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2019-present: Professor, Economics and Global Studies, Assumption College

2012-2019: Associate Professor, Economics and Global Studies, Assumption College

2006-2012: Assistant Professor, Economics and Global Studies, Assumption College

2015-present: Resident Scholar, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University

2013-2015: Visiting Scholar, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University

2004-2006: Visiting Assistant Professor, Bates College, Lewiston, ME

Teaching and Research Interests

Gender and Economics, Development Economics, International Trade and Migration, the South Asian Economy.

Other Organizational Affiliations

Associate Editor, *Feminist Economics*.

Research Associate, Asian Political Economy Research Institute, Amherst.

Education

University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Ph.D. Economics Dissertation Title: Gender, Liberalization and Agrarian Change in Telangana (India)	May, 2005
University of Massachusetts, Amherst	M.A. Economics	May, 2000
Birla Institute of Technology And Science, Pilani, India	B.A./M.A. (Hons.) General Studies (Integrated Degree)	July, 1997

Teaching Experience

Comparative Economic Systems: China, India and the US, Economic Development, International Trade, International Finance, Principles of Microeconomic Theory, Principles of Macroeconomic Theory, Women of the World, Honors Research Seminar, Economics Research Seminar.

Publications

with Vamsi Vakulabharanam. 2019. Migration, Crises and Social Transformation in India after the 1990s. in *Handbook of Migration Crises*, Eds. Cecilia Menjivar, Marie Ruiz, Immanuel Ness. Oxford University Press.

2018. Gender and Class Relations in Rural India. *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 45(5-6), pp 950-968.

2018. Gender and Financial Inclusion through the Post in Naoyuki Yoshino, José Ansón, and Matthias Helble, eds. *Postal Savings: Reaching Everyone in Asia*. Asian Development Bank Institute. 226-267.

2017. Women in the Urban Indian Economy: What Can the Data on Migration Tell Us? in Kongar, E. and R Connelly, eds. *Gender and Time Use in a Global Context*. Palgrave Macmillan.

with Kade Finnoff. 2015. Marriage Migration and Inequality in India 1983-2008. *Population and Development Review*, 41(3), pp 485-505.

with Hazel Jean Malapit. 2014. Gender, Household Structure and Financial Participation in the United States. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 35(3), pp 1-15.

with Christina Presenti. 2012 An Empirical Analysis of the Determinants of Human Trafficking. *Feminist Economics*, 18 (2), pp 231-263.

2011. Work and Empowerment: Women in Agriculture in South India. *Journal of Development Studies*, 47(2), pp 294-215

2008. Reforms with a Female Face: Gender, Liberalization and Economic Policy in Andhra Pradesh. *World Development*, 36 (7), pp. 1213-32

2005. Women's Self Help Groups and Credit for the Poor: A Case Study from Andhra Pradesh in V.K. Ramchandran and M Swaminathan eds. *Financial Liberalization, Rural Banking and Credit Markets in India*. New Delhi: Tulika Publishers, 2005.

Book reviews, Working Papers and Popular Economics

with Sirisha Naidu. 2018. Reproductive Labor and Female Labor force participation in India. Political Economy Research Institute, Working Paper 458.

2017. Book Review of "Gender, Development and Globalization: Economics As If All People Mattered", Second edition. Lourdes Beneria, Gunseli Berik and Maria Floro, eds. *Review of Radical Political Economy*, July 2017.

2016. Indicators of gendered control over agricultural resources: A guide for agricultural policy and research. Working Paper No. 1. *CGIAR Gender and Agriculture Research Network*, CGIAR Consortium Office and International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT). Cali, Colombia.

Sturr, Chris, Smriti Rao, Bryan Snyder eds. *Real World Micro*, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th editions. Boston: Dollars and Sense.

James Cypher, Smriti Rao and Chris Sturr eds. 2010. *Current Economic Issues*. 14th edition. Boston: Dollars and Sense.

Rao Smriti. 2009. Putting the 'Global' in Global Economic Crisis, *Dollars and Sense*, Nov/Dec 2009.

Rao, Smriti. 2008. West Bengal's Right Turn. *Dollars and Sense*, March/April 2008.

Works in Progress

"Labor and Social Reproduction in Critical Agrarian Studies". Invited chapter contribution for the forthcoming *Edward Elgar Handbook of Critical Agrarian Studies*, Eds. Akram-Lodhi, H., K. Dietz, B. Engels and B. McKay.

“Feminist Political Economy”. Invited chapter contribution for the forthcoming *Routledge Handbook of Feminist Economics* edited by Günseli Berik and Ebru Kongar.

with Smita Ramnarain. “NREG and Rural Economies: The Role of Gender and Class”.

with Sirisha Naidu. “The Regional Dynamics of Production and Reproduction in India”.

