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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2016- Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Rutgers University
- 2013- Director, South Asian Studies Program, Rutgers University
- 2012-16 Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Rutgers University
- 2010-12 Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Environment, The London School of Economics and Political Science

EDUCATION

Ph.D. **University of California, Berkeley**
Energy and Resources Group (2010)

Committee: Michael Watts (chair), Gillian Hart, Ananya Roy

Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India
Affiliated student (2006-2007)

American Institute of Indian Studies
Academic Year Advanced Hindi Program (2004-2005), Jaipur, India

M.A. **University of California, Berkeley**
Energy and Resources Group (2004)

B.A. **Colby College, Waterville, ME**
Environmental Science and Chemistry (with Honors) (2001)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Ghertner, D. A. (2015). *Rule by Aesthetics: World-Class City Making in Delhi*. New York and New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Reviewed in: *American Ethnologist*, *Asian Review of Books*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *New Books in South Asian Studies*, *newbooks.asia*, *Public Books*, *Social and Cultural Geography*, *The Times Literary Supplement*

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Ghertner, D. A. (forthcoming). Hindu Extrastatecraft? Coding the Future Hindu, or the Infrastructural Inertia of Indian Urbanism. In Tim Bunnell and Daniel Goh (eds), *Urban Asias: Essays on Futurity Past and Present*. Berlin: Jovis.

Ghertner, D. A. (forthcoming). Aesthetic Governmentality and the Visual Administration of Urban Space. In Suzanne Hall and Ricky Burdett (eds), *SAGE Handbook of the 21st Century City*. London: SAGE.

Ghertner, D. A. (2017). When is the State? Topology, Temporarily, and the Navigation of Everyday State Space in Delhi. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*: 1–20. doi: 10.1080/24694452.2016.1261680

Ghertner, D. A. (2017). Dis/Possessive Infrastructures. *Geoforum* 32–39. doi: 10.1016/j.geoforum.2017.02.004

Ghertner, D. A. (2016). Commentary: Does Violence Have a Signature? *Urban Geography* 37 (3): 343–348.

Ghertner, D. A. (2015). Why Gentrification Theory Fails in ‘Much of the World.’ *City* 19 (4): 552–563.

Ghertner, D. A. (2014). India’s Urban Revolution: Geographies of Displacement beyond Gentrification. *Environment and Planning A* 46 (7): 1554–1571.

- Winner of the 2014 Ashby Prize

Ghertner, D. A. (2013). Gentrifying the Local State: Governance, Participation and the Rise of Middle-Class Power in Delhi. In Gavin Shatkin (ed.) *Contesting the Indian City: Global Visions and the Politics of the Local*. Oxford: Blackwell, pp. 68–89.

Ghertner, D. A. (2012). Nuisance Talk and the Propriety of Property: Middle Class Discourses of a Slum-Free Delhi. *Antipode* 44 (4): 1161–1187.

[Modified and reprinted as Ghertner D. A. (2013). Nuisance Talk: Constructing Eco-Civility in World-Class Delhi. In Anne Rademacher & K. Sivaramakrishnan (eds), *Ecologies of Urbanism in South Asia*. Hong Kong University Press, pp. 198–219.]

Ghertner, D. A. (2011). Rule by Aesthetics: World-Class City Making in Delhi. In Ananya Roy and Aihwa Ong (eds), *Worlding Cities: Asian Experiments and the Art of Being Global*. Oxford: Blackwell, pp. 279–306.

Ghertner, D. A. (2011). Gentrifying the State, Gentrifying Participation: Elite Governance Programs in Delhi, *International Journal of Urban & Regional Research* 35 (3): 504–532.

Ghertner, D. A. (2011). The Nuisance of Slums: Environmental Law and the Production of Slum Illegality in India. In Jonathan Anjaria and Colin McFarlane (eds), *Urban Navigations: Politics, Space and the City in South Asia*. New Delhi: Routledge, pp. 23–49.

Ghertner, D. A. (2011). Green Evictions: Clearing Slums, Saving Nature in Millennial Delhi. In Richard Peet, Paul Robbins, and Michael Watts (eds), *Global Political Ecology*. New York: Routledge, pp. 145–166.

Ghertner, D. A. (2010). Calculating without Numbers: Aesthetic Governmentality in Delhi's Slums. *Economy and Society* 39 (2): 185–217.

