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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.** and R. W. Lake (eds.). (2020). *Land Fictions: The Commodification of Land in City and Country*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.
- Ghertner, D. A.**, H. McFann, and D. Goldstein (eds.). (2020). *Futureproof: Security Aesthetics and the Management of Life*. Durham: Duke University Press.
- 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*, *DECISION*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *International Sociology*, *New Books in South Asian Studies*, *newbooks.asia*, *Public Books*, *Social and Cultural Geography*, *Society & Space*, *South Asia*, *The Times Literary Supplement*

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Ghertner, D. A. (under review). Lively Lands: The Spatial Reproduction Squeeze and the Failure of the Urban Imaginary. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*.

Ghertner, D. A. (in revision). Postcolonial Atmospheres: Air's Coloniality and the Climate of Enclosure. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*.

Ghertner, D. A. 2020. Airpocalypse: Distributions of Life Amidst Delhi's Polluted Airs. *Public Culture*.

Ghertner, D. A. 2020. Urban Mimicry: Regularization and the Fictions of Planning Unauthorized Delhi. In D. Asher Ghertner and Robert Lake. Ithaca (eds), *Land Fictions: The Commodification of Land in City and Country*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

Ghertner, D. A. (forthcoming, 2019). Reimagining Cities. *Progress in Human Geography*.

Ghertner, D. A. (forthcoming, 2019). The Colonial Roots of India's Air Pollution Crisis. *Economic and Political Weekly*.

Ghertner, D. A. 2019. Improvised Urbanism in the Design of India's Unauthorized Colonies. In Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris and Tridib Banerjee (eds), *Urban Design Companion*. New York: Routledge, pp. 355–67.

Ghertner, D. A. (2018). Hindu Extrastatecraft? Coding the Future Hindu, or the Infrastructural Inertia of Indian Urbanism. In Timothy Bunnell and Daniel Goh (eds), *Urban Asias: Essays on Futurity Past and Present*. Berlin: Jovis, pp. 97–108.

Ghertner, D. A. (2017). 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, pp. 256–276.

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* 107 (3): 731–750.

Ghertner, D. A. (2017). On Dis/Possessive Collectivism. *Geoforum* 80 (2): A12–16.

Ghertner, D. A. (2016). Does Violence Have a Signature? *Urban Geography* 37 (3): 343–349.

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.

ARTICLES and BOOKS IN PREPARATION

“Atmospheric Life, Atmospheric City,” invited submission to special section on Environmental Disaster for *positions: asia critique* (anticipated submission date: October 15, 2019)

“Picturing Pollution: Rendering Atmospheric Crisis Sensible through Delhi's Media Urbanism,” for special issue on “Anthropocene: Apotheosis of Waste,” edited by M. Rafi Arefin and Rosalind Fredericks, *Antipode* (submission date: November 15, 2019)

“Nuisance Geographies: Bourgeois Property and the Aesthetics of Unbelonging,” for submission to *Geoforum* (anticipated submission date: January 1, 2020)

“The Aesthetics of Exposure: Atmospheric Vulnerability and Protection,” with Hudson McFann, for submission to *Progress in Human Geography* (anticipated submission date: December 15, 2019)

Looking for Butterflies: Recovering the Hidden and Forgotten on India’s Urban Margins (edited book with Lalitha Kamath), for submission to *New Text*

BOOK REVIEWS and NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Ghertner, D. A. (2019, forthcoming). Review of Hiba Bou Akar’s *For the War Yet to Come: Planning Beirut’s Frontiers. Society and Space*.

Ghertner, D. A. (2017). Review Symposium for Endangered City by Austin Zeiderman and Hydraulic City by Nikhil Anand. *Society and Space*.

Ghertner, D. A. (2017). New Directions in Displacement Research, Forum Essay for the Displacement Research & Action Network, MIT.

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 Chunauti 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

2017 Chancellor’s Research Excellence Award, Rutgers University

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

2019. "Sensing Air, Sensory Citizenship." Department of Geography, Dartmouth College, November.

2019. "Postcolonial Atmospheres: How Delhi's Air Pollution Crisis is Shaped by Colonialism." Department of Geography, University of South Carolina, October.

2019. "The Colonial Roots of India's Air Pollution Crisis." Department of Geography, University of Connecticut, February.

2018. "Atmospheric Displacements." Critical Comparative Urbanism Seminar, Centre for Urban Studies, University of Amsterdam, June.

