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EDUCATION

2016	Ph.D.	Cornell University	Anthropology
2012	M.A.	Cornell University	Anthropology
2008	M.A.	University of Chicago	Social Sciences
2005	B.A.	Duke University	Political Science

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2018-	Lecturer, Program in Writing and Rhetoric, Stanford University
2016-2018	Postdoctoral Associate for Global Engaged Learning, Department of Anthropology, Cornell University

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

- 2018 "Building Beyond the Bypass Road: Urban Migration, Ritual Eating, and the Fate of the Joint Family in Patna, India." *American Anthropologist*. 120 (2): 212-223.
- 2016 "'A Dead Letter of the Statute Book:' The Strange Bureaucratic Life of the Bihar Food Economy and Guest Control Order, 1950-1954." *South Asian History and Culture*. 7 (3): 239-57.

Book reviews

- 2018 Review of *Metabolic Living: Food, Fat, and the Absorption of Illness in India* by Harris Solomon (Duke University Press, 2016). *American Ethnologist*. Forthcoming.
- 2013 "Impact of Marginalization." Review of *Shadow Space: Suicides and the Predicament of Rural India* by A. R. Vasavi (Three Essays Collective, 2012). *The Book Review (India)*. 37 (5): 16-17.

- 2012 Review of *Shorelines: Space and Rights in South India* by Ajantha Subramanian (Stanford University Press, 2009). *Journal of Development Studies*. 48 (4): 582-583.

HONORS & AWARDS

Writing prizes

- 2016 Guilford Dissertation Prize, Cornell University
2015 Marleigh Grayer Ryan Graduate Prize, New York Conference on Asian Studies

Teaching awards

- 2015 Information Literacy Prize, Cornell University, Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines and Cornell University Library
2014 James F. Slevin Assignment Sequence Prize, Honorable Mention, Cornell University, Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines

Fieldwork grants

- 2013-2014 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, The Wenner-Gren Foundation
2012-2013 Junior Research Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies
2012 Society for the Humanities Graduate Travel Grant, Cornell University
2010-2011 Graduate School Research Travel Grant, Cornell University
2010-2011 Bernd Lambert Award, Anthropology Travel Grant, Cornell University

Fellowships

- 2015-2016 Society for the Humanities Dissertation Writing Group, Cornell University
2011-2012 FLAS Fellowship (South Asia: Hindi), Cornell University
2011 NSF IGERT Associate (Food Systems & Poverty Reduction), Cornell University
2011 Critical Language Scholarship, Summer Language Program (Hindi)
2010-2011 FLAS Fellowship (South Asia: Hindi), Cornell University
2010 American Institute of Indian Studies, Summer Language Program (Hindi)
2009-2010 FLAS Fellowship (South Asia: Hindi), Cornell University

PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks

- 2017 “Urban Migration in India: Food and Family Life in Transition.” SUNY Cortland, School of Education, Cortland, October 18.
2017 “Masculine Appetites: Class, Labor, and the Politics of Consumption in Bihar, India.” Syracuse University, South Asia Center, Syracuse, April 18.
2016 “Chhath Puja: Affiliation and Abundance in a Bihari Festival.” Cornell University, South Asia Program, Ithaca, May 2.

2014 “Feeding the Family: Food Dynamics in a Rural Bihari Joint Family.” Delhi University, Institute for Economic Growth, Delhi, February 24.

Conference presentations

- [2018] “Crouched in a Potato Field: Reclaiming the Middle and Mundane in Anthropology.” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, November 14-18.
- [2018] “Locating the Farmer: Ideologies of Agricultural Work in Rural Bihar.” The Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 11-14.
- 2018 “Fields of Suspicion: Caste Conflict in Rural Bihar.” Princeton South Asia Conference, Princeton, April 6-7.
- 2018 “Alternatives Amid Neglect: Resourcefulness and the Repair of Infrastructures in Rural Bihar.” Association for Asian Studies, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., March 22-25.
- 2017 “The Sense of Strength: Agricultural Dislocations and Culinary Remembrances in Bihar, India.” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 29 - December 3.
- 2017 “Narratives of Exclusion: Articulating Nationalism and Citizenship in Bihar, India.” The Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 26-28.
- 2017 “Chai, Biscuits, and the First Taste of Coke: Consuming New Foods and Self-Making in Rural Bihar, India.” New York Conference on Asian Studies, Annual Meeting, Geneva, September 22-3.
- 2017 “This is Desi Technology:” Improvising Irrigation Infrastructures in Rural Bihar.” SOAS South Asia Institute Graduate Conference, London, June 12-13.
- 2017 “A Body Set Between Hot and Cold: Apprehending Sensations of Sustenance in Bihar, India.” Stop Making Sense, Philadelphia, March 10.
- 2016 “Refusing Scarcity: Affirming Bonds of Kinship and Care in Bihar, India.” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, November 16-20.
- 2016 “A Warm Glass of Buffalo’s Milk: Caring for the Laboring Body in Precarious Bihar.” The Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 20-23.
- 2016 “Questionable Comportment: Aspiration, Wandering, and the Figure of the Badmash in Rural Bihar.” Association for Asian Studies, Annual Conference, Seattle, March 31 - April 3.
- 2015 “An Auspicious Treat: Urbanization, Communal Feasting, and Ice Cream in Bihar, India.” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Denver, November 18-22.
- 2015 “Cynical Citizens: Public Distrust and Private Resourcefulness in Rural Bihar.” The Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 22-25.
- 2015 “Growing Ambivalence: Shifting Cropping Strategies for Staple Crops in Bihar, India.” Agriculture Food Human Values Society/Association for the Study of Food and Society, Annual Meeting and Conference, Pittsburgh, June 24-28.
- 2015 “Temporary Schemes, Tenuous Livelihoods: Articulations of Precarity in Rural Bihar.” Yale Modern South Asia Workshop, New Haven, April 11-12.

