#### TITHI BHATTACHARYA

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#### **Academic Record**

University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, Ph.D. (History), 2000 Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, M.A. (History), 1995 Jadavpur University, Calcutta, B.A. (History Honors), 1992

#### **General Information**

#### a. Academic Appointments

Purdue University, Department of History, Associate Professor, 2008-present.

Affiliations: Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program; Asian Studies

Program; Religious Studies Program.

Purdue University, Department of History, Assistant Professor, 2002-2008.

Affiliations: Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program; Asian Studies Program; Religious Studies Program.

University of Western Washington, Department of Liberal Studies, Visiting Assistant Professor, January-June 2002.

University of British Columbia, Centre for India and South Asian Research, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2001.

#### b. Industrial, Business, and Governmental Positions

Consultant for the Internal Counselor of the National Institute of Political Formation of Morena, Mexcio, 2023.

Consultant for Committee on Gender Equality for the Government of Ireland, 2022.

Consultant, U.K. Women's Budget Group, 2021-present.

Consultant for Global History, Indiana Commission for Higher Education, 2005-6.

#### e. Awards and Honors

Most Distinguished Faculty for Academics, Purdue Residential Academic Initiative Office, 2023.

Departmental Nominee, Kenneth T. Kofmehl Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2016.

Finalist, Violet Haas Award administered by the Susan Bulkeley Butler Center for Leadership Excellence, 2013.

## f. Membership in Academic, Professional and Scholarly Societies

American Historical Association Association for Asian Studies National Women's Studies Association

## g. Languages Spoken and Written

English Native/Bilingual Bengali Native/Bilingual Hindi Proficient Nepali Intermediate

**Section A: DISCOVERY** 

#### 1. Published work

#### **Books**

- Ghostly Past, Capitalist Presence: A Social History of Fear in Colonial Bengal. Durham: Duke University Press, 2024.
- With Nancy Fraser and Cinzia Arruzza, *Feminism for the 99%: A Manifesto*. London: Verso Press, 2019. Translated in over 30 languages.
- Editor, Social Reproduction Theory: Remapping Class, Recentering Oppression. London: Pluto Press, 2017. Translated in over 6 languages.
- The Sentinels of Culture: Class, Education and the Colonial Intellectual; Bengal: 1848 1885. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2005.

#### **Refereed Book Chapters**

- "Of Fish knives and Brooms: A Social Reproduction Approach to Solidarity," in Chandra Mohanty and Dana Olwan eds, *Feminist Theories of Solidarity*, Forthcoming from Duke University Press.
- With Sara Farris and Susan Ferguson, "Social Reproduction Feminisms." In *The Sage Handbook of Marxism*, edited by Beverley Skeggs, Alberto Toscano, Sara Farris, and Svenja Bromberg, 201-223. London: Sage Publication, 2021.
- "From the Production of Value to the Valuing of Reproduction." In *Capitalism: Concept, Idea, Image; Aspects of Marx's Capital Today*, edited by Petr Osborne, Eric Alliez and Eric-John Russell, 105-120. London, CREMP Books, 2019.
- With Bill V. Mullen, "Neoliberalism in the University." In *Against Apartheid*, edited by Bill V. Mullen and Ashley Dawson, 201-205. Chicago: Haymarket Books, 2015.

- "Deadly Spaces: Ghosts, Histories and Colonial Anxieties in Nineteenth-century Bengal." In *Postcolonial Ghosts*, edited by Mélanie Joseph-Vilain and Judith Misrahi-Barak, 143-156. Montpellier: Presses universitaires de la Méditerranée, 2009.
- "A World of Learning: The Material Culture of Education and Class in Nineteenth Century Bengal." In *Beyond Representation: Construction of Indian Identity*, edited by Crispin Bates, 171-203. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2006.

#### **Refereed Articles**

- "Social Reproduction Theory as Diagnostic, Abolition as Politics: Reimagining Anticapitalism," *Labor: Studies in Working Class History*, Forthcoming in Vol 21, Issue 4.
- "Margaret Benston and the Liberation of Women from 'Political Economy'," *Monthly Review*, 71.8 (2019): 1-13.
- "Donald Trump: The unanticipated apotheosis of neoliberalism," *Cultural Dynamics*, 29: 1-2 (2017):108 116.
- With Bill V. Mullen, "Capital's Laboring Bodies and Bodies of Labor Under Capital," English Language Notes, Spring/Summer (2015):159-171.
- "Tracking the Goddess: Religion, Community and Identity in the Durga Puja Ceremonies of Nineteenth Century Calcutta," *Journal of Asian Studies*, 66:1 (2007): 919-962.
- "Bewarish Bangla Bhasha: Language and its Guardians", *Jadavpur University Journal of History*, 21 (2004):1-27.
- "In the Name of Culture", South Asia Research, 21:2 (2000): 161-187.

