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## EDUCATION

### **University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ**

Ph.D., Geography, 2009 Minors: Anthropology and History

### **University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ**

M.A., Geography, May 2005

### **Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR**

B.A. in Religious Studies, May 1997

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Geography**

Associate Professor, 2015 to present

Assistant Professor, 2009 to 2015

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## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 Institute for Arts and the Humanities Academic Excellence Award
- 2018 Institute for Arts and the Humanities Faculty Fellowship
- 2016 Institute for Arts and the Humanities Academic Excellence Award
- 2012 Social Science Research Council Book Fellowship
- 2011 Institute for Arts and the Humanities Faculty Fellowship
- 2009 Asian Geography Specialty Group First Place Paper Award

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## PUBLICATIONS

\* Indicates current or former UNC student co-author

### **Books**

- 2020 Sara Smith. *Intimate Geopolitics: Love, Marriage, Territory, and the Future on India's Northern Threshold*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.
- 2020 Sara Smith. *Political Geography: A Critical Introduction*. London: Wiley.

### **Edited Volumes**

In press for spring 2021. Banu Gökariksel, Mike Hawkins,\* Christopher Neubert,\* and Sara Smith (equal editorship). *Feminist Geography Unbound: Discomfort, Bodies, and Prefigured Futures*. Morgantown, WV: West Virginia University Press.

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

Forthcoming. Pallavi Gupta\*, Banu Gökariksel, and Sara Smith. The Politics of Saving Muslim Women in India: Gendered Geolegality, Security, and Territorialization. In proofs. *Political Geography*.

Forthcoming. Mabel Gergan\* and Sara Smith. Theorizing the City: Racialized Minority Youth in India's Global Cities," accepted at *ACME*.

- 2020 Pavithra Vasudevan\* and **Sara Smith**. The Domestic Geopolitics of Racial Capitalism. *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*. 38(7–8) 1160–1179.
- 2020 Mabel Gergan\* and **Sara Smith** (equal authorship). “The path you will choose won’t be a fairytale”: Urban prefiguration and mountain nostalgia in India’s Northwest Himalayas. *Space and Polity*. 24(1): 77–92. In Special Issue, “Youth Politics in Urban Asia,” edited by Yi’En Cheng and Sonia Lam-Knott.
- 2020 Mabel Gergan,\* **Sara Smith**, and Pavithra Vasudevan\* (equal authorship). Earth beyond repair. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. 38(1):91–110. In special issue, “Race and the Anthropocene,” edited by Andrew Baldwin and Bruce Erickson.
- 2019 Dimpfl, Mike\* and **Sara Smith**. Cosmopolitan Sidestep: University Life, Intimate Geopolitics, and the Hidden Costs of “Global” Citizenship. *Area*. 51(4): 635–643.
- 2019 Banu Gökariksel, Christopher Neubert,\* and **Sara Smith** (equal authorship). Demographic Fever Dreams: Fragile Virility and its Population Politics in the Rise of the Global Right. *Signs*. 44(3): 561–587.
- 2018 Pat Parker, Dorothy Holland, Jean Dennison, **Sara Smith**, and Melvin Jackson. Decolonizing the Academy: Lessons from the Graduate Certificate in Participatory Research at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. *Qualitative Inquiry*. 24: 464–477.
- 2017 Sara Smith. Politics, pleasure, and difference in the intimate city: Himalayan students remake the future. *cultural geographies*. 24: 573–588.
- 2017 Parker, Patricia, **Sara Smith**, and Jean Dennison. “Decolonising the Classroom.” *Tijdschrift voor Genderstudies*. 20:233–247.
- 2017 Banu Gökariksel and Sara Smith (equal authorship). Intersectional feminism beyond U.S. flag hijabs and pussy hats in Trump’s America. *Gender, Place and Culture* 24:628–644.
- 2017 Paul Robbins and Sara Smith. “Baby bust: Towards Political Demography.” *Progress in Human Geography*. 41:199–219.
- 2017 Sara Smith and Pavithra Vasudevan.\* Race, biopolitics, and the future: Introduction to the special section. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. 35:210–221.
- 2016 Sara Smith. Intimacy and angst in the field. *Gender, Place and Culture*. 23:134–146.
- 2016 Sara Smith, Nathan Swanson\* and Banu Gökariksel. “Territory, Bodies, and Borders: Introduction to the special section.” *Area*. 48 (3), 258–261
- 2015 Sara Smith (first author) and Mabel Gergan. The diaspora within: Himalayan youth, education-driven migration, and future aspirations in India. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. 33:119–135.
- 2014 Sara Smith. Intimate territories and the experimental subject in the Leh District of India’s Jammu and Kashmir State. *Ethnos* 79:41–62.
- 2013 Sara Smith. “In the past, we ate from one plate”: Memory and the border in Leh, Ladakh. *Political Geography* 35:47–59.
- 2013 Sara Smith. “In the heart, there’s nothing”: Unruly youth, generational vertigo, and territory. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 38(4):572–585.
- 2012 Sara Smith. Intimate Geopolitics: Religion, Marriage, and Reproductive Bodies in Leh, Ladakh. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*. 102: 1511–1528.
- 2011 Sara Smith. “She says herself, ‘I have no future’”: Love, fate, and territory in Leh, Jammu and Kashmir State, India. *Gender, Place and Culture*. 18(4): 455–476.
- 2009 Sara Smith. The domestication of geopolitics: Buddhist-Muslim conflict and the policing of marriage and the body in Ladakh, India. *Geopolitics* 14(2): 197–218.
- 2008 Sara Smith. Notes from the field: the geopolitics of intimacy and babies in Leh. *Ladakh Studies* 23: 20–25.

