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APPOINTMENTS

University of Virginia Assistant Professor, Department of Politics & Global Studies Program	2016 – present
Harvard University Academy Scholar, Harvard Academy for International & Area Studies	2012 – 2013 2015 – 2016
Boston College Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	2013 – 2015

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ph.D., Political Science (Fields: Comparative Politics & Political Economy. High distinction.)	2013
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Master in City Planning (International Development & Regional Planning)	2006
Swarthmore College Bachelor of Arts, Sociology & Anthropology	1999

BOOKS

Published

Claiming the State: Active Citizenship and Social Welfare in Rural India. Cambridge University Press, 2018.

- Awarded the 2018 *Joseph W. Elder Prize* by the American Institute for Indian Studies for the “best first book in the Indian social sciences.”
- Featured: *American Political Science Association* Author’s Roundtable, 2019; *India Ink* (Georgetown), *Grand Tamasha* (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace), *Rocking Our Priors* (Kings College London), *Slice of MIT* (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), *India in Transition* (University of Pennsylvania).

In progress

Between Ballots and Barricades: The Practice & Consequences of Everyday Claim-Making (with Janice Gallagher and Whitney Taylor). Under contract, Cambridge University Press Elements, Politics of Development series.

ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

“Great Expectations, Great Grievances: The Politics of Citizens’ Complaints in India.” *Comparative Politics*, forthcoming October 2021 (Fast Track, February 10, 2021).

“The Geography of Citizenship Practice: How the Poor Engage the State in Rural and Urban India” (with Adam Auerbach). *Perspectives on Politics*, 18(4), 2020.

- Featured in *The Print* and *Ideas for India*.

“The Pursuit of Social Welfare: Citizen Claim-Making in Rural India.” *World Politics*, 70(1), 2018.

- Awarded the 2019 *Luebbert Article Prize* for “best article in comparative politics in past two years” by the Comparative Politics section of the American Political Science Association.

“Seeking the Local State: Gender, Caste, and the Pursuit of Public Services in Post-Tsunami India.” *World Development*, 39(7), 2011.

“Promoting Sustainability, Building Networks: A Green Entrepreneur in Mexico.” M. Shaper (Ed.), *Making Ecopreneurs: Developing Sustainable Entrepreneurship*. NY, NY: Routledge (2010).

WORKING PAPERS & DRAFTS

“Fixers, mobilizers, or interlocutors? Citizen journalists, social brokers, and the challenges of accountability.” *Under review*.

“Engendering Policing: Evaluating Reforms to Increase Women’s Access to Security and Justice” (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar). *Pre-analysis plan* (doi.org/10.1257/rct.3357-1.1), draft in progress.

“Anatomy of Reform: Action Research and Organizational Change in India’s Policing Sector” (with Siddhasatwa Bhattacharya, Vineet Kapoor, Akshay Mangla & Sandip Sukhtankar). *Draft in progress*.

CURRENT RESEARCH

“Mobilizing Voices: How Citizen Journalism Shapes Local Democratic Practice” (in partnership with Video Volunteers). Mixed methods study of India’s largest network of citizen journalists, trained in the use of video and other information and communication technologies. Investigates whether and how citizen journalists mobilize local collective action and responsive action from local officials.

- Qualitative study of a sample of citizen journalists, including 4 months of interviews, shadowing, and process tracing. *Fieldwork completed*.
- Citizen survey, with embedded video experiments. *In design and pilot stages*.
- Bureaucrat survey at village, block, and district levels. *Planned*.

“Justice Displaced? Informal Dispute Resolution and Police Responses to Gender Based Violence” (with Akshay Mangla). Qualitative study of the practice of family counseling as a form of informal dispute resolution in domestic cases. Examines the interplay of family counseling with police practice, and the conditions under which counseling is a substitute for or complement to formal action, such as filing or investigating a case. *Fieldwork completed*.

“Welfare in crisis: Frontline officials’ and citizens’ perspectives on welfare provision under COVID-19” (with Avani Kapur). Draws on interviews and surveys with frontline bureaucrats and health officials, alongside local citizen accounts, to explore how citizens and officials have experienced the pandemic, how they articulate their needs, and understand their rights and responsibilities. *Data collection in progress*.