#### **Book Reviews:**

- Review of *The Social Space of Language: Vernacular Culture in British Colonial Punjab*, by Farina Mir. *American Historical Review* 116, no.5 (2011): 1466-1468.
- Review of *Bengal in Global Concept History: Culturalism in the Age of Capital*, by Andrew Sartori. *Journal of Asian Studies* 69 (2010): 313-17.
- Review of *Behind the Mask: The Cultural Definition of the Legal Subject in Colonial Bengal*, by Anindita Mukhopadhyay. *American Historical Review* 114, no. 9 (December 2009): 1430-1431.
- Review of *Re-Visioning the Past: Early Photography in Bengal 1875-1915*, by Malavika Karlekar. *American Historical Review* 111, no. 5 (December 2006):1492.
- Review of *Producing India* by Manu Goswami. *Journal of Asian Studies* 64, no. 1 (February 2005): 223-24.

Review of *Producing Workers* by Leela Fernandes. *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 61, part 3 (1998): 579-580.

## **Encyclopedia Entries:**

- "Lise Vogel and Social Reproduction Theory," in *Handbook of Marxism and Post Marxism*, Alex Callinicos, Stathis Kouvelakis and Lucia Pradella eds. (London: Routledge, 2020): 419-426.
- "Slavery", "East India Company", "Time", "Labour", "Lenin", in *The Encyclopedia of Capitalism*, S.B. Hussain ed. (New York, NY: Facts on File, 2004): x; 222-223, x, x, x.

#### Additional Published Work:

#### **Other Articles:**

- "India's Daughter: Neoliberalism Dreams and the Nightmares of Violence," *International Socialist Review* 97 (Summer 2015): 53-71.
- "Explaining Gender Violence in the Neoliberal Era," *International Socialist Review* 91 (Winter 2014): 25-47.
- "Maoism in the Global South: Rethinking Social Movement Theory," *International Socialist Review* 87 (Winter 2013): 40-46
- "Sahebder Thakur: The Forms and Uses of Print in Nineteenth Century Bengal," Occasional Paper Series, Centre for India and South Asia Research, University of British Columbia, 2001.
- "Dismantling Apathy," New Left Review 227 (January/February 1998):147-153.

#### Blurbs

- 2022 Kohei Saito, *Marx in the Anthropocene: Towards the Idea of Degrowth Communism* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Feb 2023).
  - David Harvey, *A Companion to Marx's Grundrisse* (London, New York: Verso, Feb 2023).
  - Nancy Welch, *Ten More Things About Us*; Spring 2022 Black River Chapbook Competition Winner (New York, Black Lawrence Press, Sept. 2023).
- 2020 Sumaya Awad and Brian Bean eds, *Palestine: A Socialist Introduction* (Chicago: Haymarket Press, 2020).

#### **Forward**

Lucy Cavallero and Veronica Gago, *Feminist Reading of Debt* (London:Pluto Press, 2021), viii-x.

#### **Interviews**

"What is Anticolonial Feminism," Podcast Interview for *India and the Global left* "Social Reproduction and the Pandemic," *Dissent Magazine*, April 2, 2020.

Translated into 6 languages within the year; cited multiple times including

at the US National Library of Medicine and National Institute of Health.

Feature Interview in Salvage Magazine, October 2016.

## **Popular Press**

- "Palestine and British Colonialism," Truthout, Nov. 30, 2023.
- —With Gareth Dale, "Is BRICS+ an Anticolonial Formation?" *Truthout*, Sept. 13, 2023.
- "Barbie' Lets Us Laugh at the Patriarchy, But Not at the Expense of Corporations," *Truthout*, August 11, 2023.
- "COVID Hasn't Disappeared But Empathy, Care and Solidarity Have," *Truthout*, July 6, 2023.
- "Capitalism Made Women of Color More Vulnerable to the COVID Recession," *Truthout*, October 6, 2020.
- "Three Ways a Green New Deal Can Promote Life Over Capital," *Jacobin Magazine*, June 10, 2019.
- With Linda Martin Alcoff, Cinzia Arruzza, Angela Davis, Nancy Frase, Barbara Ransby, Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, Rasmea Odeh, "Women of America We are going on Strike," *The Guardian*, February 6, 2017.
- With Cinzia Arruzza, "What the Women's Strike Means," *Jacobin Magazine*, March 2, 2017.
- With Cinzia Arruzza, "Strikes were a part of Women's Day before. With Trump, they will be again", *The Guardian*, February 21, 2017.
- With Cinzia Arruzza, "When did Solidarity Among Working Women Become a Privilege?" *The Nation*, March 7, 2017.
- "The Day I said Goodbye to a Country I could No Longer Call Home," *Salon.com* September 2015.
- "Standing with Sangeeta Richards," Socialist Worker, January 23, 2014.
- "How our Universities Teach Violence," *Socialist Worker*, January 30, 2014. Republished in www.alternet.org. January 31, 2014.
- "Let there be Uproar," ZNet, October 1, 2014.
- "Why we will be Marching on August 24," Op-ed in Truth Out, August 24, 2013.
- "What's the Matter with Indiana," *Jacobin Magazine*, August 8, 2013. Reprinted in Salon.com.
- "Why I went to Grant Park on November 4," Lenin's Tomb, November 9, 2008.