Ghertner, D. A. (2008). An Analysis of New Legal Discourse Behind Delhi's Slum Demolitions. *Economic and Political Weekly* 43 (20): 57–66.

Ghertner, D. A. & Fripp, M. (2007). Trading Away Damage: Quantifying U.S. Environmental Leakage through Consumption-Based, Life-Cycle Analysis. *Ecological Economics* 63 (2-3): 563–577.

Ghertner, D. A. (2006). Technology and Tricks: Intra-Household Technology Implementation and Gender Struggles in India. *Gender, Technology and Development* 10 (3): 282–312.

Kapadia, K. & **Ghertner D. A.** (2005). Transforming Place, Placing Transformation: The Politics of the Mumbai World Social Forum 2004. *Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies* 7 (1): 118–130.

BOOKS and ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

Land Fictions: The Commodification of Land in City and Country (edited book with Robert W. Lake), composed of eleven chapters, plus an Introduction & Afterword (by Michael Watts), anticipated submission date of full manuscript to Cornell University Press's Land series: March 2017

“Planning as Mimicry: Improvised Infrastructures and Fictitious Plans in Delhi's Periphery” for submission to *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*

Futureproof: Security Aesthetics and the Urban Imaginary (edited book with Daniel W. Goldstein), composed of ten chapters, plus an Introduction and Afterword (by Didier Fassin), anticipated submission date of full manuscript to Duke University Press's Global (In)Securities series: November 2017

BOOK REVIEWS and NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Ghertner, D. A. (2015). “Review of *Taming Tibet: Landscape Transformation and the Gift of Chinese Development*.” *American Association of Geographers Review of Books* 3 (1): 44–46.

Ghertner, D. A. (2014). “Delhi's Uncertain State(s),” *Seminar* 663: 65–67.

[Modified and reprinted as: “India: Uncertain State(s).” In Ricky Burdett, Philipp Rode, Priya Shankar, and Shan Vahidy (eds), *Governing Urban Futures*. London: The Urban Age and LSE Cities, pp. 46–47, <https://lsecities.net/publications/conference-newspapers/governing-urban-futures/>.]

Ghertner, D. A. (2013). “Consequential States: A Review of Akhil Gupta's *Red Tape*,” *Environment and Planning D*, <http://societyandspace.com/reviews/reviews-archive/gupta-akhil-2012-red-tape-reviewed-by-asher-ghertner/>

Ghertner, D. A. (2010). “Commonwealth Games, a Failure of ‘Just-in-Time’ Planning,” *New Statesman*, October.

Ghertner, D. A. (2005). “Purani Plan ki Kabr par Nayi Plan ki Buniyad: Dilli Master Plan 2021 ki Chhunauti aur Sambhavnae”, [The New Plan's Foundation on the Grave of the Old: The Challenges and Possibilities of the Delhi Master Plan 2021] (in Hindi). *Yojana: Journal of the Indian Planning Commission*, July 2005: 6–12.

AWARDS and HONORS

- 2014 Ashby Prize, awarded to the most innovative paper published in the journal *Environment and Planning A*
- 2014 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Undergraduate Education, Rutgers University, School of Arts and Sciences
- 2009 UC-Berkeley Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award
- 2001 Colby College *summa cum laude*
- 2001 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

FELLOWSHIPS and GRANTS

Externally Funded

- 2010 University of Michigan Society of Fellows Postdoctoral Fellowship (Declined)
- 2009-2010 Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2006-2007 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Award
- 2006-2007 Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2006-2008 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award (Geography and Spatial Science)
- 2003-2008 National Science Foundation Graduate Student Research Fellowship
- 2004-2005 American Institute of Indian Studies Language Fellowship
- 2002 Columbia University, Center for Science, Policy, and Outcomes Graduate Scholarship

Internally Funded

- 2015 Rutgers University, Center for Global Advancement and International Affairs, International Collaborative Research Grant for “The Anatomy of a Suburb: Law and the Environment on the Indian Periphery”
- 2014 Rutgers University Research Council Grant
- 2014 Rutgers University, Center for Global Advancement and International Affairs, award to host plenary speaker for *GlobalHealth!* annual lecture series
- 2013 Rutgers University, Center for Global Advancement and International Affairs, award to host plenary speaker for *GlobalHealth!* annual lecture series
- 2011 London School of Economics, Research Committee Seed Fund

