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APPOINTMENTS

University of Virginia

Associate Professor, Department of Politics & Global Studies Program 2021 –
Assistant Professor, Department of Politics & Global Studies Program 2016 – 2021

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

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.”
- Reviewed and featured in: *American Political Science Association* Author’s Roundtable; *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), *Economic & Political Weekly*, *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Asian Studies*.

Manuscripts in progress

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

Pandemic Inequality: Citizens, States, and Covid-19 in India (Ed., with Poulami Roychowdhury). Under contract, Oxford University Press.

ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

- “Social Brokerage: Accountability and the Social Life of Information.” *Comparative Political Studies*. 55(14), 2022.
- Featured in MIT GOV/LAB news.
- “Policing in patriarchy: An experimental evaluation of reforms to improve police responsiveness to women in India” (with Sandip Sukhtankar and Akshay Mangla). *Science*, 377(6602), 2022.
- Featured in *Nature*, *VoxDev*, *Hindustan Times*, *The Print*, *J-PAL*.
- “State–Society Synergy at COVID-19’s Invisible Front Lines” (with Dyuti Saunik, Avani Kapur, Jessica Mayberry. *Economic & Political Weekly*, 56(32), 2021.
- “Great Expectations, Great Grievances: The Politics of Citizens’ Complaints in India.” *Comparative Politics*, 54(1), 2021.
- Featured in *Governance Uncovered*, Program on Governance & Local Development.
- “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).

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Engendering policing: Activating State Capacity for Women’s Security” (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar). *Draft in progress*.
- “Welfare in crisis: Frontline officials’ and citizens’ perspectives on welfare provision under COVID-19” (with Avani Kapur and Dyuti Saunik). Book chapter. *Draft in progress*.
- Voice and Response: How Citizen Journalism Shapes Local Democratic Practice” (with Video Volunteers).
Research in progress.
- Anatomy of Reform: Organizational Change in India’s Policing Sector (with Suddhasatwa Bhattacharya, Vineet Kapoor, Akshay Mangla & Sandip Sukhtankar). *Research in progress*.

RESEARCH COLLABORATIVES

- Co-convenor. “Digital Democracy: The Uses and Misuse of Technology in Unequal Societies.” Global Program of Distinction, Center for Global Innovation and Inquiry, University of Virginia (2022-2024)
- Co-convenor. “Local Equity and Democracy: the Challenges of Inequality at the Grassroots.” Working Group, Democracy Initiative, University of Virginia (2022-2023)
- “Building Evidence on Citizen Engagement and Government Accountability,” GOV/LAB (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and Video Volunteers. (2019-2023)

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

- Veddis Foundation ASPIRE grant (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), 2022-2024.
- J-PAL Innovations in Global Governance Initiative, Scale-up Project Award (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), 2022-2023.
- Center for Global Inquiry and Innovation (University of Virginia) Global Program of Distinction Award, 2022-2024.
- Democracy Initiative (University of Virginia) Working Group Award, 2022-2023.
- UVA Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Research Support Award, 2022-2023.
- GOV/LAB (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Research Grant, 2019-2023.
- J-PAL Crime and Violence Initiative, Full Project Grant (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), 2018-2020.
- World Bank Sexual Violence Research Initiative, Research Grant (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), 2019-2020.
- American Institute for Indian Studies, Senior Research Fellowship, 2019.
- Global Challenges Research Fund (Oxford University), Research Grant (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), 2018-2019.
- MIT GOV/LAB, Pilot Research Grant, 2018.
- UVA Center for Global Inquiry & Innovation, Global Initiative Grant (with Sandip Sukhtankar), 2018.
- UVA Quantitative Collaborative, Seed Grant, 2018.

- UVA Humanities & Social Sciences Summer Research Award, 2018.
- UVA Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Research Support Award, 2018.
- Economic Development & Institutions (DFID), Pilot Grant (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), 2017.
- Fulbright-Nehru Program Award, U.S. Department of State, 2009-2010.
- National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2009-2010.
- Boren Fellowship, National Security Education Program, 2009-2010.
- U.S. Department of State, Critical Language Scholarship, Hindi, 2009.
- MIT Entrepreneurship Center, Carroll L. Wilson Award, 2008.
- MIT International Science & Technology Initiatives, MIT-India Awards, 2007, 2009.
- MIT Program in Human Rights and Justice, Summer Travel Award, 2005, 2007.
- Feinstein International Center, Tufts University, Travel Grant, 2007.

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

- School of Liberal Studies, UPES, Dehradun, Spring 2023 (planned).
- University of Ahmedabad, November 2022.
- UC Berkeley, Identity and the State Workshop, Center on Contemporary India, May 2022.
- Princeton University, Workshop on Statebuilding and State Capacity, March 2022.
- UC Berkeley, Gender in South Asia Workshop, Center on Contemporary India, May 2021.
- LUMS/IDS, Mahbub ul Haq Research Centre, Political Economy of Development Series, May 2021.
- Heidelberg University, Department of Political Science, Book Roundtable. February 2021.
- Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA), Research Webinar. January 2021.
- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, India Program. February 2020.
- American University, Complex Governance Seminar Series. February 2020.
- Centre for Policy Research, Accountability Initiative. December 2019.
- 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.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting: 2010, 2013, 2014, 2019, 2020, 2021.
- 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 & OTHER WRITING

"Women officers must be on front lines of policing" (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), *Hindustan Times*, August 1, 2022.

"Improving police responsiveness to gender-based violence: Evidence from India" (with Akshay Mangla and Sandip Sukhtankar), *VoxDev*, November 3, 2022.

"The Politics of Citizens' Complaints in Rural India." Podcast, *Governance Uncovered*, The Program on Governance and Local Development, University of Gothenburg. June 10, 2021.

"Deepening Democracy: The Role of Associational Politics." LUMS/IDS webinar, Mahbub ul Haq Research Centre, Political Economy of Development Series, May 27, 2021.

"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.” Podast, *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).
- “Qualitative and Mixed Methods” (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

- American Political Science Association, Division Chair, Comparative Politics of Developing Countries. 2021-22.
- American Political Science Association, Comparative Politics Section, Luebbert Article Prize Selection Committee (Chair). 2021.
- 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*, *Oxford University Press*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Politics, Groups, & Identities*, *Princeton University Press*, *Urbanisation*, *World Development*, *World Politics*.

University of Virginia

- Frontiers in Global Development Bankard Seminar, Co-Director. 2017 —
- Democracy Initiative, Lab Selection Committee. 2020.
- Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Summer Stipends Selection Committee. 2020, 2021.
- Graduate Teaching Awards Selection Committee, 2022.

Department of Politics, University of Virginia

- Lansing-Lee/Bankard Seminar in Global Politics, Co-Director. 2020-2022.
- Comparative Politics Group, Co-Chair. 2020-22.
- Chair's Advisory Committee. 2018-2020, 2020-22.
- Faculty Search Committee (Methods), 2019, 2021.
- Gender and Diversity Committee. 2018-2020.

Global Studies Program, University of Virginia

- Faculty Search Committee (Security & Justice). 2019-2020.
- Curriculum Design Committee. 2018-2019.

AFFILIATIONS

- Research Advisory Board, Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies 2022-2023
- 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

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.