### **Refereed Journal Articles (under review)**

with FLOCK feminist collective. "Student-led Activism for Racial Justice: Ruptures I, Pedagogy and Transformation at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill," accepted with minor revisions at *ACME*.

### **Refereed Special Issues**

- 2017 Sara Smith and Pavithra Vasudevan\* (equal authorship). Themed section: "Race, Biopolitics, and the Future. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 34(2) includes articles by Nadine Ehlers and Shiloh Krupar, Eric Olund, Carolin Schurr, Kristen Sziarto, and Sean Wang.
- 2016 Sara Smith (lead editor), Banu Gökariksel, Nathan Swanson\* Themed section: "Territory, Bodies, and Borders." *Area*, 48. Themed section includes articles by Jack Gieseeking, Lucy Jackson, Katharine McKinnon, Ei-Phyu Smith, Nathan Swanson.\*

### **Refereed Special Issues (in progress)**

- Mabel Gergan, Sneha Krishnan, **Sara Smith**, and Stephen Young. "Youth as agents of decolonization" special issue for *Antipode* with articles by Jaskiran Dhillon, Sneha Krishnan, Ruth Judge, Amanda Gilbertson, Carrie Freshour and Daniela Inestra Varelas, Jacob Fairless Nicholson, Mabel Gergan and Andrew Curley. Special issue proposal accepted, all contributors' articles under review or accepted.
- LaToya Eaves, Mike Hawkins\*, Banu Gökariksel, Chris Neubert\*, and **Sara Smith** (equal editorship). "Discomfort feminisms." Minor revisions on the proposal requested for *Gender, Place and Culture*.

### **Introduction to Journal Issue**

- 2017 Sara Smith. Gendered and embodied geopolitics of borders, marginalization, and contingent solidarity. Introduction to borders and margins issue of the *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*. 13.3: 350-353.

### **Guest Editorials and interventions**

- 2020 Andrew Curley and Sara Smith. Against colonial grounds: Geography on Indigenous lands. *Dialogues in Human Geography*.
- 2019 Sara Smith, Pavithra Vasudevan, Carlos Serrano, and Banu Gökariksel. Breaking families: Whiteness, state violence, and the alienable rights of kin. *Political Geography*. 72:144-146.
- 2018 Banu Gökariksel and Sara Smith (equal authorship). "Intervention: Reassessing the Trump Presidency one year on – Tiny hands and tiki torches." *Political Geography* 62: 207-215. (Invited submission).
- 2016 Banu Gökariksel and Sara Smith (equal authorship). "Making America Great Again"? The Fascist Body Politics of Donald Trump." *Political Geography*. 54: 79-81.

### **Book chapters in edited volumes**

- Forthcoming in 2020. Mabel Gergan\* and Sara Smith. "Reaching out: Cross-cultural research." In Meghan Cope and Iain Hay (Eds). *Qualitative Research in Human Geography*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Forthcoming in 2020. "Numbers, Bodies, Love, and Babies: Gender and territory in Ladakh." In Anindita Datta (Ed). *Gender, Space and Agency In India: Exploring Regional Genderscapes*. New York: Routledge.
- 2020 Chris Neubert\*, Sara Smith, and Pavithra Vasudevan.\* "The intimate geopolitics of race and gender in the United States." In Anindita Datta, Peter Hopkins, Lynda Johnston,

- Elizabeth Olson, and Joseli Maria Silva (Eds). *The Routledge International Handbook of Gender and Feminist Geographies*. New York: Routledge.
- 2016 Sara Smith (first author) and Mabel Gergan.\* “Life, love, and activism on the forgotten margins of the nation-state. In Matt Benwell and Peter Hopkins (Eds). *Children, young people and critical geopolitics*. London: Ashgate. 91-106.
- 2015 Sara Smith. “Religious identity and gender on the edges of the nation: the Leh district of India’s Jammu and Kashmir state.” In Stanley D. Brunn (Ed). *The Changing World Religion Map: Sacred Places, Identities, Practices and Politics*. New York: Springer. Chapter 13.5.).