#### **Dedicated Column in Huffington Post:**

- "Adventures in Islam: The Myth of Muslim Homogeneity," January 5, 2016.
- "Adventures in Islam: Algebras of Intimacy," January 19, 2016.
- "Why we need to talk about Hinduism(S)," May 25, 2016.

#### Works in Press

#### **Book Chapters:**

With Gareth Dale, "BRICS+ Anticolonial Resistors or Capitalist Competitors?" in Patrick Bond and Ana Garcia Eds, *Alternative BRICS*. Forthcoming.

#### Work planned or anticipated beyond what is published

#### **Books:**

- Disorderly Women, Orderly Parties: Women in Revolutionary Organizations in Colonial India, under informal contract with Cambridge University Press.
- "To Change One Thing: Everything": Social Reproduction Theory and the Politics of Abolition, under contract with Verso Press.

# 4. Invited lectures presented at regional, national, and international society meetings and/or other educational institutions.

#### Regional

- "What is A Social Reproduction Approach to Solidarity? Some Lessons from the Past," Grayson Kirk Distinguished Lecture Series, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, November 2023.
- "Deadly Spaces: Ghosts, Histories and Colonial Anxieties in Nineteenth Century Bengal." Invited Lecture, Cultural Studies Lecture Series, Indiana University, April 2023.
- Commentator. "Community and Immigration," 9th Biannual History Graduate Student Conference, Purdue University, March 2023.
- "Coming Down with Modernity: Swarnakumari Debi's Writings on Science and Nature." Invited Lecture, Indiana University, February 2010.

#### National

- Keynote Speaker. Care Symposium. Barnard Center for Research on Women, Barnard College, New York, April 2024.
- "Who are we empowering? Class and Gender in a Postpandemic World." Invited Lecture. Foreign Policy Magazine's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Her Power Summit, December 2022.
- "The Political Economy of Feminist Solidarity." Invited Lecture. Gender and Women's Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, October 2021.
- Workshop Leader. Social Reproduction Theory. Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, University of Miami, April 2021.
- "Social Reproduction Theory in Pandemic Times." Invited Lecture. Gender and Women's Studies, U.C. Berkeley, March 2021.
- "Social Reproduction Theory and Marxist Intersection." Invited Lecture. Eisenberg Institute, University of Michigan, March 2021.
- "A Case for Feminist Solidarity." Invited Lecture. Bard College, November 2020.
- "Reading Marx's Capital with the lens of Social Reproduction." Invited Lecture. Yale

- University, October 2020.
- "The Care Agenda and Feminism for the 99%." Invited Lecture. University of Vermont, September 2020.
- Keynote Speaker. Insurrectionary Feminism Conference, National Nurses Union, San Francisco, September 2019.
- Keynote Speaker. Feminist Convergence. Philadelphia, April 2019.
- "Capitalism and the Social Reproduction of Abjection." Invited Lecture. University of Oregon, February 2019.
- The Ongoing Past: Oral History and the Unfreezing of Empiricist Narratives." Invited Lecture. Tufts University, September 2016.
- "The 'Work' of Life: Social Reproduction, Liberalism and the Global South." Invited Lecture. Hannah Arendt-Reiner Schurmann Memorial Symposium, New School, April 2016.
- "Ghosts R Us: The Supernatural and Historicity in Colonial Bengal", 44<sup>th</sup>. Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 2015.
- "Gender Violence and the Neoliberal State in India: Gendering Social Movement Theory", Invited Lecture. Women's Studies Department, University of Massachusetts, April 2013.
- "Changing the World at Home: Rabindranath Tagore and the notion of Universal Modernity." Keynote Speaker. Annual Tagore Society Conference, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, October 2010.
- "Ghosts of the Past: Towards A History of Haunting in Colonial Bengal." Invited lecture. Illinois Wesleyan University, November 2008.
- "Rituals of Death and Gender in a Colonial Society", Invited lecture. U.C. San Diego, October 2009.

#### International

- Keynote Speaker. "Theories of Social Reproduction Symposium," Sorbonne University, Paris, France, May 2024.
- "Preliminary Notes on Feminist Solidarity: A View from the South", Theories from the South Workshop, American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt, May 2023.
- Keynote Speaker. Spectres of Marx Conference, Universität Bielefeld, Germany, October 2022.
- Keynote Speaker. International Marxist Feminist Conference, Bilboa, Spain, November 2021.

