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Education

2020-Present Ph.D. Candidate in Geography, Rutgers University
Adviser: Dr. Asher Ghertner
2020 M.A. in Geography, Rutgers University
2007 B.A. in Philosophy, Yale University
GPA: 3.87 (Magna Cum Laude, Distinction in Major)

Academic Publications

Books

2020 *Fractured Forest, Quartzite City: A History of Delhi and its Ridge*. New Delhi: Yoda Press/SAGE Select.

Peer-reviewed Articles

Forthcoming "Leisure, Festival, Revolution: Ambedkarite Productions of Space." *CASTE: A Global Journal on Social Exclusion*.
2011 "Climbing Mountains, Hugging Trees: A Cross-cultural Examination of Love for Nature." *Emotion, Space and Ecology*, Vol. 6. (Available online [here](#))
2010 "From 'Natural' to 'Ecosocial Flourishing': Evaluating Evaluative Frameworks." *Ethics and the Environment*. Vol. 15, No. 1. (online [here](#))
2009 "Mine as metaphor: visions of industry in Tagore and Hamsun." *Indian Journal of Ecocriticism*, Vol. 2.

Invited Book Chapters

2011 "The Poetry of Inclusion: Tukaram, Animals, and the Cosmic One." In *Being for the Other: Ethics and Animal Rights in Literature and Religion*, ed. Manish Vyas. New Delhi: Daya Publishing House.

Book Reviews

Forthcoming Review of Sai Balakrishnan's *Shareholder Cities: Land Transformations Along Urban Corridors in India*. *Metropolitics*.

External Grants and Fellowships

2020-2021 American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) Fellowship for Academic-Year Marathi Language Program
2019 Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship
U.S. Dept of Education (Administered by the University of Wisconsin)
2016-2017 Fellow, Arts, Science and Business program
Akademie Schloss Solitude, Stuttgart, Germany
2012-2013 Non-Fiction Writing Fellow, Sarai "City as Studio 03"
Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi, India

2012 Visiting Fellow, Sarai “City as Studio 02,” CSDS, Delhi, India
2008-2009 Fulbright Scholar, University of Pune, India

Internal Grants and Fellowships

2017-2022 Presidential Fellowship, Rutgers University
2018 Off-Campus Dissertation Development Grant, Rutgers University
2018 South Asian Studies Program Research/Travel Award, Rutgers University
2006 Lewis P. Curtis and Richter Summer Travel Fellowship, Yale University
2004 Branford Class of 1960 Summer Travel Fellowship, Yale University

Presentations and Talks

November 2019 The Fifth International Conference on the Unfinished Legacy of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar: Dalits in Global Context

- Presented paper: "Leisure, Festival, Revolution: Neo-Buddhist Productions of Space"

April 2019 American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting

- Presented paper: "Annihilation of Caste Economies"
- Co-organized paper session: "Reinvigorating Imaginaries of Economic Change: Intersections with Gender, Identity, Race, and Sexuality"

May 2018 The Fourth International Conference on the Unfinished Legacy of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar: Reconfiguring Solidarities around Caste and Race

- Presented paper: “From Flint to Mahad: The Struggle against Environmental Racism and Eco-Casteism”

August 2017 Invited Speaker, Undergraduate Class, St. Stephen’s College, Delhi

October 2016 Invited Speaker (via Skype), Undergraduate class: “Introduction to Environment Studies,” St. Mary’s College of Maryland

September 2016 Invited Speaker, Urban Workshop Series, Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH) and Centre for Policy Research (CPR)

April 2016 Paper Presenter, National Seminar on “Environment in Sociology: Emerging Trends,” Jesus and Mary College, Delhi

October 2015 Invited Speaker, Graduate Class, “Environment and Development,” Ambedkar University, Delhi

June 2015 Speaker, Panel Discussion on “The Delhi Ridge: the Politics of Urban Ecology,” Indian Social Institute, Delhi

Teaching Experience

Spring 2019 Teaching Assistant, “Cities” (Rutgers University Signature Course)
Professor: Asher Ghertner

Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant, “Transforming the Global Environment” (Rutgers)
Professor: Paul O’Keefe

- August 2014 Workshop Leader, Pearl Academy, Delhi, India
- Led 4-day seminar entitled “Parikrama: the City and its Circuits” for first-year college students
- March 2014 Workshop Leader, Pearl Academy, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India
- Co-led 5-day seminar entitled “Angry Delhi Tour: Noida Edition,” for final-year college students
- February 2013 Fieldwork Leader, International Honors Program, Delhi
- Conducted fieldwork sessions in the Delhi Ridge for undergraduate students

University Service

- 2019-2020 President, Graduate Geographers Project (GGP), Rutgers University
- 2018-2019 Secretary, Graduate Geographers Project (GGP), Rutgers University

Reports and Non-academic Publications

- 2015 *Fractured Forest: the Political Ecology of the Delhi Ridge*. New Delhi: Intercultural Resources (70-page report)
- 2013-Present Contributor to *Jacobin* magazine (articles archived [here](#))
- 2011-2017 Columnist for the Kolkata-based monthly magazine *Kindle India* (archived [here](#))
- 2014 “Demolitions in Aya Nagar, Delhi.” *Kafila* (online [here](#))
- 2013 “Not Written in Stone.” In *Sarai Reader 9: Projections*. Illustrated article, with Deepani Seth (online [here](#))
- 2011 “Corruption, the New Caste.” *Kafila* (online [here](#))
- 2011 “Save the Ridge: the Fight to Preserve Delhi's Urban Forests.” *Dialogues, Propositions, Histoires* (online [here](#))

Professional Experience

- 2011-2015 Researcher, Intercultural Resources, Delhi, India
- Conducted research on the history, politics and present status of the Delhi Ridge
 - Wrote and edited articles about social movements in India