### **Book Review Forum**

2018. Sara Smith. Broken earth, shattered bones, and bodies made flesh: a fragmentary and expansive *Feminist Geopolitics*. Contribution to review forum for Deborah P. Dixon. 2015. *Feminist Geopolitics: Material States*. Burlington, VT: Ashgate. In *Dialogues in Human Geography*.8:79-82.

### **Book Reviews**

- 2015 Sara Smith. Review of Prostitution and the Ends of Empire: Scale, Governmentalities, and Interwar India. Stephen Legg. *Journal of Historical Geography*. 52:120-121.
- 2012 Sara Smith. Review of *Intimate others: marriage and sexualities in India*. S. Sen, R. Biswas, and N. Dhawan. *Gender, Place and Culture*. 19(6): 810-812. DOI:10.1080/0966369X.2012.736249.
- 2004 Sara Smith. Review of *The scandal of the state: women, law, and citizenship in postcolonial India*. Rajeshwari Sunder Rajan. *Environment & Planning D: Society & Space*. 22(6): 936.

### **Exhibitions Curated**

- 2017 Postcards from College: Lifeworlds of students studying outside Ladakh. Photovoice and zine exhibition held at the Ladakh Arts and Media Organisation, curated with Mabel Gergan and Rinchen Dolma. This exhibition was the result of two workshops and a year of work by nine students, including collage, a zine, and photography.
- 2015 Between Worlds: Ladakhi Student Life Across India. Photovoice exhibition held at the Ladakh Arts and Media Organisation in Leh, India. This exhibition was the culmination of a 12-month photovoice project and featured the photography of six student artists from the Ladakh region of India.

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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### **External Fellowships and Grants**

- 2018 Antipode International Workshop Grant, “Postcolonial Difference, Strategic Solidarities: Geographies of Race, Caste, and Tribe in South Asia,” with Jesús F. Cháirez-Garza (University of Leeds), Sapana Doshi (University of Arizona), Mabel Gergan\* (Florida State University), Sneha Krishnan (University of Oxford), Malini Ranganathan (American University).
- 2016 National Science Foundation Geography and Spatial Science Program Grant (BCS-1561072) “Impacts of Education-Driven Urban Migration on Youth Aspirations and Identity” (\$250,000)
- 2015 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (BCS-1536339) with Pavithra Vasudevan: “Black Geographies and Industrial Toxicity in North Carolina” (\$15,975)

- 2013 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (BCS-1302785) with Mabel Gergan: “Hydropower Development and Indigenous Youth Agency” (\$15,967)
- 2012 Social Science Research Council Book Fellowship
- 2007 Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$3,770)
- 2007 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (\$18,310)
- 2007 Society of Woman Geographers Evelyn L. Pruitt National Fellowship for Dissertation Research (\$5,921)
- 2007 Association of American Geographers Political Geography Specialty Group Dissertation Research Grant (\$800)
- 2007 Association of American Geographers Qualitative Research Specialty Group Dissertation Research Grant (\$500)

### ***Internal Fellowships and Grants***

- 2019 Imagining UNC’s Future with Art Award (With FLOCK Collective). \$4,000
- 2018 Institute for Arts and Humanities Honors Collaboration Research Fellowship, with UNC undergraduate student Sydney Lopez. \$3,500.
- 2018 Institute for Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship
- 2016 Institute of Arts and Humanities, Social Justice and Art Grant, “The Struggle for Hurston Hall: Racial Justice Activism at UNC” with FLOCK (UNC geography’s feminist collective, including Banu Gökariksel, Chris Neubert, Mike Hawkins, Pavithra Vasudevan) \$8,000
- 2014 UNC University Research Council Publication Grant (\$500)
- 2013 UNC University Research Council Small Grant (\$5,000)
- 2013 UNC Arts and Sciences Interdisciplinary Initiatives Grant (with Jean Dennison, Anthropology)
- 2013 Carolina Asia Center Faculty Travel Award with funding from the Jimmy and Judy Cox Asia Initiative (\$6,000, .33 months)
- 2011 Center for Global Initiatives Conference Travel Award (\$1,000)
- 2011 Institute for Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship
- 2011 North Carolina Consortium for South Asian Studies Research Travel Grant (\$1,000)
- 2010 North Carolina Consortium for South Asian Studies Undergraduate Research Grant (faculty advisor for Siddarth Nagaraj, \$500)
- 2011 UNC Junior Faculty Development Award (\$7,500)
- 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005 Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Grants
- 2006 Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Doctoral Graduate Research Grant (\$800)
- 2004 Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Pre-Doc Graduate Research Grant (\$600)

