 2012
- Invited Speaker. Panel: "What is Asian-American Studies (And Why Should You Care)?" Asian-American Studies Committee. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. November 30, 2011.
- Invited Speaker. "Gandhi and the Politics of Non-Violence." Teach-in for Occupy the Oval. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. November 2, 2011.
- Invited Speaker. "Reform or Revolution? Reading Luxembourg in the Occupy Movement." Teach-in for Occupy the Oval. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. October 26, 2011.
- Invited Speaker. "Socialism 101." International Socialist Organization. University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati, OH. October 5, 2011.
- Invited Speaker. "Empire and Resistance: From 1857 to 2011." Central Ohioans for Peace. Mennonite Church, Columbus, OH. 25 August 25, 2011.
- Invited Speaker. "Understanding Hindu Mythology." The Grant School. Columbus, OH. May 3, 2010.
- Invited Speaker. Panel: "Dating and Generational Conflict in South Asian America." Indian American Association at OSU. Columbus, OH. January 11, 2010.
- Invited Speaker. "Socialism and War." Speaker Series for American Political Thought and Radicalism course (three sections). Thomas Worthington High School. Worthington, OH. December 7, 2009.
- Invited Speaker. "Capitalism, Immigration and the Working Class: The South Asian Diaspora." 2009 Midwest Socialist Conference. Center for Economic Research and Social Change. University of Illinois-Chicago. Chicago, IL. November 14, 2009.
- Invited Speaker. "Is education an alternative to the 'war on terror'?" First Year

Experience Success Series on Greg Mortenson's *Three Cups of Tea*. South Asian Students Association and Pakistani American Students Association. October 26, 2009.

Invited Speaker. "*Slumdog Millionaire* and the Politics of Representation." History 543.04: Contemporary India and South Asia (Sreenivas). The Ohio State University, Columbus OH. June 1, 2009.

Invited Speaker. "India Across the Border: Rethinking the Category 'NRI.'" Movement for Secularism and Democracy. Ahmedabad, India. December 2007.

Invited Speaker. "Restrictions on Academic Freedom after 9/11." Panel: "Why Democracy Needs a Free Press." Democracy Matters at OSU and OSU School of Communication. The Ohio State University. October 2007.

Invited Speaker. "Linking Asian American Studies and Asian American Students." Panel: "Why Study Asians in America? A Roundtable Discussion." Asian American Studies 10th Anniversary Celebration. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. September 2007.

Invited Speaker. "No Human Being Is Illegal: The Immigration Debate." Speaker Series for "American Political Thought and Radicalism" course. Thomas Worthington High School. Worthington, OH. May 2007.

Invited Speaker. "Darfur and the Myth of 'Humanitarian Intervention.'" Central Ohioans for Peace. Mennonite Church, Columbus, OH. February 2007.

Invited Speaker. "Troops Out Now: Iraq and 'The White Man's Burden,'" Speaker Series for American Political Thought and Radicalism course. Thomas Worthington High School. Worthington, OH. January 2007.

Invited Speaker. "Critical Thinking in a Time of War: Free Speech and the Academy Today." Academic and Cultural Enrichment program. Wagner College, Staten Island, NY. April 2005.

Invited Speaker. "Colonial Doublespeak: Iraq and 'Humanitarian Intervention' from the British to the US." Amnesty International. Wagner College, Staten Island, NY. October 2003.

Invited Speaker. "Racism, Poverty, Resistance: The Impact of Globalization on Southern Africa." NYU Socialist Club. New York University, New York, NY. February 2002.

Grants and Honors

Principal Collaborator, "Asian Futures." Centers and Institutions Grant. Global Arts & Humanities Discovery Themes, The Ohio State University. Collaborators: The Humanities Institute, Center for the Study of Religion, Center for Folklore Studies, Center for Ethnic Studies, South Asian Studies Initiative, in partnership with East Asian Studies Center, Center for Urban and Regional Analysis, Office of International Affairs.

Marlene Longenecker Award for Teaching and Leadership. Department of English. The Ohio State University. April 2016.

Libby Award for Lifetime Achievement in Community Organizing. Columbus Free Press. Columbus, OH. October 19, 2015.

Small Grant for International Travel. Arts and Humanities. The Ohio State University. 2015 (\$2500).