- 2011 London School of Economics, Centre for Learning Technology Teaching Innovation Grant
- 2003-2004 US Department of Education Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship in South Asian Studies: UC-Berkeley, Hindi Language
- 2003 US Department of Education Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship in South Asian Studies: UC-Berkeley, Hindi language

INVITED TALKS

2016. "Space–Times of the Indian Urban," Department of Anthropology, Yale University, October.
2016. "*Rule by Aesthetics: World-Class City Making in Delhi*: A Book Discussion," Urban Democracy Lab, New York University, May.
2016. "When is the State? Navigating the Uncertain Spaces of Law and State in Informal Delhi," Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, March.
2016. "Improvised Infrastructures, Improvised States: Negotiating Settlement in Informal Delhi." Department of Geography, University of California, Berkeley, March.
2016. "Coding the Future: Hindu Extrastatecraft and the Infrastructural Inertia of Indian Urbanism," Department of Geography, National University of Singapore, February.
2016. "Planning as Mimicry? Ethnographic Reflections on Informality from Delhi's Unauthorized Periphery," Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, February.
2014. "Flux, Porosity and Exclusion in India's State Spaces," Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Oregon, November.
2014. "India's Urban Revolution: Reflections on Displacement in India's Metropolises," Delhi Displacement Workshop, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, October.
2014. "The Propriety of Property: Resettlement and the Pursuit of Belonging in a Delhi Squatter Settlement," Department of Geography, Dartmouth College, March.
2013. "Conjuring the World-Class Future: On the Performance of Poverty Projections in India," Center for Historical Analysis, Rutgers University, November.
2013. "World-Class Detritus: Dispossession and Unbelonging in Delhi's Spaces of Relegation," Department of Anthropology (Monday Seminar), University of Chicago, October.
2013. "Contested Slum Futures: Aesthetic Politics in Delhi's Spaces of Relegation," Contested Spaces of South Asia Conference, Department of South Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania, March.
2012. "Re-Imagining the World-Class City in Delhi," Global Metropolitan Studies, University of California, Berkeley, May.

2012. "Aesthetic Grids, Spectacular Infrastructure in World-Class Delhi," Techniques of the City Conference, Center for South Asia, Stanford University, March.
2011. "Aesthetic Counter-Conduct: Re-Distributing the Sensible in Delhi's Informal Settlements," Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics, June.
2011. "Distance and Cities: Where Do We Stand?," panelist in plenary session for MIT-LSE-Harvard Writing Cities Conference, London School of Economics, May.
2011. "Gentrifying the State: Elite Governance Programs in Urban India," The 21st Century Indian City Conference, University of California, Berkeley and the Centre for Policy Research, Delhi, India International Centre, March.
2011. "Rule by Aesthetics: World-Class City Making in Delhi," Centre de Science Humaines, Delhi and Centre for Policy Research Urban Workshop, March.
2011. "Conjuring the World-Class Future: Mobilizing Aspiration in World-Class Delhi," Department of Geography, University College London, January.
2011. "Rule by Aesthetics: World-Class City Making in Delhi," Department of Geography and Environment, London School of Economics, January.
2010. "Nuisance Talk: Middle-Class Discourses of a Slum-Free Delhi," Urban Ecologies in Asia Conference, Hong Kong Institute of the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Hong Kong, March.
2008. "Green Evictions: Removing the Poor from Delhi in the Name of the Environment," Fulbright Commission, New Delhi, India, March.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Papers

2016. "Hindu Extrastatecraft? 'Clean India' and Other Ideologies of Infrastructure," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March.
2015. "Land Fetish: Resettlement and the Pursuit of Belonging in Delhi," 8th MaGrann Conference on Land Fictions: The Commodification of Land in City and Country, Department of Geography, Rutgers University, May.
2015. "Planning as Mimicry: Ethnographic Reflections on Informality in India," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, April.
2014. "Delhi's Uncertain States: Everyday Tactics of State Negotiation Among Informal Settlers," Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November.
2013. "Fractal Geographies of Government: New Spatializations of the State in Urban India," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, April.
2012. "Towards a Politics of Urban Infrastructure," Urban Natures Conference, Department of Geography, Rutgers University, October.