### **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

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- Fall 2020      Geography 804: Social Seminar, “Embodied Territory, Embodied Territoriality,” (12 students)  
                     First Year Seminar 67: Politics of Everyday Life (24 students)\*  
                     \*This course is part of the Institute for African American Research-Student Learning to Advance Truth and Equity program.
- Spring 2020    Geography 703: Graduate Research Design (10 students)  
                     Course buyout from NSF
- Fall 2019      First Year Seminar 67: Politics of Everyday Life (24 students)  
                     DGS Course Release
- Spring 2019    Geography 804: Social Seminar “Bodies, Territory, and the Future” (13 students)

Fall 2018	Geography 267/Asia 267: South Asia (43 students)
Spring 2018	Research and Study Assignment (2 course releases)
Fall 2017	Institute for Arts and the Humanities Fellowship (2 course releases)
Spring 2017	Geography 267/Asia 267: South Asia (41 students)
	Geography 804: Social Seminar, "Bodies, Territory, and the Future" (10 students)
	Geography 543: Qualitative Methods in Geography (12 students)

## **ADVISING AND MENTORING**

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### ***Postdoctoral Fellow Mentorship***

2016-2018 Mentoring committee member for Andrew Curley (Carolina Future Faculty Postdoctoral program)

2016-2017 Primary mentor to Mabel Gergan (NSF)

### ***External Reviewer***

2019 Dalia Bhattacharjee, PhD. "Wombs for rent: the Emotional Geographies of Reproductive Laborers in India" Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Mohali.

2017 Elisabeth Militz, PhD. "Affective Nationalism: Bodies, Materials and Encounters with the Nation in Azerbaijan," University of Zürich, Switzerland

### ***Completed PhD Students (External Committee Member)***

Pronoy Rai, PhD 2018, "Social Geographies of Seasonal Labor Migration in Rural Western India," Department of Geography, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

### ***Current Graduate Students (Primary Advisor)***

Chris Neubert, MA/PhD (MA complete, PhD in progress)

MA 2017, "Manure Politics: Making Space for Modern Agriculture in the Landscapes of Everyday Life"

Carlos Serrano, MA/PhD (MA complete, PhD in progress)

MA 2017, "White futurity, Black enclosures: The politics of schooling in the Chapel Hill Carrboro Public Schools."

Pallavi Gupta, PhD 2017-

Lara Lookabaugh, PhD 2017-

Adrienne Hall, PhD 2019-

### ***Completed Graduate Students (Primary Advisor)***

Pavithra Vasudevan, PhD 2017, "Searching in Aluminum's Shadows: Black Geographies and Industrial Toxicity." Assistant professor in the African and African Diaspora Studies Department at University of Texas-Austin.

MA 2013, "Memory and the re-invention of place: The legacies of environmental justice in Warren County, North Carolina"

Mabel Gergan, PhD 2016, "Precarity and possibility at the Margins: Hazards, Infrastructure, and indigenous politics in Sikkim, India." Assistant professor of Geography at Florida State University.

Mike Dimpfl, PhD, 2016, "Clean U: Cleanliness, Social Difference and the Dirty Work of Everyday Hygiene" Co-advisor with Banu Gökarişel. Currently a postdoctoral fellow at Duke.

### ***Current PhD Students (Committee Member)***

Mark Ortiz; Sugandh Gupta (Anthropology); Kailey Rocker (Anthropology); Mike Hawkins; Maja Jeranko (Anthropology); Michelle Padley, Codey Bills (Communication), Amrut Misha (Communication)

***Current PhD Students (External Committee Member)***

Bhoomika Joshi, Yale Anthropology

***Current MA Students (Committee Member)***

Deanna Corin, Majerle Lister, Suad Jabr

***Completed PhD Students in Geography (Committee Member)***

Devran Ocal, PhD 2020, "Mosques as spaces of everyday transnational (geo)politics: Feeling the state, materializing geopolitics, and reconfiguring religion in the Turkish mosques in Germany"

Sertanya Reddy, PhD 2019, "It opened my eyes to so many possibilities": A youth geographies approach to global education."

Batool Zaidi, PhD 2019, "The Manifestation of Son Preference in Child Health Outcomes." (Sociology)

Priscilla Vaz, PhD 2018, "Favela City of God(desses): From a place of necessity to a space of politics."

