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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2019- **Associate Professor**, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. Graduate Group Member in the Department of South Asian Studies and the Department of City & Regional Planning.
- 2022- 2023 **Senior Research Associate**, School of Geography and Environment, Oxford University. Oxford, UK. August 2022- July 2023.
Visiting Scholar, Wolfson College, Oxford University.
- 2022/ 2023 **Visiting Fellow**, Centre for Urban Studies, University of Amsterdam. Amsterdam, Netherlands. June 2022 + April 2023.
- 2015-2019 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2014- 2015 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Geography, Environment and Society, University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, MN.
- 2013- 2014 **Wolfensohn Family Member**, School of Social Science, Institute of Advanced Study. Princeton, NJ.
- 2011- 2013 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Anthropology, Haverford College. Haverford, PA.

DEGREES

- 2011 **PhD.** Department of Anthropology, Stanford University.
PhD Thesis: Infrapolitics: The Social Life of Water in Mumbai.
Recipient of the 2011 Sardar Patel Award for the best dissertation on modern India written in the Humanities and Social Sciences at a US university.
- 2004 **MESc.** School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University.
Thesis: Thinking Activities: Realizing Biodiversity Discourses in India.
- 1998 **BA** (Biology). Reed College. Portland, Oregon.
President's commendation for academic excellence.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2023 Principal Investigator. Penn Global India Research Engagement Fund, Office of the Provost, University of Pennsylvania. *Stories of Climate Action: Negotiating Change in Mumbai's Wetscapes* (with Rohit Mujumdar and Lalitha Kamath) July 2023- July 1, 2026..
- 2022 Co-Principal Investigator. Azim Premji University Foundation. *Stories of Climate Action: Negotiating Change in Mumbai's Wetscapes* (with Rohit Mujumdar and Lalitha Kamath) May 2022- May 2024.
- 2019 Principal Investigator, Senior Research Award. National Science Foundation, Washington DC. *Infrastructure, Planning, and Uncertainty on Urban Coastlines*. May 2019- April 2024.
- 2018 Post-PhD Fellowship. Wenner Gren Foundation, New York. *The Urban Sea*.
- 2018 Principal Investigator, Dean's Global Inquiries Fund. School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania. *The Urban Sea*.
- 2018 Principal Investigator, India Research Engagement Fund. Office of the Provost, University of Pennsylvania. *The Inhabited Sea* (With Anuradha Mathur, Penn Design).
- 2018 Best Book in Urban Affairs/ Urban Studies. For *Hydraulic City: Water and the Infrastructures of Citizenship*. Urban Affairs Association.
- 2018 Honorable Mention. James M. Blaut Award for the Best Book in Cultural and Political Ecology. For *Hydraulic City*. American Association of Geographers.
- 2018 Honorable mention. Association of Political and Legal Anthropology Book Prize. For *Hydraulic City*. American Anthropological Association.
- 2018 Co-PI, Penn Program in Environmental Humanities Research and Teaching Seed Fund. *Green Infrastructure?* (With Allison Lassiter, Penn Design).
- 2017 Co-PI, Making a Difference in Diverse Communities Grant, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania. *Rising Waters in Philadelphia and Mumbai* (with co-PI Bethany Wiggin, School of Arts and Sciences).
- 2014 Co-PI, Advanced Seminar Grant, School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe. *The Promise of Infrastructure* (with Hannah Appel and Akhil Gupta).
- 2014 Junior Scholar Award, Anthropology and Environment Society, American Anthropological Association, Washington DC.
- 2013-14 Wolfensohn Family Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton.
- 2012 Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowship, Wenner Gren Foundation, New York.
- 2012 Quadrant Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota. (approx.).
- 2010 Mellon Foundation Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford.
- 2009 Roy A. Rappaport Award. Anthropology and Environment Society, American Anthropological Association.

- 2009 Graduate Student Paper Award. Society for Urban National and Transnational Anthropology, American Anthropological Association.
- 2007-08 International Dissertation Research Fellow. Social Science Research Council, New York. \$20,000 (approx).
- 2007 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant in Cultural Anthropology. National Science Foundation, Washington DC.
- 2007 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant. Wenner-Gren Foundation, New York.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- In Preparation *Dwelling in the Urban Sea*. Monograph. Anticipated submission in December 2023.
- 2018 *The Promise of Infrastructure*. * Edited by Nikhil Anand, Akhil Gupta and Hannah Appel. Durham: Duke University Press. 264 pages.
- 2017 *Hydraulic City: Water and the Infrastructures of Citizenship in Mumbai*. * Monograph. Durham: Duke University Press. 312 pages.

