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CURRENT POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Sociology and Global Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, (on research leave from 2004-05) 2004 – present

Research Associate, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, University of California, San Diego, 2002 – present

PAST POSITIONS

Visiting Assistant Professor, Program in Science, Technology & Society, Stanford University, 2001 – 2004, and Director, STS Honors Program, Stanford University 2002 – 2004

Member, Committee-in-Charge, Modern Thought and Literature, Stanford University, 2003 – 2004

EDUCATION

PhD, Rutgers University, Sociology, 2001

M.A., University of California, Irvine, Social Relations, 1996

Pre-PhD, Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi, India), Philosophy, 1990

B.A., Allahabad University (India), Economics and Philosophy, 1987

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Science and Technology; Communication; Globalization; Migration; Social Theory; Ethnographic Methods; Race and Caste.

FIELD RESEARCH

Delhi, Gurgaon and Noida (India): 2004-05 and 1999-2000.

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

Virtual Migration: the Programming of Globalization, Duke University Press (in press, forthcoming March 2006).

Articles:

“Between Fantasy and Despair: Nationalist Closures in the Transnational Lives of Indian Programmers,” a peer-reviewed article in *Immigrant Life in the United States: Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives*, edited by Colin Wayne Leach and Dona Gabaccia. Routledge 2003.

“Skill Saturation: Rationalization and Post-industrial Work,” *Theory and Society* (Volume 30, Issue 3, June 2001).

“Rethinking Migration: High-skilled Labor Flows from India to the United States,” in *The International Migration of the Highly Skilled: Demand, Supply, and Development Consequences*, edited by Wayne A. Cornelius, Thomas J. Espenshade, and Idean Salehyan. La Jolla, CA: Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, University of California-San Diego, 2001.

“Immigration and Naturalization Service,” *Encyclopedia of American Immigration*, edited by James Ciment. New York: M. E. Sharpe, 2001.

“Kanpur,” *Encyclopedia of Urban Cultures*, edited by Melvin Ember and Carol R. Ember. Grolier Education Corp, 2002.

“The Birth of God,” *Indian Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. XVII, January 1990.

Under Review

“Programming Globalization: Technological Modes of Labor Integration” (being revised and resubmitted)

“Neither Hierarchic nor Panoptic: Algoratic Modes of Power” (being revised and resubmitted)

“Body Shopping: Systemic Flexibility and High-tech Immigration”

“Intellectual Property Regime and Cultural Difference: the case of Hoodia cactus in South Africa” (co-authored with my student Gina Moon)

Book reviews:

Review of *Working in a 24/7 Economy: Challenges for American Families*. By Harriet B. Presser. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. *Population and Development Review*, June 2004.

Review of *Legalizing Moves: Salvadoran Immigrants' Struggle for U.S. Residency*. By Susan Bibler Coutin. University of Michigan Press. *Political and Legal Anthropology* 27 (1), May 2004.

Review of *The Silicon Valley of Dreams: Environmental Injustice, Immigrant Workers, and the High-Tech Global Economy*. By David Naguib Pellow and Lisa Sun-Hee Park. New York University Press. *International Migration Review*, Winter 2003, 37, 4.

Review of *The Global Construction of Gender: Home-Based Work in the Political Economy of the 20th Century*. By Elisabeth Prügl. New York: Columbia University Press. *Labour/Le Travail*, (51) Spring 2003.

Review of *Abstracting Craft: The Practiced Digital Hand*. By Malcolm McCullough. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. *Social Science Computer Review*, Sage. Volume 16, No. 2, 1998.

GRANTS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIP

MacArthur Foundation. Program in Global Security and Sustainability, 2004-05, \$75,000

Social Science Research Council – Ford Foundation, Program on Information Technology, International Cooperation and Global Security, Summer Research Fellowship, June-August 2001, \$6,000.

Louis Bevier Fellowship, Rutgers University, 2001-02, \$12,000

Rutgers University Dissertation Writing Fellowship 2000-01, \$12,000.

Population Council, Doctoral Fellowship for dissertation fieldwork, 1999-2000, \$19,000.

Social Science Research Council – Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Program on International Migration, Dissertation Fellowship, 1999, \$9,000.

Matilda White Riley Prize in Sociology for the paper titled “Nations and the Shape of Communities: The Production of the National Languages of India and Pakistan,” Rutgers University, 1999.

Rutgers University, Honorable Mention, Sociology teaching performance, Fall 1997.

Rutgers University, Honorable Mention, Sociology teaching performance, Fall 1998.

University Grants Commission of India, National Junior Research Fellowship in Philosophy 1987-90.

INVITED LECTURES

“The Dialer: Rule of the Code in International Call Centers,” Science, Medicine, Technology and Society Seminar Series, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, December 2005.

“India Calling: the Cultural Seams of Global Talk,” University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2005

“Globalization and Work,” Globalization Forum, Diablo Valley College, May 2004.