Willie Wright, PhD 2017, "Free the Land!": Exploring the Spatial and Political Legacies of the Republic of New Afrika in Detroit and Jackson"

Nathan Swanson, PhD 2016, "The Politics of Home in Jerusalem: Partitions, Parks, and Planning Futures"

Adam Bledsoe, PhD 2016, "Defender Nosso Pedaco de Chao: Quilombola Struggles in Bahia, Brazil," MA 2012, "Black Geographies: Racialization and Political Responses"

Stevie Larson, PhD 2016, "The Fractured Values of Best Interests: Struggles and Spaces of Transnational Adoption"

Linda Quiquivix, PhD 2012, "The Political Mapping of Palestine"

Murat Es, PhD 2012, "Turkish-Dutch Mosques and the Construction of Transnational Spaces in Europe"

***Completed MA Students (Committee Member)***

Mary Biggs, MA 2020 Unsettling Authenticity, Queering Landscapes: The Role of Nature at Three State Historic Sites in Durham, North Carolina

Michelle Padley, MA 2019 "LIHTC is the Master": Property, Affective Politics, and Affordable Housing in the Bull City."

Mike Hawkins, MA 2017 "Liberty Call at Sunset: Belonging, Ageing Masculinities and Transnational Marriage in Subic Bay, Philippines."

Georgia Stahl, MA 2017 (Global Studies), LGBTQ in Carolina del Norte: Intersectionality as Praxis

Andreina Malki, MA 2016 (Global Studies), "Territorial sovereignty in international investment law."

Jim Kuras, MA 2015, "#Direnhamile: Pregnancy, morality, and resisting discourses of seclusion at the Gezi Park protests."

Agnes Chew, MA 2012, "Embodying the Nation-State: Urban Planning and Spatial Tactics of Inclusion and Exclusion of Migrant Groups in Singapore"

***Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advising (as chair)***

Jayna Fishaman (honors thesis chair, Geography, December 2017), "I Cried in the Middle of the Bottom of Lenoir, and my Friends Were There" A discussion of exploitation, friendship, and culture at UNC."

Martha Isaacs (honors thesis chair, Geography, 2017), The Right to the Bike: Investigating Barriers to Cycling

- Dinesh McCoy (honors thesis chair, Global Studies, 2015) ““Inclusive Development:” Examining the Secular Framing Efforts of the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Role of Neoliberal Rhetoric”
- Shelby Cogburn (honors thesis chair, Geography, 2014) “Identifying the spatial distribution of first food deserts in North Carolina: Effects of access to breastfeeding support on low-income African American women of childbearing age”
- Emma Seagle (honors thesis chair, Geography, 2014) “Gendered climate justice: Identifying vulnerability in Tanzanian waterscapes”
- Siddarth Nagaraj, (honors thesis chair, Global Studies, 2012)  
“Primary Health Centers in Urban India: Selection and Satisfaction”
- Sathya Mandjiny (honors thesis chair, Asian Studies, 2012)  
“The formation of the physician: A case study in South Asia and North Carolina”

### ***Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advising (as reader)***

- Preeya Deol (2019, South Asian Studies) “Periods, Prayer, and Purity: Menstrual Health Practices Within the Sikh Tradition”
- Marsela Hughes (2019, Communication) “Orientalism Rearticulated: Colonial Discourse in Contemporary Representations of India in Film and Television”
- Lily Herbert (honors thesis committee member, 2016) “Is Hijab for Kazakh Girls?”: Shifting the Borders of Kazakh Nationhood and the Modern in Almaty, Kazakhstan
- Claire Kane-Boychuk (honors thesis committee member, Geography, 2012)  
“Contesting the “Ethnic Vote”: A Spatial Statistical Analysis of Voting Trends in Toronto”
- Amy Sara Kate Nuñez (honors thesis committee member, Geography, 2012)  
“An Orientalist Appetite for India: The Commodification and Consumption of South Asian Culture in the West”
- Bethany Corbin (honors thesis committee member, Global Studies, 2011)  
“A Bleeding Sin: An Examination of Honor Killings in Turkey and Germany”
- David Crawford (honors thesis committee member, Geography, 2011)  
“The Transnational Project and its Implications in Bangladesh”

### ***Undergraduate Research Advising***

- Beryl Bortley Office of Undergraduate Research Award faculty Advisor 2020
- Laura Roberson SURF program faculty advisor summer 2017
- Siddarth Nagaraj SURF program faculty advisor summer 2011
- Lily Steponaitis SURF program faculty advisor, summer 2011
- Yanneka King SURF program faculty advisor, summer 2010