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES + CHAPTERS

- Accepted Eviscerating the Sea. * *Comparative Studies of South Asia Africa and the Middle East*. Co-authored with Lalitha Kamath.
- 2023 Anthroposea: Perfect Pollution and Planning in Mumbai's Wetscapes. * *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. doi/10.1177/02637758231183439
- 2023 South Asia Urban Climates: Towards Pluralistic Narratives and Expanded Lexicons. * *International Journal of Urban And Regional Research*. DOI:10.1111/1468-2427.13173. Co-authored with Nida Rehman, Aparna Parikh, Zachary Lamb, Shruti Syal, D. Asher Ghertner, Siddharth Menon, Nausheen Anwar, Hira Nambi, Waqas Butt, Malini Ranganathan, Krishika Srinivasan, Harshavardhan Bhat, and Anthony Powis.
- 2022 Enduring Harm: Unlikely Comparisons, Slow Violence and the Administration of Urban Injustice. * *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 46(4): 651-659. Co-authored with Bethany Wiggin, Lalitha Kamath and Pranjal Deekshit.
- 2022 ToxiCity 1: On Ambiguation and Slow Violence in the Urban Sea. * Special Issue on Rising Waters. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 46(4): 687-697.
- 2020 After Breakdown: Invisibility and the Labour of Maintenance. * *Economic and Political Weekly* 55(51) 52-56.
- 2020 Consuming Citizenship: On the Matter of Prepaid Technologies in Mumbai. * *City and Society* 32(1): 47-70.
- 2019 "Leaking Lines". * In *Infrastructure, Environment and Life in the Anthropocene*. Edited by Kregg Hetherington. Pp 149-170. Durham: Duke University Press.

- 2018 “Temporality, Politics and the Promise of Infrastructure”.* In *The Promise of Infrastructure*. Edited by Nikhil Anand, Akhil Gupta and Hannah Appel. Pp. 1-40. Durham: Duke University Press. Co-authored by Hannah Appel, Nikhil Anand and Akhil Gupta.
- 2018 “A Public Matter: Water, Hydraulics, Biopolitics”.* In *The Promise of Infrastructure*. Edited by Nikhil Anand, Akhil Gupta and Hannah Appel. Pp. 155-174. Durham: Duke University Press.
- 2016 “MultipliCity: Water, Rules and the Making of Connections in Mumbai”.* In *Governing Access to Essential Resources*. Edited by Katharina Pistor and Olivier de Schutter. Pp 106-126. New York: Columbia University Press.
- 2016 “On Pressure and the Politics of Water Infrastructure”.* In *Infrastructures and Social Complexity*. Penelope Harvey, Casper Bruun Jensen and Atsuro Morita, editors. Pp 91-101. New York: Routledge.
- 2015 Leaky States: Water Audits, Ignorance and the Politics of Infrastructure in Mumbai.* *Public Culture* 27(2): 305-330.
Received the Junior Scholar Award, Anthropology and Environment Society, AAA.
- 2012 Municipal Disconnect: On Abject Water and its Urban Infrastructures.* *Ethnography* 13 (4) 487-509.
- 2011 Pressure: The Polytechnics of Water Supply in Mumbai.* *Cultural Anthropology* 26(4) 542-563.
- 2011 Housing in the Urban Age: Inequality and Aspiration in Mumbai.* *Antipode* 43(5) 1748-1772. Co-authored with A. Rademacher.
- 2011 “Ignoring Power: Knowing Leakage in Mumbai’s Water Supply”.* In *Urban Navigations: Politics, Space and the City in South Asia*. Edited by J. Anjaria and C. McFarlane. Pp 191-212. New Delhi: Routledge.
- 2006 Disconnecting Experience: Making World Class Roads in Mumbai.* *Economic and Political Weekly* 41: 3422-3429.
- 2006 Planning Networks: Processing India’s National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.* *Conservation and Society* 4(3): 471-487.

BOOK CHAPTERS + SHORT ESSAYS

- 2022 Commentary: Dreaming in Mud: On the City and its Sodden Future. *Current Anthropology* 63(6): 626-627.
- 2020 “On Inclusion and Inequality in Cities of Tomorrow”. *Expert Voices 2020*. Penn Institute for Urban Research. January 28, 2020. <https://penniur.upenn.edu/publications/expert-voices-2020-improving-access-to-cities/>

