

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Sociology), 1990, Washington University in St. Louis, USA,
M.S.W. 1982, Bombay University, India
B.Sc (Microbiology) 1978, Bombay University, India

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Gender and Development/Globalization; Transnational Feminism; Human Rights; Contemporary Indian Society; Social Movements.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

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| 2016-present. | Head, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut.
Responsible for academic leadership of graduate and undergraduate programs, faculty hiring, mentoring, and tenure/promotion reviews (30 faculty members), supervision of staff, and strategic planning. |
| 2015-2016. | Director of Graduate Studies, Sociology Department, University of Connecticut.
Responsible for graduate program budget, curriculum, and student advising. |
| 2007- 2010. | Director, Women's Studies, University of Connecticut.
Provided academic leadership and strategic planning for the program including working on renaming the program, revising the curriculum, and developing a new collaborative programming and governance structure with other race and ethnic studies programs at U Conn. |
| 2009-2010. | Co-Chair, Executive Council of Women's Studies and Institutes of African American, Asian American, and Puerto Rican and Latino Studies, University of Connecticut.
Charged with facilitating the preparation of mission statement, governance structure, name, and academic location for a new academic unit. |
| 2006-2008. | President-Elect/President/Past-President, Sociologists for Women in Society <ul style="list-style-type: none">• President Elect (2006), President (2007), and Past President (2008)• As President Elect and President Planned the annual meetings in New Orleans from Feb. 1-4 2007 on Solidarities Across Borders: Gender, Race, and Class |

- in Post-Disaster Reconstruction and the summer meeting in New York City from August 11-13 2007.
 - The New Orleans meeting brought together activists from Tsunami hit areas in India and Hurricane hit areas in Florida and Nicaragua to share and plan with activists working on post-Katrina reconstruction.
 - The summer meeting in New York City from Aug. 11-13, 2007 included the first Women's Film Festival co-sponsored with the ASA and Women Make Movies.
 - Worked with the Executive Council and the Standing Committees to further the goals of the organization, including developing an investment and spending plan for around \$100,000, 00.
 - As past-president I served as the chair of the nominations and human rights and scholarship committees of the organization.
- Dec. 2004 - May 2005. Acting Director, Women and Gender in Global Perspectives, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
Responsible for: advocacy, strategic planning, grant writing, campus and international collaborations, staff supervision, implementing program goals
- Dec. 2003 - Apr 2004. Senior Programme Specialist, Gender Equality and Development Section, Human Rights Division, Social and Human Science Sector, UNESCO, Paris
Responsible for Strategic integration of gender in human rights programming.
- Jan. 2003-Dec. 2003. Program Coordinator, Women and Gender in Global Perspectives, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
Planned and implemented curricular and research program of the unit. Wrote and received funding for research.
- 1998-2002 Chair, Dept. of Anthropology and Sociology, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY.
Provided academic leadership in transitioning from trimester to semester-based curriculum; hiring, mentoring, and tenure promotion review of faculty and supervision of staff.
- 1999-2002. Chair of the Board, New York State Independent College Consortium for Study in India.
Main responsibilities included serving as liaison with the administration and faculty of the five colleges and colleagues in India to field the annual semester-long program, serve in advisory capacity to the field director, and prepare for and hold two board meetings a year.

SELECTIVE GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2019 Sociologist for Women in Society's Feminist Mentor of the Year Award.
- 2017 Senior Research Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies.
- 2017 Department of Sociology Faculty Mentor of the Year.

- 2016 Faculty Mentor of the Year, New England from the Compact for Faculty Diversity.
- 2016 Fund for Interdisciplinary Research Endeavors, UConn
2011. Fulbright Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship for Research in India

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

2016. *Subaltern Movements in India: Gendered Geographies of Struggle Against Neoliberal Development*. Routledge.
2009. *Gender, Family, and Law in a Globalizing Middle East and South Asia*, Ken Cuno and Manisha Desai, editors. Syracuse University Press.
2008. *Gender and the Politics of Possibilities: Rethinking Globalization: Gender Lens Series*, Rowman and Littlefield.
2003. *Women's Issues in Asia and Oceania*, Manisha Desai, editor. Greenwood Press.
2002. *Women's Activism and Globalization: Linking Local Struggles and Transnational Politics*, Nancy Naples and Manisha Desai, editors. Routledge.

Report:

2010. "Hope in Hard Times: Women's Empowerment and Development." Background Paper for the 20th anniversary of the Human Development Index for the United Nations Human Development Report Office
<http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/global/hdr2010/papers/>.

Selective Special Issues of Journal:

- 2021 co-editor, Special Issue on Crises and the (Re)Organizing of Gender and Work, of *Gender, Work, and Organization*.
2016. Gender and Globalization, *Qualitative Sociology*, Manisha Desai and Rachel Rinaldo, editors.

SELECTED OFFICES IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 2016-2018. Co-Chair, Publications Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society.
- 2015-2018. Leadership Committee, Mayfirst/People Link Organization.
- 2015-2017. Member, Publications Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society.
- 2014-2017. Council Member, Development Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2015-2016. Chair-elect and Chair, Human Rights Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2012-2015. Council Member, Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section, American Sociological Association

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2020-2021 Member, Investment Committee of Sociologists for Women in Society
- 2020 Participant in Focus Group on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships, May 14th 2020.
- 2017-present: Member, Global Working Group, Every Woman Every Where.
- 2015-2017. Leadership Committee, Mayfirst/People Link Organization.

SELECTED EDITORIAL AND OTHER BOARDS

- 2020-present Board Member, International Council for Diplomacy and Dialogue
- 2019-present Editorial Board, Journal of the World System

2013- present	Editorial Board, Feminist Formations
2009-present.	Editorial Board, International Feminist Journal of Politics
2006-present.	Editorial Board, Women, Gender, and Families of Color
2015-2017.	Editorial Board, American Sociological Review

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Professional Certificate in Yoga Teaching from the Yoga Institute, Bombay.
Certificates in Indian Classical Dancing: Bharat Natyam and Manipuri Styles.