- "Transnational Feminist Assemblages in Covid Times", Invited Lecture. Furia Feminist Collective, Belgium, November 2021.
- "Citizenship and Democracy in a Feminist Frame", Invited Lecture. University of Cambridge, May 2021.
- Keynote Speaker. Labor and Women's Work Conference, Newcastle University, May 2021.
- "Notes on a Transnational Feminism", Invited Lecture. Cape town Alternative Information & Development Centre, Cape Town, South Africa, March 2021.
- Commentator, Symposium on David McNally's *Blood and Money*. 17<sup>th</sup>. Annual Historical Materialism Conference, London, November 2020.
- "Coronavirus, Care and Social Reproduction". Invited Lecture. Amsterdam Research Centre for Gender and Sexuality, September 2020.
- Keynote Speaker. Das Andre Davos Conference, Zurich, Switzerland, January 2020.
- "Liberating Women from Political Economy: A Social Reproduction Approach to Gender". Invited Lecture. South Asian University, Delhi, December 2019.
- Plenary Speaker. Class, Capitalism and Gender Conference, Rosa-Luxemburg Foundation, Berlin, November 2019.
- Plenary Speaker, 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Historical Materialism Conference, London, November 2019.
- Plenary Speaker. Gênero, raça e classe em direção a uma teoria unitária da emancipação humana Conference, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Rio De Janeiro, August 2019.
- Keynote Speaker. Subversive Festival, Zagreb, Croatia, May 2019.
- "A Sacred Thirst: Socially Reproducing Tea in Colonial Bengal", Towards a Global History Of Primitive Accumulation Conference, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, May 2019.
- "Social Reproduction Theory: The Gendering of Capitalism". Invited Lecture. TER à l'ISST Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, April 2019.
- Keynote Speaker. Marx200: Politics-Theory-Socialism Conference, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Berlin, May 2018.
- "Gendering Capital". Invited Lecture. Capitalism Concept and Idea Conference, Kingston

- University, London, October 2017
- "Centering Gender in Marx's Capital". Invited Lecture. Capital 150: Marx's Capital Today Conference, King's College, London, September 2017.
- "Rereading Gramsci in Colonial Calcutta: Class location, Class Formation and Ideology". Invited Lecture. Global Bourgeoisie Conference, Cambridge University, Cambridge, August 2015.
- "Gender and Race at the intersection of Policy". Invited Lecture. Runnymede Trust and the Centre for Research on Migration, Refugees & Belonging, London, May 2012.
- "Feminism and Marxism: An Unhappy Liaison?". Invited Lecture. American University of Beirut, December 2011.
- "Mutinous Ghosts". Invited Lecture. Mutiny at the Margins Conference, Edinburgh University, July 2007.
- "Superstition and Rationality in Colonial Calcutta". Invited Lecture. University of California, Berkeley. October 2006.
- "Tracking the Goddess: Religion, Community and Mobilization in Nineteenth-Century Calcutta". Invited Lecture. Dhaka University, October 2003.
- "The Social Niche of Religion: Durga Puja ceremonies of Nineteenth Century Calcutta".

  Invited Lecture at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, September 2003.
- "Bewarish Bangla Bhasha: Language and its Guardians". Invited Lecture. Centre For India and South Asia Research, University of British Columbia, March 2001.
- "Mother India: Gender and Class at the Birth of a Nation". Invited Lecture. Center for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations, University of British Columbia, March 2001.
- "In the Name of Culture: Rethinking the Political Economy of the Bhadralok in Bengal". Invited Lecture. South Asia History Series, University of Oxford, April 2000.
- "The Emergence and Development of the Bengali Language". Invited Lecture. University of Sussex, September 2000.
- "The Contours of Urbanization in Calcutta in the late Nineteenth-century". Invited Lecture. Raphael Samuel Centre for Metropolitan Cultural History, London, March 2000.

#### By Zoom

Interviewed for Al Jazeera, December 2020.

"The Care Agenda and Feminism for the 99%". Invited Lecture. Forum on Social Transformation, Sri Lanka, December 2020.

"Social Reproduction Theory as a Research Field". Workshop hosted by Pluto Press, which houses my book series on the subject, December 2020.

Helped launch Sara Matthiesen, *Reproduction Reconceived: Family Making and the Limits of Choice after Roe v. Wade* (University of California Press, 2021), November 2021.

Panelist. Workshop on Imperial University, Sponsored by Haymarket Press, November 2020.

Keynote Speaker. Mobilizing for Action for a Just Economy, Toronto, November 2020.

Keynote Speaker. U.K Women's Budget Group, November 2020.

"What does a Feminist Foreign Policy Look Like?" Invited Lecture. CodePink, October 2020.

Interviewed on the Nomiki Show, October 2020.

Invited Speaker. Indianapolis Friends for Choice. September 2020.

Interviewed on the podcast The Dig, September 2020.

"Coronavirus, Care and Social Reproduction". Invited Lecture. Scottish Artists' Union, August 2020.

"Carework and its role in global issues". Invited Lecture. Rethinking Economics Festival, July 2020.

"Covid 19 and Carework", Invited Lecture. Catarsi Magazine of Barcelona, June 2020.

"Life-Making, Capitalism and the Pandemic". Roundtable hosted by Haymarket Press. May 2020.

"University and Social Reproduction". Invited Lecture. New Castle University, May 2020.

"Coronavirus, Care and Social Reproduction". Invited Lecture. Conter Magazine of Scotland, May 2020.

"Essential Work, Care work and Covid 19: A Feminist Agenda". Invited Lecture. National Nurses Union, May 2020.

# 5. Evidence of the nominee's involvement in the graduate research program of her department

<u>Major Professor (current students)</u> Shriya Dasgupta, History, Ph.D. Srishti Dutta Chowdhury, History, Ph.D.