2012. “Conjuring the World-Class Future: On the Performance of Poverty Projections in India,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, February.
2011. “Towards a Just Aesthetics: Contesting the ‘Sensible City’ in Delhi,” Grammars of Urban Justice Workshop, Department of Geography, Durham University, UK, May.
2010. “Green Evictions: Clearing Slums, Saving Nature in Delhi,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April.
2009. “Inscribed on the Landscape, Hung on the Wall: Picturing Private Property in the Poster Art of Delhi’s Slums,” Metropolis and Micropolitics: South Asia’s Sutured Cities Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, May.
2009. “Making the ‘World-Class’ City: Contestations over Public Land in Delhi,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, March.
2008. “Inscribed on the Landscape, Hung on the Wall: Picturing Private Property in the Poster Art of Delhi’s Slums,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November.
2007. “Gentrifying Participation: Elite Governance Programs in Delhi,” 5th International Conference of Critical Geography, Mumbai, India, December.
2003. Canagaratna, M., Jayne, J., and Ghertner, D. A. “Chase Studies of Particulate Emissions From In-Use Vehicles,” American Association for Aerosol Research Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA, October.
2002. Canagaratna, M., Jayne, J., Ghertner, D. A., and Herndon, S. “Neighborhood Exposure to Outdoor Particulate Emissions,” 224th American Chemical Society National Meeting, Boston, MA, August.

Panelist and Discussant Roles

2016. Author Meets Critics session on *Rule by Aesthetics: World-Class City Making in Delhi*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April (Critics: Teresa Caldeira, Sharad Chari, Lawrence Cohen, Michael Goldman, Ryan Centner).
2016. Discussant for *Geoforum* Lecture by Ananya Roy on “The Urban Land Question,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April.
2015. Panelist on “Outcast Cities IV: Theorizing the Urban Beyond Displacement,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, April.
2015. Panelist on session, “The Expanding World of Hindi: Possibilities and Challenges,” International Hindi Conference, Rutgers University, April.
2014. Discussant for Urban Geography Plenary Session, Delivered by Dr. Ayonna Datta, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Tampa, April.
2014. Panelist for “Author Meets Critics: Emily Yeh’s *Taming Tibet: Landscape Transformation and the Gift of Chinese Development*,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Tampa, April.

2013. Panelist for “Author Meets Critics: Akhil Gupta’s *Red Tape: Bureaucracy, Structural Violence and Poverty in India*,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, April.

2012. Panelist for “Author Meets Critics: *Worlding Cities: Asian Experiments and the Art of Being Global* (edited by Ananya Roy and Aihwa Ong),” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, February.

COURSES TAUGHT

Rutgers University, Department of Geography

Undergraduate

Geography of Development (Geog450: 363), Fall 2012–2016
Cities (Geog450: 240), Spring 2013–2015

Graduate

Urban Geography: Dis/Possession (Geog450: 516), Fall 2016
Critical Ethnographies of Power and Hegemony (Geog450: 605), Fall 2014
Urban Geography: Frontiers in Urban Theory and Research (Geog450: 516), Fall 2013
Geographic Perspectives (Geog450: 601), Fall 2012

London School of Economics, Department of Geography and Environment

Undergraduate

Methods in Spatial and Social Analysis (GY140, first-year lecture course), course convener, 2010–2011, 2011–12
Economy, Society and Space (GY200, second-year lecture course), 2010-2011, 2011–2012

Graduate

The Urban Revolution (GY479), course convener, Fall 2011
Urban Policy and Practice in the South (GY445, core course for MSc in Urbanisation and Development), Spring 2011, 2012
Social and Political Aspects of Urban Planning (GY448), 1 week, Fall 2011
Cities, Politics and Citizenship (GY439), 3 weeks, Spring 2011

University of California, Berkeley

Undergraduate

Development in Theory and History (Geog 112), Graduate Student Instructor with Professor Gillian Hart, Spring 2009

Global Poverty: Challenges and Hopes in the New Millenium (IAS 115), International & Area Studies, Graduate Student Instructor with Professor Ananya Roy, Fall 2008

STUDENTS SUPERVISED

Rutgers University

PhD Dissertations, Primary Advisor

- ABD. Narayan, Priti (Geography). Title: Terrains of Negotiation: State Action and Political Formations in Chennai's Slums
- ABD. Horton, Alison (Geography). Title: The Education Stipend Project in Bangladesh: Is it Truly Pro-Poor?
- ABD. Gerlofs, Ben (Geography), co-advisor with Dr. Robert Lake. Title: A Right to Leviathan: A Grassroots Movement in the City of Palaces.
- Ongoing. McFann, Hudson (Geography). Title: Swept Cleanly Away: War, Genocide and the Politics of Waste in Cambodia
- Ongoing. Sangeeta Banerji (Geography). Title: Fixing for Land in Mumbai: An Ethnography of Brokerage within the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai
- Ongoing. Wei-Chieh Hung (Geography). Topic: The history and geography of housing rights activism in Taipei, Taiwan

