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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles, CA

Ph.D., Women's Studies, December 2007

Dissertation: *Migrating Bodies and Shifting Violence Discourses: The Formation of Legal Subjects in a Transnational Age*. Committee: Sondra Hale (Chair), Christine A. Littleton, Cheryl I. Harris, and Aziza Khazzoom

University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA

J.D., May 1997

Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA

Bachelor of Science, Political Science, June 1994

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Santa Clara University, Associate Professor, Women's and Gender Studies, (September 2010-present)

Santa Clara University, Inclusive Excellence Postdoctoral Fellow in Transnational Feminist Politics—
Women's and Gender Studies and Political Science, (September 2007-June 2010)

Adjunct Professor, Loyola Law School, (Fall 2004) (Winter 2007)

Adjunct Lecturer, Women's Studies Department, University of California, Los Angeles, (Spring 2002)
(Summer 2006) (Winter 2007)

Adjunct Lecturer, Gender and Women's Studies Department, California State University, Northridge,
(Fall 2006)

Adjunct Lecturer, Ethnic and Women's Studies Department, Cal-Poly Pomona, (Winter 2003) (Winter 2004)
(Summer 2006)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Women's Studies Department, University of California, Los Angeles,
(Fall 2000-Winter 2004)

PUBLICATIONS

Article: "Deconstructing Sita's Blues: Questions of Misrepresentation, Cultural Property and Feminist Critique in Nina Paley's Ramayana," *Feminist Studies*, Vol. 41, No. 2, 371-408 (2015).

Article: "From 'living corpse' to India's Daughter: Exploring the social, political and legal landscape of the 2012 Delhi gang rape," *Women's Studies International Forum*, Vol. 50, pgs. 89-101 (May-June 2015).

Article: "'Stop Importing Weapons of Family Destruction!' Cyberdiscourses, Patriarchal Anxieties and the Male Backlash Movement in India," *Violence Against Women*, Vol. 20, Num. 8 (August 2014).

Book Chapter: "Teaching Outside Liberal/Imperial Discourse: A Critical Dialogue about Antiracist Feminisms among Junior Faculty" (co-authored with Sylvanna Falcón, Molly Talcott, and Dana Collins) in Imperial University, edited by Sunaina Maira and Piya Chatterjee. University of Minnesota Press (April 2014).

Book: Co-edited with Dana Collins, Sylvanna Falcón, and Molly Talcott, New Directions in Feminism and Human Rights, New York: Routledge (April 2011).

Special Issue Journal: Co-edited with Dana Collins, Sylvanna Falcón, and Molly Talcott, "New Directions in Feminism and Human Rights," *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, Vol. 12, Num. 3-4, (December 2010).

Article: Co-authored with Dana Collins, Sylvanna Falcón, and Molly Talcott, "New Directions in Feminism and Human Rights: An Introduction," *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, Vol. 12, Num. 3-4, (December 2010).

Article: "Brides without Borders: New Topographies of Violence and the Future of Law in an Era of Transnational Citizen-Subjects," *Columbia Journal of Gender and Law*, Vol. 19 Num. 3 (September 2010).

Article: "Constructing an Imperfect Citizen-Subject: Globalization, National 'Security' and Violence Against South Asian Women," *Women's Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 38 Numbers 1 & 2, (Spring/Summer 2010).

Article: "Legal Frankensteins and Monstrous Women: Judicial Narratives of the 'Family in Crisis,'" *Meridians: Feminism, Race Transnationalism*, Vol. 9, Num. 2 (Summer 2009).

Encyclopedia Entry: "All-India Women's Conference," Encyclopedia of Gender and Society, Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications (2009).

Encyclopedia Entry: "Dowry Prohibition Act," Encyclopedia of Gender and Society, Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications (2009).

Book Chapter: "Selective Storytelling: A Critique of U.S. Media Coverage of Violence Against Indian Women," in Shout Out: Women of Color Respond to Violence. Eds. Barbara K. Ige and Maria Ochoa., Seal Press (December 2007).

Film Review: "Women Are Changing the World: Kum-Kum Bhavnani's 'The Shape of Water,'" *Women's Studies Quarterly*, Special Issue: Activisms, The Feminist Press Volume 35, Numbers 3 & 4 (December 2007).

Conference Article: "Demanding the Right to Live Without Violence," *Meridians: Feminism, Race Transnationalism*, Vol. 3, Num. 1 (Co-Authoring with Sylvanna Falcón, 2002).

Works in Progress: "Beyond Rescue: Reframing Advocacy and Intervention in the Women's Studies Classroom" (to be submitted to peer-reviewed journal)

Works in Progress: Advocacy Unbound—New Frontiers of Gender Activism in India (book project)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Beyond Rescue: Reframing Advocacy and Intervention in the Women's Studies Classroom," HERA Humanities Education and Research Association—Beyond the Binary Conference (April 2015).