Anisha Kar, History, Ph.D.

Vipanchika S. Bhagyanagar, Ph. D.

Tyler Herber, History, Ph.D. Current Position: Visiting Professor of History, Huntington University, Indiana.

#### Major Professor (completed degree)

Suparna Chakrabarty, Purdue University, Ph.D. History 2017. Current Position: Assistant Professor of History, Western Governors University.

#### Member of M.A./Ph.D. Dissertation Committees

Shradha Naveen, Anthropology, Ph.D. Purdue University.

Rajaa Al Fatima Moini, Comparative Literature, M.A. Purdue University.

Tali Bitton, Philosophy, Ph. D. University of Oregon.

Wesley R. Bishop, Purdue University, Ph.D. History 2017. Current Position: Assistant Professor of Public and American History, Jacksonville State University, Alabama.

Garrett Washington, Purdue University, Ph.D. History 2007. Current Position: Associate Professor of History, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts.

Hakki Gurkas, Purdue University, Ph.D. History 2008. Current Position: Associate Professor of History, Kennesaw State University, Georgia.

#### Course Developed

Created a core Historical Methods course for second year graduate students designed to give students a critical grounding in historical methodologies, including archival research. The course was developed from a series of presentations on historical methodology given over a semester.

# a. Evidence of Involvement in the Graduate Research Program Nationally and Internationally

#### Member of Ph.D./M.A. Committee

Tali Bitton, Ph.D. Philosophy. University of Oregon.

Murray Robertson, University of Roehampton, UK. Ph.D. Education, 2022.

Anita Prsa, University of Utrecht. M.A. 2019.

Damien Bailey, Curtin University, Australia, Ph.D. 2003. Current Position, Associate Professor, La Trobe University.

#### 6. Evidence of the nominee's involvement with undergraduates in her research program

Founding Director, Global Studies Program, with one of the highest undergraduate enrollments in the College of Liberal Arts.

#### Mentor, on Capstone Projects:

Jannine Huby, Outstanding Senior, School of Interdisciplinary Studies, 2023.

Noor Abdullah, Inducted to Purdue Mortar Board, 2023.

Zeba Kokan, Outstanding Senior, School of Interdisciplinary Studies, Truman Scholar, Finalist for Rhodes Scholarship, 2021.

Margaret Tienhaara, Dean's Scholar, Outstanding Senior, School of Interdisciplinary Studies, 2020.

Mentor, Purdue University Summer Research Opportunities Program Serena Touqan, Macalester College, 202.1

# a. Evidence of Involvement in the Undergraduate Research Program Nationally and Internationally

#### Visiting Professorship

University of Sao Paolo, Brazil, 2023.

Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Rennes, Rennes, France, 2018.

#### 7. Research Grants and Awards Received

- 1. Agency/Title of Grant: ASPIRE, CLA, Purdue
- 2. Duration of Funding (Dates): Summer 2016, 2017, 2019, 2022.
- 3. Total amount of each award: \$2500
- 4. My role: Author
- 1. Agency/Title of Grant: INNOVATE, CLA, Purdue
- 2. Duration of Funding (Dates): Fall 2015, Fall 2016
- 3. Total amount of award: \$25,000 and \$25,000 respectively, Total: \$50,000
- 4. My role: Develop a New Major in Global Studies
- 1. Agency/Title of Grant: Global Synergy Grant, CLA, Purdue
- 2. Duration of Funding (Dates): Fall 2015
- 3. Total amount of award: \$4,000
- 4. My role: Develop a Global Cities Research Network
- 1. Agency/Title of Grant: SAIL Grant, Purdue
- 2. Duration of Funding (Dates): Fall 2012
- 3. Total amount of award: \$5.000
- 4. My role: Study Abroad programming in London
- 1. Agency/Title of Grant: SAIL Grant, Purdue
- 2. Duration of Funding (Dates): Fall 2009
- 3. Total amount of award: \$5.000
- 4. My role: Study Abroad programming in London

#### 8. Current Research Interests and Book Projects

Disorderly Women, Orderly Parties: Women in Revolutionary Organizations in Colonial India, under informal contract with Cambridge University Press.

In the first decades of the twentieth century, two historical developments are of particular significance for a young woman growing up in an anticolonial milieu. The first was the entry of a small but significant number of women into revolutionary terrorist politics from the 1930s. Often as young as twelve, these young women led stunning armed attacks on British administrators and colonial centers of power. The second, equally important, was the growing intimacy between radical nationalist struggles and a fledgling communist current. It is worth

bearing in mind that a large number of the first generation of Indian communists came from the "revolutionary terrorist" tradition.

Historians and popular media have been attentive to the lives of some of these women. Women such as Kalpana Datta and Pritilata Waddedar who were organizers of the raid on the Chittagong Armory have not only been widely studied but have been represented in film by popular Bollywood actresses playing them stirringly, if not accurately. Historical accounts of these revolutionary women, however, have a double life; they either focus on their role in the revolutionary terrorist organizations or in the communist party, the twains are usually not allowed to meet, and certainly never explained.