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2020 Book Panel on *Intimate Geopolitics: Love, Marriage, Territory, and the Future on India's Northern Threshold*. Oxford (Online), organized by Sneha Krishnan, with panelists Ather Zia, Majed Akhter, and Katherine Brickell.
- 2020 Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, Lexington, September 18
- 2020 Department of Geography, Ohio State University, October 30
- 2020 Department of Geography, University of Delaware, scheduled for November 20
- 2020 Department of Geography, Newcastle, scheduled for December 16
- 2020 [Scheduled for May/rescheduled to 2021 due to COVID-19] Invited colloquium at the Department of Geography, University of Zurich
- 2020 [Scheduled for April/rescheduled to 2021 due to COVID-19]] Keynote (with Banu Gökarkırsel and Chris Neubert) at the Gensler Symposium, Middlebury College
- 2020 Book Adda for Ajantha Subramanian's *Caste of Merit*. Brown University, January 31.



- 2019 Plenary Talk Critical Geography South Asia Workshop on Feminist and Queer Urban Geographies." 29<sup>th</sup> June-3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019. Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Mohali, India.
- 2019 Demographic fever dreams: white supremacy and the future. Invited lecture at Newcastle University.
- 2019 Coming of age on the threshold of the nation. Invited talk at In the Borderlands: Feminist Geopolitical Approaches to Childhood and Youth. Brasenose College, Oxford
- 2019 The path you choose won't be a fairy tale: Urban prefiguration and mountain nostalgia in India's Northwest Himalayas. Plenary Lecture at Annual ASPECT Conference, Virginia Tech
- 2018 Politics, Pleasure, and Difference in the Intimate City, March 23, University of Vermont.
- 2018 Panelist, "Decolonizing the University." Communications Department Colloquium. With Pat Parker, Sarah Dempsey, and Florence Babb. March 2<sup>nd</sup>, University of North Carolina.
- 2016 Feminism Here and Now "Featured Faculty," discussant and conference closing remarks panel. Communication Department, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, December 3.
- 2016 Politics, pleasure, and difference in the city: Himalayan students remake the future." Colloquium, Department of Geology and Geography, University of West Virginia, Morgantown, WV, September 30.
- 2015 North Carolina South Asia Colloquium, "The Diaspora within," with Mabel Gergan. November 17<sup>th</sup>, Durham, NC.
- 2015 Guest speaker in the UNC Humanities and Human Values "Adventures in Ideas" Weekend Seminar, "Religious Beliefs and Religious Violence." September 12. Research Triangle Headquarters, Durham.
- 2012 Guest speaker in "Gender and Geopolitics of South Asia," and "Women, Gender, and Development," classes at Dartmouth College, May 10.
- 2012 "Cooked minds," empty hearts, and Emo Boys: Taming the unruly future of territory in Leh, Ladakh. Colloquium, Department of Anthropology and Working Group on Anthropology and Population, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. April 26.
- 2011 "In the heart, there's nothing": Unruly youth and the future of territory in Leh, Ladakh, Colloquium, Department of Geography and Geology, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. September 30.
- 2011 North Carolina Consortium for South Asian Studies Colloquium, March 15.
- 2011 "In the heart, there's nothing": Unruly youth and the future of territory in Leh, Ladakh, Women's Studies Luncheon Colloquium, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 16.
- 2010 Roundtable on Transnationalism and Territoriality, Working Group on Feminism and History, Duke Women's Studies Parlors.
- 2010 Intimate Geopolitics: Religion, Territory, and Fertility in Leh District, Jammu and Kashmir, India. Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar on Diversity and Conformity in Muslim Societies. Nationalists and Salafis Workshop. February 4-5, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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#### CONFERENCE AND EVENT ORGANIZING

- 2017 Feminist Geography Conference Co-organizer. Conference held May 18-20 at UNC-Chapel Hill, with 120 attendees.
- 2017 Round Table on Racial Justice Activism at UNC, Co-organizer with FLOCK collective (brought together 40 student activists, alumni, faculty and staff for an event on the history of racial justice activism at UNC).