PhD Dissertations, Committee Member

2016. Duffy-Tumas, Amelia (Geography). Title: Gendered Seascapes in Senegal
2013. Ramasamy, Kavitha (Geography). Title: Global South Asians and the Problem of the Color Line: Race and Identity in South Africa and the United States
- ABD. Isaacs, Jenny (Geography). Title: Tracing the Shorebird Conservation Network
- ABD. Oberg, Angela (Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy). Title: Decentralized Systems and the Urban Metabolism of Sewage in India
- ABD. Otruba, Ariel (Geography). Title: The Localized Geopolitics of Bordering along Georgia's South Ossetian Administrative Boundary Line
- ABD. Hernandez, Monica (Geography). Title: Communities, Conflict, and Collective Land Titling in Rural Colombia: A Changing Human Geography
- Ongoing. Olsen, Helen (Geography). Topic: Cervical Cancer Screening, HIV/AIDS, and Geographies of Care in Tanzania
- Ongoing. Garcia, Maria (Geography). Topic: Constructing Retirement Eden: Ecuadorian Property Markets and the Ethics of Care in Transnational Retirement Communities

PhD Qualifying Examination, General Examiner

2015. Paul, Diya (Geography). Title: Making the Matrix Matter: Unintended Wildlife Conservation Landscapes in the Easter Ghats, India
2015. Ferring, David (Geography). Title: The Political Ecology of Small-Scale Mining in Ghana

Master's Theses, Primary Advisor

- Ongoing. Kruger, Richard (Geography). Title: A Political Ecology of Green Infrastructure in Philadelphia

Master's Theses, Committee Member

2015. Bannor, Katherine (Geography). Title: Statehood in South Sudan and Somaliland: A Comparative Political Geography

Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Committee Member

2016. Julia Bordelon (Geography). From *Centros Clandestinos* to Spaces of Memory: Repurposing Buenos Aires' Landscapes of Fear
2013. Calcano, Yara (Anthropology). Title: Claiming Citizenship: Modernity and Performance in

Urban Cochabamba

London School of Economics

PhD Thesis, Review Supervisor

2012. Paccoud, Antoine (Geography). Title: A Politics of Regulation: Haussmann's Planning Practice and Badiou's Philosophy

Masters Theses, Primary Advisor

2012. Marsh, Emily (Geography). Title: Second Nature, Again: Gentrification and the Greening of the Los Angeles River
2012. Batchelor, Abigail (Geography). Title: Imagining Change/Changing Imaginations of Elephant and Castle, South London
2012. Cowan, Tom (Geography). Title: Fragmented Citizenships in Gurgaon: An Urban Zone of Exception
- 2012 Lynen, Leona (Urban and Regional Planning). Title: Participatory Design or Gentrification Writ Large? A Case Study of the BMWGuggenheim Lab
2012. Wyman, Syd (Urban and Regional Planning). Title: Aestheticizing the City: Art as Urban Therapy in the Redevelopment of Market Street, San Francisco
2012. Degoulet, Charlotte (Urban and Regional Planning). Title: Preservation against Densification: The Aporia of Urban Heritage in Paris
2012. DeMechelis, Aude (Urban and Regional Planning). Title: Testing Lefebvre's *Right to the City*: A Comparative Analysis of the French and Australian Riots of 2005
2011. Sadighayan, Saena (Geography). Title: New Geographies of Archaeology: Diplomatic Disputes on the 'Give My Treasures Back' Movement
2011. Solís Tejada, Carlos (Geography). Metropolitan Governance and Politics in Panama City.
2011. Goube, Josephine (Geography). Title: Mobile Phones and Urban Mobility: A Case Study of London
2011. Mallick, Ambreen (Geography). Title: Corrupt or Conforming: The Promises and Pitfalls of Democratic Decentralization in Islamabad, Pakistan
2011. Mohan, Gautam (Geography). Title: The Bitter Taste of Tea: Power Relations and Fair Trade in the Darjeeling Tea Industry
2011. Neagu, Marina (Urban and Regional Planning). Title: Dying Cities? Current State of Communist Forced Urbanization in Romania
2011. Deroy, Elizabeth (Urban and Regional Planning). Title: The Temporality and Local Context of the Gentrification Process. An Analysis and Comparison of Past Gentrification and More Recent Gentrifying Areas in London
2011. Davis, Aaron (Urban and Regional Planning). Title: Belfast City: Addressing Urban Policy and Conflicted Urban Space
2011. Li, Lin. (Urban and Regional Planning). Title: Towards Sustainable Communities: The Case of Beddington Zero Energy Development
2011. Bulchis, Anne Gallant (Urban and Regional Planning). Topic: Dreams of Urban Renaissance in Lyon, France