My project is to explore the uneven relationship between gender and political organizing by focusing on the *political concepts* women in revolutionary organizations employed in order to make sense of their world. Rather than tell the story of their lives, I want to tell the story of their politics. The lives of these women, like others before and after them, should make us more attentive to the highly gendered nature of women's labor that goes to sustain both life and political infrastructures, but remains invisible and veiled by a normative understanding of 'politics.' For instance, the canons and conventions that guide their biographies do not tend to show these women as organic intellectuals capable of generating theories about the world. In contrast, I insist that these women made conscious choices from a repertoire of practices and thoughts available to them in their historic moment. Further, that such praxis was necessarily embedded in a wider, global set of politics that colonial subjects were drawn into. Dispensing with order and coherence, my project seeks to hold up the messiness of lives within political organizations and their attempts to rewrite, rewire, and often recast gendered subjects.

To Change One Thing: Everything": Social Reproduction Theory and the Politics of Abolition, under contract with Verso Press, is a further theoretical elaboration of SRT, but specifically its relationship to sexuality and abolition. This book seeks to bring together two distinct strands of feminist and antiracist enquiry, namely the category of the family under capitalism, and abolition as a political project. Scholarship on sexuality have taught us about the stubborn rootedness of heteronormativity as it generalizes itself to intervene in social life, while abolition scholars and practitioners teach us about what it means to be outside the "normative." The first, for instance, speaks to the welfare functions of the capitalist state, where benefits and state resources are often distributed or withheld on the basis of race and sexuality thereby significantly shaping both. Abolitionist scholars go a step further and analytically hollow out the "welfare" nature of the capitalist state. In the latter field, we meet the state in its violent manifestations as it punishes, terrorizes, even murders, that which will not be normative. SRT, in my view, has focused too often on the first, and needs to reckon with the second. This book project hopes to braid together the insights from these two fields and imagine, not just the abolition of the family form, but abolition as understood in a way Ruth Wilson Gilmore tasks us to, "to change one thing: everything."

#### 9. Evidence of Interdisciplinary Activity

Advisory board member, Project on historical economic alternatives of capitalism, Swiss National Science Foundation, PI, Nikolay Kamenov

Founding Director, Global Studies Program 2014-2021.

Faculty Affiliation, Religious Studies Program

Faculty Affiliation, Asian Studies Program

Founding Director, "Global Cities Research Network" involving The American

University in Cairo, the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro,

The Tata Institute of Social Sciences (India), the University of East

London, and East China Normal University, 2014-16.

# 10. Other evidence of national or international recognition, including service as editor, member of editorial advisory board, or reviewer for professional journals

#### **Book Series**

Series editor with Susan Ferguson, Social Reproduction Book Series at Pluto Press Currently with four important books in the series, and more forthcoming.

#### **Editorial Board**

Studies on Asia Spectre

#### **Advisory Board**

The Johns Hopkins Guide to Critical and Cultural Theory, 2023. Critical Edition of Marx's *Capital* from Yale University Press, 2021-2023. Marxist Feminist Research Stream, Annual Historical Materialism Conference, London, 2016-present.

#### Manuscript Reviewer

Journal of Festive Studies, 2023.

Palgrave Macmillan, 2023.

Bristol University Press, 2022.

Theory, Culture & Society, 2022.

Duke University Press, 2021.

Krisis / Journal for Contemporary Philosophy, 2021.

Lateral, Journal of the Cultural Studies Association, 2021.

*Journal of International Labor and Working-Class History*, 2021.

Oxford University Press, 2017, 2019.

Brill Press, 2017.

South Asia, 2020.

Hypatia 2020, 2021.

Journal of Colonialism & Colonial History, 2017.

Critical Asian Studies, 2007.

U.S.-Japan Women's Journal, 2006.

#### **Grant Reviewer**

U. S. National Science Foundation, 2016.

## **Section B: LEARNING**

## 1. Courses Taught during Past Three Years (course numbers and titles) and any associated evaluations

Question 5: The course is well organized. Question 6: The assignments aid me in achieving the class objectives. Question 14: The instructor created an inclusive learning environment.

Semester/Course Name	Enrollment	Q 5	Q 6	Q 14
Fall 2023				
HIST 105: Global History	43	4.0	4.0	4.0
Survey				
HIST 243: South Asian	38	4.0	4.0	4.0
History and Civilization				
Summer 2023				
HIST 105: Global History	40	4.5	4.5	4.5
Survey				
Spring 2023				
HIST 641: Approaches to	3	5	5	5
Transnational History				
HIST 243: South Asian	31	4.0	3.0	4.0
History and Civilization				
Fall 2022				
HIST 105: Global History	35	4.04	3.96	4.17
Survey				
HIST 243: South Asian	22	3.77	3.85	4.31
History and Civilization				
Summer 2022				
HIST 105: Global History	15	5.0	4.0	4.0
Survey				
Spring 2022				
HIST 105: Global History	36	3.95	3.95	4.33
Survey				
HIST 243: South Asian	27	3.57	3.50	3.86
History and Civilization				
Fall 2021				
HIST 641: Transnational	3	5	5	4.0
Feminisms				
HIST 105: Global History	27	3.71	3.57	3.92
Survey				