"A Typology of Crisis: Charting the Unanticipated Outcomes of the Delhi Gang Rape," IFJP International Feminist Journal of Politics: Gender and Crisis in Global Politics, Los Angeles, CA (May 2014).

"Seeking Justice for 'India's Daughter': The Aftermath of the Delhi Gang Rape," National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH (November 2013).

“Becoming Junior Faculty: Using Your Women’s and Gender Studies Training in Women’s and Gender Studies Departments,” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH (November 2013).

“To Whom Does Sita Belong? Questions of Misrepresentation, Cultural Property and Feminist Critique in Nina Paley’s Ramayana,” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, Oakland, CA (November 2012).

“Transnational Connectivities and the Trafficking in Antifeminism,” International Conference on Law and Society, Honolulu, HI (June 2012).

“Disciplinary Disquiet in a Transnational World: The Politics of Curricular Change,” MELUS/USACLALS Conference, San Jose, CA (April 2012).

“‘Stop Importing Weapons of Family Destruction!’ Perceptions of Radical Feminism and Disobedient Daughters in the Men’s Rights Movement in India,” Gender, Art, and Social Movements in the Middle East and Global South Conference, University of California, Los Angeles, CA (October 2011).

“Rethinking the ‘West’ in Western Civ and the Practical Consequences of Elevating Feminist Knowledge,” Future of Minority Studies Colloquium—Subjugated Histories, Decolonizing Practices, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA (February 2011).

“Abandoned Brides and Transnational Jurisdictions: Constructing Anti-Violence Advocacy Across Borders,” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Denver, CO (May 2009).

“Brides without Borders: New Topographies of Violence and the Future of Law in an Era of Transnational Citizen-Subjects,” Columbia Gender and Law Symposium Gender on the Frontiers: Confronting Intersectionalities, New York, NY (April 2009).

“Justice Interrupted: Transnational Subjects, Shifting Violence Discourses and the Future of Feminist Legal Advocacy in India,” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI (October 2007).

“Migrating Bodies and Flexible Boundaries: The Implications of Local & Global Shifts on the Indian Family,” Race and Gender: (Re) Imagining the Family Conference, Seattle University, Seattle, WA (April 2007).

“Re-Imagining the Boundaries of Violence in a Transnational Age: the Challenge of Feminist Legal Advocacy,” Feminist Dialogues on Social Justice: Forging Articulations Across U.S. Based Anti-Racist and Transnational Feminisms, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (October 2005).

“Resources Strategies and Barriers for Assisting Women Abandoned Transnationally,” Aarohan Conference, New Brunswick, NJ (September 2005).

“Using Transnational Frameworks to Expand the Discourse on Gendered Violence,” Feminism Unbound: Crossing Borders, the Huntington Library, Pasadena, CA (March 2004).

“The Woman Question in Bollywood Film,” Thinking Gender Conference, UCLA Center for the Study of Women, Los Angeles, CA (March 2003).

“When Culture Becomes a Commodity: Hindu Imagery in the Western Marketplace,” Graduate Student History and Theory Conference, UC Irvine, Irvine, CA (November 2002).

“Where Strict Equality and Colorblindness Converge,” Thinking Gender Conference, UCLA Center for the Study of Women, Los Angeles, CA (March 2002).

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

“From ‘Living Corpse’ to India’s Daughter: Exploring the Social, Legal and Political Ruptures of the 2012 Delhi Gang Rape,” Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA (March, 2015).

“Deconstructing Sita’s Blues: Questions of Mis/representation, Cultural Property and Feminist Critique in Nina Paley’s Ramayana,” Women’s and Gender Studies Fall Lunch Lecture, Santa Clara, CA (November 2014).

“Imagining New Terrains for Anti-Racist Feminist Collaboration and Scholar Activism,” Women of Color Network Luncheon Speaker, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA (April 2012).

“Decolonizing ‘Western Culture’ and the Perils and Possibilities of Elevating Subjugated Knowledge,” Presentation for Gender, Globalization and Empire Working Group, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA (May 2011).

“Homeless and Penniless in a Foreign Land: Navigating the Legal Complexities of NRI Abandonment,” Inclusive Excellence Postdoc Lecture, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA (May 2009).

“Migrating Bodies in a Transnational Age: The Challenge of Feminist Legal Advocacy,” Inclusive Excellence Postdoc Lecture, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA (April 2008).

“Global Perspectives on Violence Against Women,” Presentation to the Zonta Club, Santa Clarita, CA (October 2006).

“Social Ethical and Advocacy Issues in Genetic Testing for Breast Cancer,” Presentation at Cancer Genetics: Health, Hope and the Jewish Family, USC Norris/The Jewish Federation/Hadassah (December 1999).