Undergraduate Thesis Advisor

2011. Álvarez-Gortari, Inés (Geography & Environment). Title: Transnationalism, Belonging and Everyday Life: An Ethnography of the Significance of Religion among a Latin American Community in London

University of California, Berkeley

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor

2009. Burman, Bronwyn (International and Areas Studies). Title: Success for Whom? The Shuar Health Project and the Uneven Effects and Expectations of Student-led Development Projects

SERVICE

Service to Rutgers University

- Director, South Asian Studies Program, School of Arts and Sciences – 2013–present
- Member, Rutgers University, New Brunswick Language Requirement Task Force – 2016–2017
- Teaching Evaluator for Middle Eastern Studies Program – 2016
- Chair, Rutgers University Strategic Initiative on India – 2013–present
- Member, Advisory Committee, Center for Global Advancement and International Affairs Biennial Theme – 2014–2016
- Steering Committee, Minor in International and Global Studies – 2013–present
- Chair, MaGrann Field Research Committee, Department of Geography – 2013–present
- Member, Selection Committee for International Funding Grants, Center for Global Advancement and International Affairs – 2013, 2014
- Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Geography – 2013, 2014, 2015

Professional Service

Conferences and Conference Sessions Organized

2015. Co-organizer (with Dr. Robert Lake) of the Eighth MaGrann Conference, “Land Fictions: The Commodification of Land in City and Country,” Department of Geography, Rutgers University, May.
2015. Co-organizer (with Dr. Austin Zeiderman) of three paper sessions and a panel on “Outcast Cities: Displacement in (and of) Urban Theory,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, April.
2013. Co-organizer (with Dr. Sharad Chari) of session titled “Postcolonial Territoriality and the Contradictions of Modern State-Space,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, April.
2008. Co-organizer (with Dr. Llerena Searle) of session titled “Conjuring the Urban Future: Indian Cities and their ‘World-Class’ Pursuits,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November.

Peer Review

National Science Foundation, Geography and Spatial Science – 2015

Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, Innovational Research Incentives Scheme – 2014

Department for International Development (DfID), United Kingdom, Program on Urbanisation and Development – 2013

Journal review:

American Ethnologist – 2014, 2015

Annals of the Association of American Geographers – 2014, 2016

Antipode – 2012, 2013, 2014 (2)

Asian Studies Review – 2011

Cambridge University Press – 2016

Cities – 2014, 2015

Ecology & Society – 2014

Environment and Planning A – 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016 (2)

Environment and Planning C – 2013

Environment and Planning D – 2016

Geoforum – 2014, 2015 (2)

International Journal of Urban and Regional Research – 2010, 2011, 2012 (2), 2013, 2014, 2015 (2), 2016

Oxford University Press (India) – 2016

Oxford University Press (New York) – 2016

Pacific Affairs – 2015

Palgrave MacMillan's Economic Development Book Series – 2013

Progress in Human Geography – 2011

Progress in Planning – 2017

Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography – 2014, 2015

Springer India's "Exploring Urban Change in India" book series – 2014

South Asia Multidisciplinary Academic Journal – 2013

South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies – 2015

Sociological Forum – 2015

Town Planning Review – 2013

Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers – 2011, 2012

Urban Geography – 2014

Urban Studies – 2013 (2), 2014, 2015, 2016

Water Alternatives – 2014

Student fellowship review:

Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship – 2016, 2017

National Science Foundation, Graduate Student Research Fellowship – 2016

Professional membership:

Association of American Geographers

American Anthropological Association

Association of Asian Studies

LANGUAGES

Hindi: advanced speaking, reading and writing