## 2. Courses for which she has administrative or supervisory responsibility during past three years

- HIST 590: Readings in Modern South Asia. Supervised graduate student Vipanchika S. Bhagyanagar, Fall 2023
- GSLA 401: As Director of the Global Studies, I directed the Senior students' capstone project which was their major scholarly project. I taught and worked with several students on their undergraduate research projects. 2015-2021.
- HIST 590: Readings in Modern South Asia. Supervised graduate students Anisha Kar, Srishti Dutta Chowdhury and Rajaa Monin, Fall 2022.
- HIST 590: Readings in Modern South Asia. Supervised graduate student Debadrita Chakrabarty, Fall 2017.
- HIST 590: Readings Modern South Asia. Supervised graduate student Tyler Herber, Spring 2017.
- HIST 590: Readings Modern South Asia. Supervised graduate student Tyler Herber, Fall 2016.
- HIST 590: Nations and Nationalisms. Supervised graduate student Suparna Chakrabarty, Fall 2014
- HIST 590: Gender and Nationalism in South Asia. Supervised graduate student Suparna Chakrabarty, Spring 2015.

# 3. Contributions in course and curriculum development, including substantial activity to innovate in pedagogical models and materials

- Created a new Global Studies Major in Fall 2015. In one year the program had 19 majors and in my last year of directing the program we had 42 Majors and 20 Minors.
- Worked with the Institute for Social Empowerment through Entrepreneurship and Knowledge. These programs provide participants with an experiential learning experience in the countries in which ISEEK operates for e.g., in India, Bulgaria, Honduras, and the United State. Margaret Tienhaara, a Global Studies student visited India through this program.
- The Global Studies program hosted more than 100 students from Tecumseh Middle School in Lafayette on a campus visit to encourage students to attend college as part of the new the "College for All Initiative". Global Studies Majors participated in and led workshops with the Middle Schools students.

#### New Courses Developed

HIST 612: Advanced Colloquium in Historical Research

GSLA 101: Introduction to Global Studies

GSLA 301: Theories of Global Studies

HIST 379: Gandhi: Myth, Reality, and Perspective

HIST 505: Haunted Pasts: Ghosts, Ghouls, and Monsters in Global Culture

#### 5. Experimentation in Teaching Methods and Techniques

Led a Study Abroad Course to the University of East London (UEL) in London, UK for the summer of 2013 and 2015. The 2013 course titled "Globalization in Theory and Practice Seminar" involved Purdue students and students from East China Normal University. The course included walking tours of London and visits to cultural sites in the city.

Students in HIST 105 design a syllabus for the course which they then team teach for a week. They also create a podcast on colonialism.

Students in HIST 243 make a 3–4-minute video on British imperialism using the style of

Bollywood films.

My coauthored book *Feminism for the 99%* has been translated into 30 world languages and is on the reading list of 60+ university syllabi.

# 6. Special activities that relate to teaching effectiveness, which could include involvement in supervising internships, participating in study abroad or other experiential learning initiatives, and involvement in extra-curricular activities

Global Studies students had to have one international experience towards their major. To this end I set up internships for them in Delhi, Cologne, Sussex and Alaska.

I ran a multi-year research project on the State and Social Reproduction at the New School of Social Research, NYC. In this capacity I had two Ph.D. student interns, Kelly Gawel and Mayra Cotta, with whom I held regular meetings and charted the course of the project. 2020-2022.

#### 8. Recognition received from students and other evidence of impact on students

Zeba Kokan, Global Studies Major, Mentee

Weitzman Institute Health Policy Research Fellow, Truman – Albright Fellow, 2021-2022. Susan Buckley Butler Center for Leadership Excellence, Purdue University Research Assistant, June 2020-2022.

Outstanding Senior, School of Interdisciplinary Studies, College of Liberal Arts, May 2021 Rhodes Scholarship Finalist, November 2020.

Harry S. Truman Scholarship, April 2020.

Charles O. McGaughey Leadership Award, Purdue University, April 2020.

Class of 1937 Scholarship, Purdue University, for leadership, April 2020.

2018 Purdue University Presidential Scholarship, four-year award for academic merit February 2017.

Margaret Tienhaara, Global Studies Major, Mentee

Internships in Costa Rica developing programs for youth, and assisting refugees at WiNHaus Community Center in Cologne, Germany, 2018-2020.

Researcher, Global Health Initiative, West Honduras, 2016.

Purdue Global Studies Student Ambassador 2016-2020.

Outstanding Senior Award for the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, 2020.

Tyler Herber

Purdue University Community Service Project Grant, 2016.

# 9. Commitment to active and responsive mentoring, advising, and support of the academic success of undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral scientists

Prepare graduate students for the job market by reading their application materials, providing regular and consistent feedback on their drafts for journals.

Help graduate students connect to scholars in the field by leveraging my own connections. Participate in faculty panels to help prepare undergraduate students for graduate school. Help set up internships for undergraduate students.