“Women and Breast Cancer: Fighting the Legal Battles,” Presentation at Life Pathways: Women Healing, Thriving and Celebrating, 2nd National Conference on Women (September 1999).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Developed and Taught at Santa Clara University (2007-Present)

WGST 50: Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies

WGST 11A Cultures and Ideas I: Women in Transnational Perspective

WGST 12A Cultures and Ideas II: Women in Transnational Perspective

WGST 101: Feminist Theory

WGST 104: Beauty, Culture and Society in a Global Age

WGST 118: Women and Law in the U.S.

WGST 112: Women of Color in the U.S.

WGST 51: Women in Global Perspective

POLI 127: Women and Law in Global Perspective

Courses Developed and Taught at Other Institutions (2002-2007)

Gender, Citizenship and Feminist Legal Advocacy in India, UCLA

Women of Color in the U.S., UCLA

Race and Gender Seminar, Loyola Law School

Race, Gender and Sexuality, Cal-State Northridge

Gender in a Global Context, Cal-Poly Pomona

Teaching Assistant (2000-2004)

Introduction to Women’s Studies, UCLA

Women of Color in the U.S., UCLA

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Provost's Publication Subvention Grant, Santa Clara University (2015)
Hackworth Grant from the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics (2014)
Faculty-Student Research Assistance Program Grant, Santa Clara University (2013-2014)
Junior Faculty Development Leave Grant, Santa Clara University (2013)
National Ctr. for Faculty Development & Diversity Summer Bootcamp Grant, Santa Clara University (2012)
Carly B. Howerly Teaching Enhancement Grant (2012)
Provost's Publication Subvention Grant, Santa Clara University (2012)
Honorarium for Curriculum Development for Core Pathway, Santa Clara University (2011-2012)
Honorarium for Curriculum Development for Core Course, Santa Clara University (2011-2012)
Faculty Technology Grant, Santa Clara University (2011)
Faculty-Student Research Assistance Program Grant, Santa Clara University (2011-2012)
Faculty-Student Research Assistance Program Grant, Santa Clara University (2009-2010)
Future of Minority Studies Summer Institute, FMS Mellon-Fellow, Cornell University (2008)
Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA (2005-2006)
Quality of Graduate Education Research Travel Grant, UCLA (2004-2005, 2006-2007)
Constance Coiner Graduate Fellowship, UCLA Center for the Study of Women (2005)
Eugene Cota Robles Fellowship, UCLA (2002-2006)
Graduate Opportunity Fellowship, UCLA (2000-2001)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Service to the Women's and Gender Studies Program and the University

Member, Women's and Gender Studies Program Council, Santa Clara University (September 2008-Present)

Member, Cultures and Ideas 3 Core Curriculum Committee (June 2014-Present)

Member, Diversity Faculty Core Curriculum Committee (September 2011-July 2014)

Member, Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education Faculty Steering Committee (2013-2014)

Member, Ignatian Faculty Forum II (September 2012-May 2013)

Member, Ignatian Faculty Forum I (September 2011-May 2012)

Co-Convener, Faculty Study Group in *Gender, Globalization and Empire* (December 2014-Present)

Co-Facilitator, Core Pathway on *Gender, Globalization and Empire* (November 2011-Present)

Core Curriculum Development—Developed a new course titled *Sex, Law and Social Justice: The Politics of Advocacy* which was approved for Civic Engagement and included in several Pathways (2015)

Core Curriculum Development—Developed and taught for the first time a new course titled *Beauty, Culture and Society in a Global Age* which was approved for Cultures and Ideas 3 and several Pathways (2015)

Core Curriculum Development—Developed and received approval for new core Pathway in *Gender, Globalization and Empire* with Dr. Naomi Andrews (March 2011-July 2011).

Core Curriculum Development—Collaborated with Professor Linda Garber, to develop a two-quarter Cultures and Ideas sequence titled *Women in Transnational Perspective* (2009)

Core Curriculum Development—Collaborated with Professor Linda Garber and Visiting Professor Carissa Showden to develop a *Feminist Theory* course certified as both Diversity and Civic Engagement (2009)

Core Curriculum Development—Developed an *Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies* course which was approved as a Diversity course (2009)

Participant—Faculty Conversations Series sponsored by Jesuit Community (2014-2015)

Invited Discussant—Valeriote-Goldman Symposium on Public Health and Social Justice Series speaker, Minh Dang, following her talk titled “Freedom & Slavery: Moving Beyond Moral Judgment” (February 2015)

Invited Presenter—“What is Your Professor Thinking?” at The Peninsula College Fund’s College Success Weekend, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA (July 2014)

Invited Presenter—“Good News: Summer’s Coming. Bad news: It’s 12 weeks long,” Faculty Women of Color Network and Faculty Development Lunch Discussion, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA (May 2013).