Seminar Grant. Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, John E. Sawyer Seminar on the

Comparative Study of Cultures (\$175,000). 2012-14. Comparative seminars
Coordinated with Theodora Dragostinova (History), Yana Hashamova (Slavic), Brian
Joseph (Linguistics), Jessie Labov (Slavic), Scott Levi (History), Andrea Sims (Slavic),
and Mytheli Sreenivas (History/WGSS).

Grant-in-Aid for research travel abroad. College of Arts and Sciences. The Ohio State
University. 2013 (\$1100).

Faculty Grant. Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State
University. 2012-13 (\$5750).

Grant-in-Aid for research travel abroad. College of Arts and Sciences. The Ohio State
University. 2011 (\$800).

Faculty Grant. Mershon Center for International Security Studies. The Ohio State
University. 2010-11 (\$7400)

Gateway Study Abroad Seed Grant. With Mytheli Sreenivas. Office of International Affairs.
The Ohio State University, 2010-2011 (\$7500)

Honoree, Office of Diversity and Inclusion Authors' Reception, 2012.

Honoree, Sphinx and Mortar Board Faculty and Staff Recognition Reception, 2008.

IT Award for Best Webpage (Humanities). Wagner College, 2002.

Research and Teaching Areas

South Asian Literatures in English

Postcolonial/World Literature (South Asia, Africa, Middle East)

US Ethnic Studies and South Asian American Literature and Culture

Narratives of 1857 and Indian Nationalism

Cosmopolitanism, Nationalism, Internationalism

Insurgency, Violence, and Anticolonial Resistance

Marxist Theory and Literary Criticism

Professional Activities

Director, South Asian Studies Initiative, The Ohio State University. 2018-present.

Executive Committee member, South Asian Literary Association (SALA), 2015- 2018.

Co-coordinator and Resident Director. OSU Gateway Study Abroad program to India.
University of Hyderabad. July 2012.

Member (OSU groups): South Asian Studies Initiative (2006-present), Asian American
Studies Committee (2007-present), Diversity and Identity Studies Collective (2010-
present), President Gee's No Place For Hate Task Force (2012).

Manuscript reviewer: Anthem Press, *Critical Sociology*, *Frontiers*, Haymarket Books, Orient
BlackSwan Publishers (India), *Journal of Narrative Theory*; *Journal of Postcolonial
Writing*, *Race/Ethnicity: Multidisciplinary Global Contexts*, *New Formations*, *South Asia:
Journal of South Asian Studies*, *South Asian Review*

Contributor, *race-talk*. Blog of the Kirwan Institute for Race and Ethnicity. 2011.

Articles editor. *DesiLit Magazine*. Online journal of South Asian and Diasporic Writing.
2006-2010.

Languages

Gujarati, Hindi, French, Sanskrit.

Musical Performances

Soloist and Choir Member. "Shout for Joy." Capriccio Jubilee. St. John's Episcopal Church. Worthington, OH. February 23, 2020.

Choir member. "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Breakfast." Columbus Convention Center. Columbus, OH. January 20, 2020.

Choir member. "Worthington Martin Luther King Day Community Celebration." Capriccio Columbus. Worthington United Methodist Church. Worthington, OH. January 20, 2020.

Choir member. "Christmas Concert." Capriccio Columbus. Beechwold Church of Christ. Columbus, OH. December 15, 2019.

Choir member. "Fall Concert." Capriccio Columbus. Beechwold Church of Christ. Columbus, OH. October 27, 2019.

Choir member. "Verdi Requiem." Capriccio Columbus. Ohio Wesleyan University. Delaware, OH. March 31, 2019.

Vocalist. "Bharatanatyam Arangetram." McConnell Arts Center. Worthington, OH. May 18, 2019.

Vocalist. "Winter Music Performance." Sacred Music. St. John's Episcopal Church. Worthington, OH. February 3, 2018.

Vocalist. "Tarana Music Festival." Sacred Music. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Columbus, OH. August 19, 2017.

Vocalist. "Bharatanatyam Arangetram." Lincoln Theater. Columbus, OH. August 5, 2017.

Vocalist. "Bharatanatyam Arangetram." Abbey Theater. Dublin, OH. August 21, 2016.