“The feminization of agriculture in India? A feminist political economy analysis.” Chapter in Festschrift volume in honor of Carmen Diana Deere, expected publication in 2020.

Invited Referee Work

Feminist Economics

World Development

Journal of Peasant Studies

Journal of Agrarian Change

Development and Change

Population and Development Review

Review of Radical Political Economy

Journal of Family and Economic Issues

Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) Research Grants

UN Women

ICRW, Washington DC

International Review of Women’s Studies

Health and Human Rights: An International Journal, Harvard School of Public Health

Presentations (after 2015)

“The feminization of agriculture in India? A feminist political economy analysis.” University of Massachusetts, Amherst, April 13-14, 2018.

Invited participation as discussant and resource person. Conference on Women and Work in Rural Economies. Foundation for Agrarian Studies. Kochi, India, Nov 30-Dec 2, 2018.

Participant in year-long workshop on ‘Cascading: Gender, Race and Downward Mobilities in America’. 2018-19. Women’s Studies Research Center, Brandeis University, MA.

with Smita Ramnarain. 2018. “NREG and Rural Economies: The Role of Gender and Class.” The 50th Anniversary conference of the Union for Radical Political Economists. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. September 28-30, 2018.

with Smita Ramnarain. 2018. “NREG and Rural Economies: The Role of Gender and Class.” International Association for Feminist Economics Annual Conference, Galway, Ireland. June 19-21, 2018.

Invited faculty lectures on “The State, Trade and Aid in Development Policy”, ILO Master’s Program in Development Management, ILO Training Center, Turin, Italy. March 7-9, 2018

Invited plenary presentation, Varieties of Political Economy: Feminist Political Economy of Development, UMASS Amherst Political Economy Conference, April 29-30, 2017

Invited faculty lectures on “The State, Trade and Aid in Development Policy”, ILO Master’s Program in Development Management, ILO Training Center, Turin, Italy. March 20-21, 2017

“The Regional Dynamics of Production and Reproduction in India”. Eastern Economic Association, February 23, 2017, New York City.

Invited lecture. “What can women’s work tell us about the economy? A Comparative Analysis of India and the US”. Women’s Studies Faculty Lecture series, Assumption College. February 22, 2017.

Webinar and blogpost on my research evaluating gender indicators of technological change in agriculture, hosted by the CGIAR (Consortium for Global Agricultural Research), July 2016. Webinar and working paper: <https://gender.cgiar.org/upcoming-webinar-2/>
 Blog post: <http://pim.cgiar.org/2016/07/18/small-changes-for-big-improvements-criteria-for-evaluating-indicators-of-gender-gaps-in-control-over-productive-resources/>

Invited lecture. “Marriage Migration and Inequality in India: 1983-2008”. Brandeis International Studies Journal. Nov 30, 2016.

“Women in the Urban Indian Economy: What can the data on migration tell us?”. International Association for Feminist Economics Annual Conference, Galway, Ireland. July 16-18, 2016

“Gender and Class Relations in post-liberalization India”. Invited talk to the University of Massachusetts Amherst Economics Department Political Economy Workshop. April 12, 2016

“Gender Inequality and the Great Recession”. Assumption College D’Alzon lecture series, Assumption College. February 19, 2016.

“Gender, Wealth and the Great Recession in the United States”. Public talk at the Women’s Studies Research Center, Brandeis University. Dec 11, 2015.

“Income effect or budget squeeze? Female labor force participation in India”. International Association for Feminist Economics Annual Conference, Berlin, Germany. July 16-18, 2015

“Women in the Indian Economy: What can the data on migration tell us?”. Allied Social Science Association meeting, Boston. Jan 2, 2015.

Research Grants/ Fellowships

2018-2020	Course Load Reduction Grant	Assumption College, Worcester MA
Summer 2010	Faculty Development Grant	Assumption College, Worcester MA
Summer 2010	Honors Program Summer Research Fellowship, Assumption College (mentoring Daniel Mansuk)	Assumption College, Worcester MA
Summer, 2008	Honors Program Summer Research Fellowship, Assumption College (mentoring Christina Presenti)	Assumption College, Worcester MA
2005-06	Christian Johnson Fellow; Faculty Seminar on Disparity and Justice	Research Fellowship, Bates College, Lewiston ME
Summer 2003	Fellow, Knowledge Networking	International Working Group on

	Program on Gender, Macroeconomics and International Economics	Gender, Macroeconomics and International Economics, University of Utah, Salt Lake City.
2002-03	International Doctorate Fellowship	American Association of University Women, Washington D.C.
2002-03	Dissertation Grant in Women Studies	Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Princeton, N.J.
Spring 2001	Dissertation Research Fellowship	Political Economy Research Institute Amherst, Massachusetts
1997-98	Graduate School Fellowship	Graduate School, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
1991-97	National Talent Search Scholarship	National Council for Education Research and Training, New Delhi, India