- 2019 “Public Water and the Intimacy of Hydraulics”. Special feature, *Liquid Utility . Eflux Architecture*. November 27, 2019. <https://www.e-flux.com/architecture/liquid-utility/259641/public-water-and-the-intimacy-of-hydraulics/>
- 2018 “Water Crisis”. Spotlight on Parched Cities, Parched Citizens. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research Online*. <http://www.ijurr.org/spotlight-on/parched-cities-parched-citizens/water-crisis/>. February 28, 2019.
- 2018 “Left Dry: Water, Politics and Exclusion in Mumbai”. In *Urban Life: Readings in the Anthropology of the City*. Edited by George Gmelch and Petra Kuppinger. Pp 461-473. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press.
- 2016 “Hydraulic Publics”. In *Public Infrastructures/ Infrastructural Publics*. *Limn* 7: 96-100.
- 2017 The Banality of Infrastructure. SSRC Items: Insights from the Social Sciences. <<http://items.ssrc.org/the-banality-of-infrastructure/>>. June 28.
- 2015 *The Infrastructure Toolbox*. Fieldsights - Theorizing the Contemporary, Cultural Anthropology Online. <<http://culanth.org/fieldsights/725-the-infrastructure-toolbox>>. With Hannah Appel and Akhil Gupta. September 24.
- 2015 *Accretion*. Fieldsights - Theorizing the Contemporary, Cultural Anthropology Online. <<http://culanth.org/fieldsights/715-accretion>>. September 24.
- 2013 “Housing in the Urban Age: Inequality and Aspiration in Mumbai”. In *Ecologies of Urbanism*. Edited by K. Sivaramakrishnan and A. Rademacher. Pp. 201-224. New York: Columbia University Press. Coauthored by Nikhil Anand and Anne Rademacher.
- 2012 “Making Connections: Towards an Anthropology of Water in Mumbai”, in *People at the Well: Kinds of Water and its Usages*. Edited by Hans Peter Hahn, Karlheinz Cless and Jens Soentgen. Pp 217-231. Frankfurt: Campus Verlag.
- 2012 *Infrastructure: Commentary from Nikhil Anand, Johnathan Bach, Julia Elyachar, and Daniel Mains*. Curated Collections, Cultural Anthropology Online. <http://www.culanth.org/curated_collections/11-infrastructure>. November 26.
- 2011 “Towards an Anthropology of Water in Mumbai”, in *The Blackwell Companion to the Anthropology of India*. Edited by I. Clarke-Deces. Pp 426-441. Malden: Blackwell.
- 2006 The Anthropology of Global Productions: Producing and Critiquing the Global. *Anthropology News* 47:16. Co-authored with Hannah Appel, Elif Babul, Robert Samet, and Rania Sweis.
- 2006 New Work on Environmental Science Friction. *Anthropology News* 47:20-21. Co-authored with Jeremy Campbell, Adam Henne, Amelia Moore, and Shaila Seshia.
- 2004 “Bound to Mobility? Identity and Purpose at the World Social Forum”, in *The World Social Forum: Challenging Empires*. Edited by Jai Sen, Anita Anand, Arturo Escobar, and Peter Waterman. Pp. 140-147. New Delhi: Viveka.

OP-EDS IN NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES

- 2021 “As monsoon-soaked Mumbai battles with the sea, residents on the margins hold out key lessons.” *Scroll.in*. July 26, 2021. <https://scroll.in/article/1001028/as-monsoon-soaked-mumbai-battles-with-the-sea-residents-on-the-margins-hold-out-key-lessons>.
- 2021 “Planning for a City in Water.” *Hindustan Times*. September 27, 2021. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/mumbai-news/mumbais-climate-adaptation-plan-city-and-living-with-wetness-101632673719885.html> .
- 2021 “Helping Mumbai Weather Change.” With Lalitha Kamath. *Indian Express*. Friday September 10, 2021. <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/mumbais-climate-adaptation-plan-must-consider-all-citizens-especially-the-most-vulnerable-7499760/>
- 2020 “Oil is Not Forever”. *Omnia*. Fall/ Winter 2020. November 17, 2020. <https://omnia.sas.upenn.edu/story/oil-not-forever>
- 2020 “Before the Next Disaster: What Mumbai needs to learn from Cyclone Nisarga.” *Indian Express*. June 4, 2020. <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/mumbaicyclone-nisarga-lessons-6441869/>
- 2019 “How Climate Change could impact Mumbai by 2050”. With Caroline Terens. Op-Ed in *Indian Express Newspaper*. December 13, 2019. <https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/the-rising-threat-to-mumbai-6160595/> .
- 2019 “Mumbai’s Coastal Reclamation Project – The Likelihood of a Not-So-Natural-Disaster”. *The Wire newspaper*. April 11, 2019. <https://thewire.in/urban/mumbais-coastal-reclamation-project-the-likelihood-of-a-not-so-natural-disaster>