Drive graduate students to the India Office collection in Chicago and help them navigate the archive.

Provide intensive feminism oriented advise to graduate and undergraduate students about life management.

#### 10. Other evidence of teaching excellence

Teaching Award, Most Distinguished Faculty for Academics, Residential Academic Initiatives office, Purdue University, 2023.

Departmental Nominee, Kenneth T. Kofmehl Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2016.

#### **Section C: Engagement and Service**

#### 1. Engagement

# a. Principal Conference, Schools, Workshops, Short Courses, and Other Organized Educational Activities Participated in During the Past Five Years

Panelist, "Stories of Indigo", Purdue University Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center, April 2023.

Panel Chair, History Graduate Student Association's Graduate Student Conference, March 2023 Panelist, Graduate Diversity Visitation Program, Purdue University, October 2022 Panelist, Graduate Diversity Visitation Program, Purdue University, October 2021 Panelist, Global Movie Fest, Purdue Student Organization ASHA for Education, April 2018 Panelist, Purdue University Butler Center Conversations on Inclusion, December 2017

#### b. Advising, Counseling, and Recruiting Students

Director, Global Studies Program, 2016-2021

Provides consistent mentorship to undergraduates exploring graduate school and career options

Under her mentorship two Global Studies Majors competed for and won the Purdue Student Community/Service Learning grant. Grant assisted with their role in planning and instruction in the Tecumseh Middle School project, 2016-2017

As Advisory Board member to National and International Scholarship Office, mentored Brenda Ramirez and Zeba Kokan who became a Rhodes finalist

Number of Global Studies Majors when I, as founding Director, ran the program (2016-2020)

2016 12017 212018 35

2019 43

2020 48

# c. Special teaching assignments away from her home campus during the past three years, such as workshops

#### Visiting Professorship

University of Sao Paolo, Brazil, 2023. Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Rennes, Rennes, France, 2018.

#### 2. Service

#### a. University or departmental administrative service

## <u>University</u>

Member, University Senate, 2016-2019

Member, Equity and Diversity Committee of University Senate 2016-2019

Member, Advisory Board to National and International Scholarship Office, 2014-present

Member, Global Engagement Committee of the Purdue Global Council, 2012

#### College of Liberal Arts

Member, Diversity Committee, College of Liberal Arts Senate, 2024-2028

Member, Nominating and Elections Committee, College of Liberal Arts Senate, 2012-2013

Member, Dean's Task Force Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2006-2007

Member, Grievance Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2005-2007

#### **Department**

Member, Graduate Committee, 2021-2024

Chair, Diversity Committee, Department of History, 2008-to present

Member Gordon Mork Global History Award Committee, 2014-to present

Member, Advisory Committee, Department of History, 2011-12

Member, Undergraduate Committee, Department of History, 2006-2007

Member, Advisory Committee for New Hires, Department of History, 2005

Member, Search Committee for Modern China position, Department of History, 2004-5

Member, Head-Search Committee, Department of History, 2002-3

## d. Community Service Activities Directly Related to Professional and Scholarly Activities

As Director of Global Studies Developed partnerships with local High Schools to recruit female and minority students

Lectures frequently on Reproductive Justice, Social Reproduction, Greater Lafayette Diversity Round Table.

Delivered keynote address to the Indiana State conference of the National Organization of Women (NOW), 2016

Public lecture on Gender, West Lafayette Unitarian Church, 2016.

Public lecture on Sexual Violence, Harvard University Forum for Gender Justice, 2015.

Volunteer and active participant, YWCA Domestic Violence Intervention and

Prevention Centre, Lafayette. Organized 2 public workshops for women of color, 2008-2009.

#### e. Consulting activities that have a bearing on her candidacy

#### Promotion and Tenure Reviews

The Juilliard School, Department of Liberal Arts, 2021

#### Work with National Endowment for the Humanities

Collaborator on a project titled "Children and Youth in History" funded by the NEH and produced by the Center for History & New Media at George Mason University and the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Worked on translating and making available Bengali primary sources on-line, as a strategy for integrating the history of children and youth into college and high school courses, 2016

#### f. Other Evidence of National Recognition

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Founding member, "Global Cities Research Network" involving The American University in Cairo, the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, The Tata Institute of Social Sciences (India), the University of East London and the East China Normal University The network studies gender in an urban Context. The Network held its first three meetings in Mumbai, Cairo, and Purdue University.

Consultant on issues of gender and women's work to several media and activist platforms, including Pacifica Radio, Slate.com, Salon.com, The Nation, The Guardian, Huffington Post, NOW (Indiana), Planned Parenthood (Indiana)

Cited in several books on Feminism and activism, including Feminism and Global

Justice, The Politics of Everybody: Feminism, Queer Theory and Marxism at the
Intersection, Nasty Women: Feminism, Resistance, and Revolution in Trump's

America, The Making of Indian Diplomacy: A Critique of Eurocentrism,

Brave: Young Women's Global Revolution among others.

On the Women's Strike Reading List compiled by Baffler, n+1, the Feminist reading list compiled the National Union of Student (NUS, U.K.) Women's Committee