2018. "Atmospheric Spatialities in Postcolonial Delhi." Postcolonial Spatialities conference, New York University, April.

2018. "Atmospheric Citizenship? Distributions of Life in the Wake of Delhi's Airpocalypse," Center for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan, February.

2017. "Informal Statecraft: Ethnographies of State-Space from the Subaltern to the Master Planned." Department of Anthropology. University of Leipzig, December.

2017. "The Legal Geographies of Air Pollution in Delhi," Matter of Urban Citizenship Workshop, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University, May.

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

2019. "Airpocalypse: Distributions of Life Amidst Delhi's Polluted Airs," American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC, April.
2019. "The Aesthetics of Air: Atmosphere as Political Matter in Airpocalyptic Delhi," Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Denver, March.
2017. "The State Outside Itself: Topological Twists in Informal Delhi's State Spaces," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April.
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

2019. Panelist for “Author Meets Critics: Hiba Bou Akar’s *For the War Yet to Come*,” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April.

2019. Discussant for “Time, Affect, and the Political Economy of Space Production,” Paper Session at Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC, April.

2019. Discussant for “Speculation and Spectacular Failures: Global Investments in Africa,” Paper Session at Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC, April.

2018. Panelist for “Cruel Beauty, Self-Gentrification, and Other Urban Transformations: The Aesthetics of Exclusion in Cities in Asia,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, March.

2017. Chair & Panelist for “Author Meets Critics: Gautam Bhan’s *In the Public’s Interest: Evictions, Citizenship, and Inequality in Contemporary Delhi*,” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April.

2017. Chair & Panelist for “Author Meets Critics: Austin Zeiderman’s *Endangered City: The Politics of Security and Risk in Bogotá* and Nikhil Anand’s *Hydraulic City: Water and the Infrastructures of Citizenship in Mumbai*,” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April.

2017. Panelist for “Theorizing Compliance in 21st Century Cities,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April.

2017. Discussant for “Beyond Gentrification? Considering New Explanations of Urban Change,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April.

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 for “Outcast Cities IV: Theorizing the Urban Beyond Displacement,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, April.

2015. Panelist for 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: Ananya Roy and Aihwa Ong’s *Worlding Cities: Asian Experiments and the Art of Being Global*,” 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 2013–2016

Cities (Geog450: 250), Spring 2017–2018

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

2019. Priti Narayan (Geography). Title: Terrains of Negotiation: State Action and Political Formations in Chennai's Slums
2018. Alison Horton (Geography). Title: The Education Stipend Project in Bangladesh: Is it Truly Pro-Poor?
2017. Ben Gerlofs (Geography), co-advisor with Dr. Robert Lake. Title: A Right to Leviathan: A Grassroots Movement in the City of Palaces.
- ABD. Hudson McFann (Geography). Title: KID: Refuge in a Bamboo City
- ABD. Sangeeta Banerji (Geography). Title: Fixing in Mumbai: An Ethnography of Brokerage within the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai
- ABD. Wei-Chieh Hung (Geography). Topic: The history and geography of housing rights activism in Taipei, Taiwan
- Ongoing. Thomas Crowley (Geography). Topic: Caste Ecologies of Water in Maharashtra's Urbanizing Peripheries.
- Ongoing. Stuti Govil (Geography). Topic: Media Urbanism and the Politics of Community in Digital Delhi.
- Ongoing. Sadaf Javed (Geography). Topic: From *Chipko* to *Baranaja*: Untangling the Politics of Sustainable Agriculture in Uttarakhand (North India)
- Ongoing. Stuti Govil (Geography). Topic: Elite Appropriations of Public Space in Delhi

PhD Dissertations, Committee Member

2019. Ariel Otruba (Geography). Title: The Violent Geography of Borderization
2016. Amelia Duffy-Tumaszczyk (Geography). Title: Gendered Seascapes in Senegal
2013. Kavitha Ramasamy (Geography). Title: Global South Asians and the Problem of the Color Line: Race and Identity in South Africa and the United States
- ABD. Samantha Bowden (Geography). Topic: Monument Removal, White Nationalism, and Anti-Racist Urbanism in New Orleans.
- ABD. Jonah Walters (Geography). Title: Governmentality, Diverse Livelihoods and the Ministry of the Household Economy in Nicaragua
- ABD. Jenny Isaacs (Geography). Title: The Conservation Archipelago: Tracing the Shorebird Conservation Network
- ABD. Monica Hernandez (Geography). Title: Communities, Conflict, and Collective Land Titling in Rural Colombia: A Changing Human Geography
- ABD. Hoang Thach (Geography). Title: Rewilding Vietnam: Conservation Values and the Production of Nature in the Anthropocene
- ABD. Maria Garcia (Geography). Title: Dollarized Landscapes: Migration, Inequality, and Global Connection in the Ecuadorian Andes