“Work as Communication: the Globalization of Labor and its implications,” *Center for Science, Technology & Society*, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, California, March 2004.

“Code and the New Monetization of Global Labor,” *International Studies in Planning*, Cornell University, Ithaca, February 2004.

“Virtual Migration: Technological Modes of Labor Integration,” *Berkeley Center for Globalization & Information Technology*, University of California, Berkeley, November 2003.

“Shifting Power Structures in Organizations,” *Institute for the Future*, Menlo Park, California, June 2002.

“Cultures: Wet and Dry – Modes of Being in India and the United States,” *Perspectives on India*, Project Dosti, Stanford University, California, May 2002.

“Technology and Terror,” Stanford University, California, October 2002.

INVITED CONFERENCES

"Constant Capture: Visibility, Civil Liberties, and Global Security," University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, April 2006

“Accented Speech: Migrating Nerds of a Feather,” Conference on Migration and Development Within and Across Borders. Social Science Research Council. New York, November 2005.

”Being Elsewhere: Circuits of Social Capital and Dual Citizenship,” Diaspora and Homeland Development Conference, University of California, Berkeley, April 2004.

“Neither Bureaucratic nor Panoptic: Algocratic Modes of Power,” West Coast History of Science Society, San Francisco, April 2002.

“Between Fantasy and Despair: nationalist closures in the transnational lives of Indian programmers,” Conference on “American Identities; Transnational Lives,” organized by the Social Science Research Council’s International Migration Program, January 2001, San Diego.

“Rethinking Migration: High-skilled Labor Flows from India to the United States,” The Fourth Annual UCSD Social Science Research Conference: The International Migration of the Highly Skilled: Demand, Supply, Development Consequences, and the Role of U.S. Universities, San Diego, May 2000.

CONFERENCES

“Neutral Accent: the Social Life of International Call Centers in India,” Society for Social Studies of Science, Pasadena, October 2005.

Discussant, Social Life and Cyberspace (regular session), American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, August 2005.

“Code and Money as Globalizing Forces,” Society for Social Studies of Science, Paris, August 2004.

“Transnational Affinities: The Elusive Subjectivity of Indian Programmers,” American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 2003.

“Intellectual Property and Techno-Power”, Society for Social Studies of Science, Atlanta, October 2003.

“The Transnational Condition: Dilemmas of Indian Programmers,” American Sociological Association, Atlanta, August 2003.

“Algocratic Governance: Programming Code and Bureaucratic Hierarchies,” American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 2002.

“Technological Modes of Governance: Beyond Private and Public Realms,” International Summer Academy on Technology Studies, Deutschlandsberg (Austria) July 2002.

“Offshore Labor: Uncertain Globalization, Tired Internationalization,” *Globalities*, Modern Literature Conference, East Lansing, Michigan, October 2001.

“Nation-ist Frame and National Identities: Producing National Languages for India and Pakistan,” American Sociological Association, Anaheim, August 2001.

“Global Labor: Indian Programmers in American Corporations,” American Sociological Association, Washington DC, August 2000.

“Rethinking Labor: New Technologies of Globalization,” Culture and Cognition Conference, Rutgers University, November 1999.

“Technologically Embedded Authority: The Post-Industrial Decline in Bureaucratic Hierarchies,” American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 1999.

“Local Identities and On-line Labor Practices,” International Sociological Association, Montreal, July 1998.

“The Condition of Post-industrial Skills: Computers and Information Work,” American Sociological Association, Toronto, August 1997.

TEACHING

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (September 2005 – present)

Modern Sociological Theory

Contexts of Global Management

Stanford University (2001 –2004)

Intellectual Property in the Information Era

Borderlines: Technology, Migration & Surveillance

Technology, Body & Work

Senior Colloquium in Science, Technology and Society (Sociology of Science II)

Junior Seminar in Science, Technology and Society (Sociology of Science I)

LANGUAGES

English Language of professional work

Hindi First language

Urdu Mid-level certificate

Sanskrit Some reading and writing ability

COMPUTING

Quantitative research tools (SPSS and MS Excel)

Qualitative research tools (QSR's N5 and QCA)

Web-based research and survey tools (HTML Editor, Adobe GoLive, FrontPage)

Data base and presentation tools (MS Access and PowerPoint)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Organizer:

Digital Inequality: a regular session of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, August 2005.

Peer Reviews:

Administrative Science Quarterly
Social Problems
Sociological Inquiry
The MIT Press

Book Reviews:

International Migration Review
Social Science Computer Review
Labour/Le Travail
Political and Legal Anthropology
Population and Development Review

Grant reviews:

National Science Foundation

Web management:

American Sociological Association's section on Science, Knowledge and Technology (2002-2005)

Committees:

Adisory Board, Program in Comparative Ethnic Studies, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Merit Committee, Sociology Department, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Public Information Committee, Sociology Dept, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

REFERENCES

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