## ORGANIZED SESSIONS

- 2018 Political Geographies of Discomfort Feminism and Uncomfortable Intimacy. Three sessions organized with Banu Gökarişel, Mike Hawkins, and Chris Neubert.
- 2018 Young People as Agents of Decolonization: Activism, Friendship, and the Pursuit of Leisure. Two sessions organized with Mabel Gergan and Sneha Krishnan.
- 2017 Strategy session: Teaching against the global turn to the right. Session organized with Banu Gökarişel for the 2017 Feminist Geography Conference, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 2017 Demographic fantasies, fever dreams, and the unbearable whiteness of contemporary politics. Session organized with Carolyn Gallaher, Joshua Inwood, Banu Gökarişel, and Chris Neubert for the 2017 American Association of Geographers meeting in Boston, MA.
- 2014 Race, Biopolitics, and the Future. Series of two paper sessions and one panel, co-organizer with Pavithra Vasudevan, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Tampa Florida
- 2012 Bodies, Borders, and Territory. Series of three paper sessions and one panel, organizer, along with Agnes Chew, Mabel Gergan, Pavithra Vasudevan, and Nathan Swanson. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New York City.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- 2020 Events canceled due to COVID-19: two AAG Author Meets Critics Sessions on *Intimate Geopolitics: Love, Marriage, Territory, and the Future on India's Northern Threshold* and *Political Geography: A Critical Introduction*. London: Wiley.
- 2019 Decolonize the future! With Pavithra Vasudevan, South-South Solidarities: Convergences and Ruptures in Theory and Politics Session. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- 2019 Politics & Space Plenary Dialogue Questioning Nationalism Panelist with Ghassan Hage
- 2019 Qualitative Research Specialty Group Plenary Discussant for Courtney Donovan Lecture.
- 2019 Racialized Subjectivities, Urban Encounters, and Fraught Histories in India. With Mabel Gergan. Rethinking Difference in India: Racialization in Transnational Perspective. American University
- 2018 In the borderlands of childhood. Panelist, with Sarah Mills, Peter Hopkins, Tracey Skelton, and Kathrin Hörschelmann. Session organized by Sneha Krishnan and Negar Elodie Behzadi. Royal Geographical Society-Institute for British Geographers, Annual Conference, Cardiff, Wales.
- 2018 The path you choose won't be a fairy tale: Urban Prefiguration and Mountain nostalgia In India's Northwest Himalayas. Royal Geographical Society-Institute for British Geographers, Annual Conference, Cardiff, Wales.
- 2018 Reconfiguring Mountain Margins in India's World Cities. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2018 Panelist, Political Geography in the Age of Trump. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 Demographic fantasies and fever dreams: Populism and Panic. Royal Geographical Society-Institute for British Geographers Annual Conference, London, UK.
- 2017 University Geopolitics and the Production of Global Citizenship, with Mike Dimpfl. Feminist Geography 2017, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 2017 with Mike Dimpfl (first author). Cosmopolitan Sidestep: University Life, Geopolitics, and the Hidden Costs of 'Global' Citizenship. Paper presentation. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2017 Conversations on Practices of Decolonization and Racial Justice in Geography. Panelist (with FLOCK). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

- 2017 Collaborations in the Field and at Home: Considering multiple actors in the production of knowledge. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2016 Earth beyond repair: Race and apocalypse in collective imagination. Paper presentation with Pavithra Vasudevan and Mabel Gergan. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- 2016 What is to be done with World Regional Geography? Panelist. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- 2016 Fieldwork in Human Geography. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- 2015 Critical Pedagogy in Geography III: Teaching to Transgress, Teaching Community: bell hooks and feminist geographic pedagogies panelist, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago
- 2014 New Turns in Feminist Political Geography: Challenging the Subjects and Objects of Politics, II, invited panelist in session organized by Jill Williams and Vanessa Massaro, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Tampa Florida
- 2012 Geographies of human genetic variation: critical pedagogies of race and relatedness, invited panelist in session organized by Catherine Nash. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New York City.
- 2012 Doing feminist geography after the postcolonial turn, invited panelist in session organized by Nicole Laliberte and Carolin Schurr. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New York City.
- 2011 "In the heart, there's nothing": Unruly youth and the future of territory in Leh, Ladakh. Royal Geographical Society-Institute for British Geographers Annual Conference, London, UK
- 2011 The politics of marriage and reproduction in Ladakh. International Conference on Critical Geography, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2011 Disseminating Feminist Geographies within Postsecondary Education. Invited panelist, with Audrey Kobayashi, Joni Seager, and Kim England. Organized by Samantha Herr and Kelsey Hanrahan. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Seattle
- 2011 The geopolitics of intimacy: Marriage, babies, and territory in Ladakh. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- 2010 Closed birth doors, luck, and fate: Politics, Buddhism, and disrupted circulation in Ladakh, India. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2010 "We want to be someone else": Young people negotiate modernity, territory, and religious identity in India's Jammu and Kashmir State. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- 2010 Numbers, bodies, love, and babies: Feminist methodological approaches to territory. Contextualizing approaches to gender in Asia conference. March 3-6, Delhi University, New Delhi, India
- 2009 State bodies, intimate territories, and the experimental subject in India's Jammu and Kashmir State. Medical Anthropology at the Intersections, Yale University.
- 2009 Geopolitical intimacy and territorial anxiety: marriage, babies and politics in Leh. International Association for Ladakh Studies Colloquium, Leh, Ladakh, India.
- 2009 A Geopolitics of Fear and Desire: Religion, Territory, and Fertility in Jammu and Kashmir, India. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada
- 2008 Embodied histories: women, ethnicity and decision-making in Leh, India. Annual Fulbright Conference South Asia, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India.
- 2007 Where every body matters: the geopolitics of religion and fertility in Ladakh. 36th Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin.