AWARDS & HONORS

- University of Virginia, Alumni Board of Trustees Teaching Award (highest junior faculty honor), 2020.
- University of Virginia, Andrew Carnegie Fellowship nominee (one junior scholar nominated), 2019.
- American Political Science Association, Luebbert Article Prize (best paper, comparative politics), 2019.
- American Institute for Indian Studies, Joseph W. Elder Book Prize (best first book), 2018.
- MIT Department of Urban Studies & Planning, Outstanding Thesis Award, 2006.
- Swarthmore College, Oak Leaf Award for “Outstanding Woman Student,” 1999.

RESEARCH GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, GOV/LAB, Research Grant in “Building Evidence on Citizen Engagement and Government Accountability,” \$30,000 (2019-2021).
- J-PAL Crime and Violence Initiative, Full Project Grant (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), \$252,905 (2018-2020).
- World Bank Sexual Violence Research Initiative, Research Grant (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), \$99,852 (2019-2020).
- American Institute for Indian Studies, Senior Research Fellowship (travel & stipend, est. \$9800), 2019.
- Global Challenges Research Fund (Oxford University), Research Grant (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), \$61,597, 2018-2019.
- MIT GOV/LAB, Pilot Research Grant, \$5000 (2018).
- UVA Center for Global Inquiry & Innovation, Global Initiative Grant (with Sandip Sukhtankar), \$10,000 (2018).
- UVA Quantitative Collaborative, Seed Grant, \$7000 (2018).
- UVA Humanities & Social Sciences Summer Research Award, \$5000 (2018).
- UVA Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Research Support Award, \$2000 (2018).
- Economic Development & Institutions (DFID), Pilot Grant (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), \$19,133 (2017).
- Fulbright-Nehru Program Award, U.S. Department of State, \$9720 (2009-2010).
- National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, \$11,924 (2009-2010).
- Boren Fellowship, National Security Education Program, \$19,400 (2009-2010).
- U.S. Department of State, Critical Language Scholarship, Hindi (2009).
- MIT Entrepreneurship Center, Carroll L. Wilson Award, \$6446 (2008).
- MIT International Science & Technology Initiatives, MIT-India Awards, \$5450 (2007, 2009).
- MIT Program in Human Rights and Justice, Summer Travel Award, \$6000 (2007, 2005).
- Feinstein International Center, Tufts University, Travel Grant, \$3000 (2007).
- MIT Program in Human Rights & Justice, Summer Fellowship, \$2500 (2005).

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

- Heidelberg University, Department of Political Science, Book Roundtable. February 2021.
- Indian Institute of Technology Ahmedabad, Research Webinar. January 2021.
- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, India Program. February 2020.
- American University, Complex Governance Seminar Series. February 2020.
- Yale University, Workshop on the State of India's Institutions. November 2019.
- University of Gothenburg, Governance & Local Development Program. May 2019.
- University of Virginia, Quantitative Collaborative. April 2019.
- UC Berkeley/Ashoka University Workshop on Political Representation. December 2018.
- University of Pennsylvania, Center for the Advanced Study of India. March 2018.
- University of California, Berkeley. India Political Economy Seminar. March 2018.
- University of Virginia. Interpretative Approaches to Political Economy. February 2018.
- University of Pennsylvania/Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, India Political Economy Annual Workshops: June 2014, December 2015, December 2016, October 2017.
- University of Virginia, Department of Politics. December 2015.
- Brown University, Watson Institute, Development & Governance Seminar. November 2015.
- University of Connecticut, Human Rights Institute. April 2014.
- Boston College, Boisi Center. February 2014.
- University of Pennsylvania, Center for the Advanced Study of India. April 2013.
- Brown University, Brown-India Initiative. March 2013.
- Yale University, Modern South Asia Workshop. March 2013.
- Harvard University, Harvard Academy for International & Area Studies. February 2013.
- American University, School for International Service. December 2012.
- Columbia University, Department of Political Science. November 2012.
- Boston College, Department of Political Science. November 2012.
- Cornell University, Conference on Water in South Asia. April 2011.
- Dartmouth College, Department of Government. November 2010.
- Mohan Lal Sukhadia University, Rajasthan, India. March 2010.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting: 2010, 2013, 2014, 2019, 2020.
- Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting: 2011, 2019.
- Law and Society Association, Annual Meeting: 2019, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin: 2013, 2016.
- American Association of Geographers, Annual Meeting. April 2008.