- 2015 “Preferential Obligations: Corruption, Family Life, and Ethics in Bihar.” Association for Asian Studies, Annual Conference, Chicago, March 26-29.
- 2014 “Everyday Ethics in Rural Bihar, India: Rethinking Theorizations of Ethics in Anthropology.” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 3-7.
- 2014 “Tenuous Livelihoods, Uncertain Futures: Improvisation as Necessity in a Bihari Village.” The Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 17-19.
- 2011 “Poisoned Futures: Pesticide Usage, Farmer Suicides, and the Limits of South Asia.” University of Chicago, South Asia Graduate Student Conference, Chicago, March 3-4.

Panel discussant

- 2017 “Positionality and Subjectivity.” Sri Lanka Graduate Student Conference, Ithaca, October 13-14.

Panel organizer

- 2018 “Infrastructures of Agriculture in South Asia.” Association for Asian Studies, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., March 22-25. Co-organizer.
- 2017 “Consumption after Liberalization: Aspiration, Self-Making, and Place in Contemporary India.” New York Conference on Asian Studies, Annual Meeting, Geneva, September 22-23.
- 2016 “Care for the Body in South Asia” (two-part panel). The Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 20-23.
- 2016 “Aspiration, Mobility, and Temporality in India.” Association for Asian Studies, Annual Conference, Seattle, March 31 - April 3.
- 2015 “New Foods, New Worlds: How Shifting Tastes Reflect Social Change” (two-part panel). American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Denver, November 18-22.
- 2015 “AIIS Showcase on New Research Presents: Corruption, State Violence, and Ethics in India.” Association for Asian Studies, Annual Conference, Chicago, March 26-29.

Outreach

- 2017 “Ethnographic Encounters: Using Anthropological Methods for Intercultural Learning.” Global Voices in Education, Ithaca, September 13.
- 2017 “Cross-Cultural Interviews.” The History Center in Tompkins County Oral History Training, Ithaca, February 25.
- 2016 “Regional Identity in India: Food, Culture, Politics.” Educators for Teaching India and South Asia Annual Conference, Cambridge, May 13.

COURSES TAUGHT

Food Values: The Economics and Ethics of Eating Well

Global Engagements: Living and Working in a Diverse World
Going Global: Preparing for Engaged Learning Experiences
Coming Home: Making the Most of Engaged Learning Experiences

COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
Methods: Ethnographic and Qualitative Research
Life, Breath, Death: Anthropology of the Embodied Life
Relations that Matter: Anthropology of Kinship
Anthropology of the Ethics of Care
Development, Environment, and the State in the Global South
Cultures of Capitalism
Ethnographies of Postcolonial South Asia

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
American Ethnological Society (AES)
Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA)
Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (SAFN)
Anthropology & Environment Society (A&E)
Association for Asian Studies (AAS)
Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS)

REFEREE FOR JOURNALS AND GRANT COMPETITIONS

PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR)
National Science Foundation
Food and Foodways

NONACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2008-2009	Conifer Research, LLC – Chicago, IL	Ethnographer
2008	Doblin, Inc. – Chicago, IL	User Researcher
2005-2006	GRAVIS – Jodhpur, India	Research Associate

LANGUAGES

English (native speaker)
Hindi (advanced)
Magahi (proficient)
Spanish (intermediate)
Latin (advanced reading)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

food, agriculture, care, ethics, capitalism, development, environment, migration, embodiment, kinship, urbanization, infrastructure, the state, bureaucracy, India, South Asia

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