PhD Qualifying Examination, General Examiner

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

2015. Angela Oberg (Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy). Title: Decentralized Systems and the Urban Metabolism of Sewage in India

Master's Theses, Committee Member

2017. Anu Khandal (Art History). Title: Economizing Heritage Tourism: Shekhawati, Rajasthan and the Future of the Hawelis
2016. Richard Kruger (Geography). Title: Green Infrastructural Politics in Philadelphia
2015. Katherine Bannor (Geography). Title: Statehood in South Sudan and Somaliland: A Comparative Political Geography

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor or Reader

2019. Adhira Udayaraj (Global Studies). Political Geographies of Sri Lankan Development Funding
2016. Julia Bordelon (Geography). From *Centros Clandestinos* to Spaces of Memory: Repurposing Buenos Aires' Landscapes of Fear
2013. Yara Calcano (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. Derooy, 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 Presidential Task Force on Design, 2018–present
- Faculty Member, Urban Humanities Working Group, Center for Cultural Analysis, 2018–2019
- Member, Rutgers University, New Brunswick Language Requirement Task Force – 2016–2018
- School of Arts and Sciences A & P Committee – 2017, 2018
- Faculty Member, Global Asias Initiative, Rutgers Global, 2016–2018
- Faculty Member, Neoliberalism Working Group, Center for Cultural Analysis, 2017
- Teaching Evaluator for Middle Eastern Studies Program – 2016
- Chair, Rutgers University Strategic Initiative on India – 2013–2016
- 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 – 2013–2017
- 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

International Advisory Boards

Environment and Planning A – 2017–

Conferences and Conference Sessions Organized

- 2019. Organizer and chair of “Cities Exposed: Exposure and Contamination in Dense Urban Worlds,” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., April.
- 2017. Organizer of “Looking for Butterflies: A Workshop on How to Live on the Edge of the Indian City,” South Asian Studies Program, Rutgers University, June.
- 2017. Co-Organizer (with Daniel Goldstein) of “Futureproof: Security Aesthetics and the Urban Imaginary,” two-day workshop, Department of Geography, Rutgers University, May.
- 2017. Organizer of Author Meets Critics session on Gautam Bhan’s *In the Public’s Interest: Evictions, Citizenship, and Inequality in Contemporary Delhi*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April.
- 2017. Organizer of Author Meets Critics session on Austin Zeiderman’s *Endangered City: The Politics of Security and Risk in Bogotá* and Nikhil Anand’s *Hydraulic City: Water and the Infrastructures of Citizenship in Mumbai*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April.
- 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 ad hoc reviewer – 2015, 2018

Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, Innovational Research Incentives Scheme – 2014, 2018

Israel Science Foundation, Social Sciences Individual Grant Review – 2018.

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, 2017, 2019

Antipode – 2012, 2013, 2014 (2), 2017, 2018, 2019 (2)

Asian Studies Review – 2011

Cambridge University Press – 2016

Cities – 2014, 2015

Columbia University Press – 2018

Cultural Anthropology – 2018

Ecology & Society – 2014

Environment and Planning A – 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016 (2), 2018, 2019

Environment and Planning C – 2013

Environment and Planning D – 2016, 2018 (2)

Geoforum – 2014, 2015 (2)

Geography Compass – 2018

International Development Planning Review – 2019

International Journal of Urban and Regional Research – 2010, 2011, 2012 (2), 2013, 2014, 2015 (2), 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Journal of Peasant Studies – 2019

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

Routledge (India) – 2014, 2018

Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography – 2014, 2015, 2018

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

Studies of Urban and Social Change (SUSC) *IJURR* book series – 2019

Town Planning Review – 2013

Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers – 2011, 2012

Urban Geography – 2014, 2018

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

Water Alternatives – 2014

Student Fellowship Review

American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Completion Fellowship – 2018, 2019

Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship – 2016, 2017, 2018

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