MEDIA

- “Citizen-State Relations: Countryside and City” (with Adam Auerbach). *Ideas for India*, August 24, 2020.
- “What the urban & rural poor expect from local government & why it matters” (with Adam Auerbach). Op-ed, *The Print*, March 18, 2020.
- “Citizenship & Clientelism Across the Rural-Urban Divide.” Podcast, *Rocking our Priors*, March 4, 2020.
- “How the Poor Navigate the State.” Podcast, *Grand Tamasha*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, February 12, 2020.
- “Claiming the State.” Podcast, *Rocking our Priors*, September 5, 2019.
- “Talking to the State: a Review of *Oral Democracy* by Paromitra Sanyal and Vijayendra Rao,” *India Ink*, June 23, 2019.
- “Citizen & State Across the Rural-Urban Divide: Claim-Making, Decentralization, and the Uneven Use of Intermediaries.” Podcast, *Center for the Advanced Study of India*, April 3, 2018.
- “Claiming the State.” Podcast, *Slice of MIT*, October 22, 2018.
- “Citizens, Panchayats & State: Local Governance at the Crossroads.” *India in Transition*, June 6, 2016.
- “Unequal Opportunity.” Op-ed, *Indian Express*, February 23, 2015.
- “A Not So Distant State.” Op-ed, *Indian Express*, January 8, 2014.
- “How Rural India Negotiates With the State.” Op-ed, *The Hindu: Business Line*, July 4, 2012.
- “Citizen Action in Rural India: Claiming Services from the State.” *India in Transition*, July 2, 2012.

TEACHING

University of Virginia

- “Grassroots Politics: Governance & Participation in Local Perspective” (Politics, undergraduate class).
- “Citizens and the State” (Politics, graduate seminar).
- “Fieldwork: Mixed Methods & Research Design” (Politics, graduate seminar).
- “Global Development Theory I” (Global Development Studies, undergraduate class)
- “State, Society, & Development” (Global Studies, undergraduate seminar).
- “Global Development Studies Capstone” (Global Studies, undergraduate seminar).

Boston College, Department of Political Science

- “Politics of India: Democracy, Diversity, & Development” (undergraduate class).
- “Comparative Politics of International Development” (undergraduate class).
- “Citizens, States, and Society” (undergraduate seminar).

SERVICE

Service to the discipline

- Reviewer for: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Political Science Review*, *Asian Survey*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Governance*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Princeton University Press*, *Urbanisation*, *World Development*, *World Politics*.
- American Political Science Association, Comparative Politics Section, Luebbert Article Prize Selection Committee (Chair). 2021.

University of Virginia

- Frontiers in Global Development Bankard Seminar, Co-Director. 2017 —
- University of Virginia, Democracy Initiative, Lab Selection Committee. 2020.
- University of Virginia, Summer Stipends Selection Committee. 2020.

Department of Politics, University of Virginia

- Lansing-Lee/Bankard Seminar in Global Politics, Co-Director. 2020-2022.
- University of Virginia, Department of Politics, Comparative Politics Group, Co-Chair. 2020 —
- University of Virginia, Department of Politics, Chair's Advisory Committee. 2018-2020, 2020-22.
- University of Virginia, Department of Politics, Gender and Diversity Committee. 2018-2020.

Global Studies Program, University of Virginia

- University of Virginia, Global Studies Program, Instructional Liaison. 2020.
- University of Virginia, Global Studies Program, Faculty Search Committee. 2019-2020.
- University of Virginia, Global Studies Program, Curriculum Design Committee. 2018-2019.

AFFILIATIONS

- Harvard University, South Asia Institute, Research Affiliate 2014 – 2015
- Dartmouth College, Department of Government, Visiting Scholar 2009 – 2012
- Madras Institute for Development Studies, Visiting Scholar 2009 – 2010

FIELDWORK

- India (40 months): Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Goa.
- Mozambique (4 months): Maputo.
- Mexico (2 months): Oaxaca, Querétaro, Mexico City.
- Nicaragua (6 months): Matagalpa.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (advanced); Hindi (advanced-intermediate); Portuguese (intermediate); French (intermediate).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Oxfam America** (*Boston, MA & Tamil Nadu, India*) 2007 – 2009
Research Consultant, Disaster Risk Reduction Participatory Action Research Program.
- WaterAid Mozambique** (*Maputo, Mozambique*) 2005
Research Consultant, with MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning.
- Washington Office on Latin America** (*Washington, DC*) 2002 – 2004
Program Assistant. Rights & Development Program; Central America Program.
- Ashoka: Innovators for the Public** (*Arlington, VA*) 2001 – 2002
Consultant and Program Assistant. Environmental Innovations Initiative.
- Urban Justice Center** (*New York, NY*) 1999 – 2001
Legal Advocate. Homelessness Outreach & Prevention Project.