Invited Panelist—“Library Book of the Quarter: Holding Up Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide,” invited panelist, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA (May 2012).

Invited Panelist—“Neer Peer Panel Presentation,” for New Faculty Orientation, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA (September 2011 and September 2012).

Invited Panelist—“Summer Faculty Technology Workshop,” Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA (June 2011)

Moderator—“Women’s and Gender Studies Alumni in Law Panel,” Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA (February 2011)

Guest Lecturer—“Examining Gender, Law and the Indian Family,” in Professor Stephanie Wildman’s *Women and the Law* course, Santa Clara Law School, Santa Clara, CA (March 2008).

Student Advising and Mentoring

Worked with undergraduate research assistant Deepti Shenoy through a Faculty Student Research Assistant Program (FSRAP) grant (2009-2010)

Reader for Honors Thesis by Jackie Stotlar: “Suffragists, Antis and the New Woman: Press Coverage in California, Illinois and New York, 1900-1920” (2011)

Worked with undergraduate research assistant Mayra-Garcia Hernandez and Emily Stover on research funded through the Faculty Student Research Assistant Program (FSRAP). (2011-2012)

Reader for Political Science Honors Society Thesis by Alison Braun, “The Fading ‘I do’: An Examination of the Ineffectiveness of Governmental Marriage Promotion Through Welfare Reform.” (2012-2013)

Worked with undergraduate research assistant Claire McCall Muller on research projects funded by Faculty Student Research Assistant Program (FSRAP) and the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics. (2013-2015)

Reader for University Honors Thesis by Cameron Coulter: “The Coalitional Politics of Forum Theatre.” (2014-2015)

Professional Service

“Bridging Humanities and Social Science Frameworks to Human Rights: Feminist and Decolonial Approaches.” Invited participant in Faculty Working Group funded by University of California Humanities Research Institute (September 2012-June 2013)

Manuscript Reviewer for Women’s Studies International Forum (July 2011)

Conference Organizer “New Directions in Feminism and Human Rights,” at the University of California, Santa Cruz, CA (April 2011)

Service to the Community

Duveneck Elementary School Volunteer

Throughout the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 academic years served as a regular volunteer at my daughter’s elementary school developing classroom presentations and providing other in-class assistance to her teachers.

Kids on Campus Board Member

Faculty Representative on the Kids on Campus Board for 2012-2013. This position involved monthly meetings as well as regular attendance and support of all scheduled activities and events hosted by Kids on Campus during the year.

Kids on Campus Room Parent

During the 2014-2015 academic year I served as one of two Room Parents for the Shark Room at Kids on Campus which involved planning school-wide and room specific events throughout the year.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

California Women’s Law Center, Los Angeles, CA

Staff Attorney (March 2005-July 2005)

Conducted legal trainings and provided assistance to clients and agencies on Title IX with a specific focus on the legal rights of pregnant and parenting students. Drafted educational materials on state and federal laws related to equal access to educational opportunities.

California Women’s Law Center, Los Angeles, CA

Staff Attorney (May 1998-March 2000)

Served as the staff attorney for the Center’s Breast Cancer Legal Project representing clients on a range of issues including employment discrimination, housing discrimination, debt collection, insurance coverage, and access to healthcare. Conducted extensive educational and outreach work to clients, attorneys and medical professionals on the legal issues faced by women with breast cancer. Drafted publications and educational materials on law and policy issues related to women’s health.

California Attorney General’s Office, San Francisco, CA

Volunteer Attorney (February 1998-May 1998)

Researched and drafted appellate briefs and other legal memoranda for attorneys in the Health, Education and Welfare Section.

ACLU of Northern California, San Francisco, CA

Legal Intern (January 1997-May 1997)

Researched and drafted legal memoranda for legal staff on a wide range of civil rights issues.

Superior Court, Santa Clara, CA

Judicial Extern (January 1997-May 1997)

Researched and analyzed criminal law and motions matters pending before the Hon. LaDoris H Cordell.

California Attorney General’s Office, San Francisco, CA

Law Clerk (August 1996-November 1996)

Drafted legal memoranda in class action lawsuit brought by mental health patients.

Hastings Civil Justice Clinic, San Francisco, CA

Legal Representative (August 1996-November 1996)

Represented clients in Landlord-Tenant and Special Education cases in administrative hearings and mediation sessions. Conducted extensive interviewing, case planning, factual investigation and client negotiations.

Human Rights Commission, San Francisco, CA

Legal Intern ((June 1995-August 1995)

Investigated corporations and individuals seeking certification as minority or women-owned businesses.

Reviewed applications, conducted on-site interviews and made case recommendations.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Women's Studies Association

Humanities Education and Research Association

Law and Society Association

State Bar of California