- 2007 New directions in postcolonial research. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, (panel presentation).
- 2006 The domestication of geopolitics: Buddhist-Muslim conflict and the policing of marriage and the body in Ladakh, India. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2005 Producing division: religion and politics in the landscape of Leh, Ladakh, India. Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona.
- 2005 The geopolitics of everyday life: Buddhists and Muslims in Ladakh, India. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

### ***Teaching and undergraduate-research related activities***

Undergraduate research in the Social Sciences Workshop, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, UNC  
 Graduate Research Consultant Awards for GEOG 453 (2014, 2016), FYS (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019), GEOG 267 (2014, 2017, 2019)  
 Participation in Project Uplift (2014 and 2015)

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### **SERVICE**

#### ***Department***

Fall 2019- Director of Graduate Studies  
 Fall 2019- Graduate Awards Committee Chair  
 2019 (Spring) Undergraduate Committee  
 Fall 2015-Spring 2018 Post-Tenure Review Committee  
 Fall 2014-Fall 2018 Diversity Committee Chair  
 Spring 2016 Merit Committee Chair  
 Spring 2014-Spring 2016 Merit Committee  
 2013-2014 Graduate Student Awards Committee Member  
 2013-2014 Diversity Committee Member  
 2011: Search committee member East Asia Assistant Professor position (Xiaodong Chen hire)  
 2010: Interview committee member (Alvaro Reyes hire)  
 2010-2011: Colloquium Committee Chair, Department of Geography  
 2009-2011, 2014: Undergraduate Committee, Department of Geography

#### ***University***

2020- Carolina Scholars Mentor (mentoring 17 Pogue Scholars for four years)  
 2019- NSF TEAM ADVANCE Peer Mentoring Circle Co-Facilitator (mentoring circles of eight women of color junior faculty per year in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021)  
 2020- Graduate Certificate in Participatory Research Advisory Board  
 2019- Burch Advisory Board  
 2019- NSF TEAM ADVANCE Peer Mentoring Circle Facilitator  
 2014-2018 College of Arts and Sciences Diversity Committee Liaison for Department of Geography  
 2015 South Asia Working Group Committee  
 2014-2015 Faculty Learning Community on Diversity  
 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015: UNC Fulbright Review Committee  
 2011-2016 Mahatma Gandhi Fellowship faculty consultant and reviewer

#### ***External***

2020 (May) Covid Rapid Response Subcommittee to Support our Students  
 2002-2007: Editorial Board, *you are here – the journal of creative geography*  
 2005-2007: Jan Monk Distinguished Lecture Committee

2005-2006: Senior Editor, *you are here – the journal of creative geography*  
2003-2004: Editor, *you are here – the journal of creative geography*

### **Community Outreach**

Presenter at the Ackland Art Museum Exploring Exchange along the Silk Road workshop for K-12 educators. “Geography and the Silk Road: How trade makes our world.” June 2010.  
Guest Judge in AP Geography Health Geography Poster Session at Carrboro High School. 2010

### **Grant and Fellowship Reviewing**

National Science Foundation Geography and Spatial Science (2); Society for Women Geographers Dissertation Fellowship Reviewing (2016, 2017, 2020); National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (2016, 2019)

### **Manuscript Reviewing**

*Progress in Human Geography*; *Gender, Place, and Culture* (6); *Contemporary South Asia*; *Space and Polity*; *Geopolitics*; *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*; *Social and Cultural Geography*; *Geoforum* (2); *Geographica Helvetica*; *Emotion, Space, and Society*; *Professional Geographer Environment and Planning A*; *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*; *International Women’s Studies Forum*; *Geography Compass*; *Political Geography*; *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*; *Geohumanities*; *PLOS One*; *Third World Quarterly* *Thematics*; *Development and Change*; *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*

### **Book Proposal and Content Reviewing**

Routledge; Sage Publishing

### **SCHOLARLY AFFILIATIONS**

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Faculty Fellow, Center for Urban and Regional Studies, UNC  
North Carolina Consortium for South Asian Studies, Core Affiliated Faculty Member  
Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Faculty Member  
Association of American Geographers, International Association for Ladakh Studies