RESEARCH FEATURES IN NEWSMEDIA

- 2022 “Beyond the Margins of Land and Water.” *Omnia*. December 2, 2022. <https://omnia.sas.upenn.edu/story/beyond-margins-land-and-water>
- 2021 “Rethinking Resilience in the Face of Climate Change.” *Penn Today*. September 23, 2021. <https://penntoday.upenn.edu/news/rethinking-resilience-face-climate-change>
- 2021 “The Effects of Climate Change are Already Visible in Mumbai.” *The Wire Podcasts*. 21 September, 2021. <https://thewire.in/environment/podcast-the-effects-of-climate-change-are-already-visible-in-mumbai>
- 2021 “Milan subway: Why it’s a metaphor for Mumbai’s perpetual flooding problem.” *News Laundry*. August 7, 2021. <https://www.newslaundry.com/2021/08/07/milan-subway-why-its-a-metaphor-for-mumbais-perpetual-flooding-problem>.
- 2021 “Examining the design of India’s coastal communities from a transdisciplinary lens”. *Penn Global*. January 28, 2021. <https://global.upenn.edu/global-initiatives/news/examining-design-indias-coastal-communities-transdisciplinary-lens>
- 2021 “Simple answers to Mumbai’s complicated water scarcity issues”, by Hepzi Anthony. *Citizen Matters*. January 4, 2021. <https://mumbai.citizenmatters.in/simple-answers-to-mumbais-complicated-water-scarcity-issues-22240>

- 2020 “Practice hygiene but how?” by Prutha Bhosle. *Sunday Mid-Day*. December 6, 2020.
- 2020 “In climate-changed Mumbai, development patterns are adding fuel to the fire,” by Patrick Sisson. *City Monitor*. October 29.
<https://citymonitor.ai/government/infrastructure/mumbai-development-patterns-adding-fuel-to-climate-change>
- 2020 “To Weather Climate Change, Mumbai Must Embrace its Wetness,” by Sukanya Charuchandra. *The Wire Science*. October 24.
<https://science.thewire.in/environment/mumbai-climate-change-urban-flooding-cyclones-water-pollution-wetness-open-spaces/>
- 2020 “Mumbai flood breaches new frontiers”, by Tanvi Deshpande. *Mongabay*. August 12, 2020. <https://india.mongabay.com/2020/08/mumbai-flood-breaches-new-frontiers/>
- 2020 “Is Mumbai India’s sinking city?” Panel interview with Rajdeep Sardesai on *India Today news hour (TV)*. With Shweta Wagh and Rahul Kadri. August 6.
<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/video/mumbai-india-s-sinking-city-1708545-2020-08-06>
- 2020 “As Karwar’s port expansion threatens jobs and fisheries, fisherfolk question “development”, by Disha Shetty. *India Spend*. June 14, 2020.
<https://www.indiaspend.com/as-karwars-port-expansion-threatens-jobs-fisheries-fisherfolk-question-development/>
- 2020 “Searching for the Sources of Water Scarcity.” Research featured in article by Ysaswini Sampathkumar, *Sapiens*. May 13, 2020. <https://www.sapiens.org/culture/water-scarcity/>
- 2019 “Mumbai’s coastal road project”. Radio Interview with Hrishi K. on Good Morning Mumbai, *Radio ONE Mumbai* 94.3 FM. May 1, 2019.
- 2019 Public Discussion: “The Road Not Taken”. Sophia College, Mumbai. May 28, 2019.
- 2018 Syntalk: “The Places Knotted Together”. Podcast with Prof. Sudipto Banerjee, UCLA, Los Angeles, & Dr. K. Praveen Karanth, IISc, Bangalore.
<https://soundcloud.com/syntalk/tpkt-the-places-knotted-together-syntalk>. July 21.
- 2018 Penn Science Café: “Water, Water Everywhere”. Public Discussion with Bethany Wiggin, Richard Pepino and Howard Neukrug. World Café Live, Philadelphia. April 10.
- 2018 “Water Crisis”, 60 Second Lecture. School of Arts & Sciences, University of Pennsylvania. <https://vimeo.com/channels/60seclec/263234415>. April 4.
- 2017 Cultures of Energy Podcast. Hosted by Dominic Boyer and Cymene Howe. Episode 97. October 26, 2017.
- 2017 “Water, Water Everywhere”. Berger, Michele. *Omnia: All Things Penn Arts and Science*. https://issuu.com/sasupenn_alumni/docs/omnia17_winterfall-final. October 5, 2017.
- 2017 Animals and Anthropology. Laura Murray. *Anthropod: The SCA Podcast*. May 25, 2017.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/1119-animals-and-anthropology>
- 2012 Guest Interview in “Infrastructure. Commentary from Nikhil Anand, Jonathan Bach, Julia Elyachar and Daniel Mains”. Curated Collections, Cultural Anthropology Website. November 26, 2012. http://culanth.org/curated_collections/11-infrastructure

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

- 2022-2024 Stories of Climate Action: Negotiating Change in Mumbai's Wetscapes. Co-PI. With Rohit Mujumdar (PI) and Lalitha Kamath (co-PI). Penn Global/ Azim Premji University.
- 2019-2021 The Inhabited Sea. PI with Anuradha Mathur. Provost's India Research Engagement Fund. University of Pennsylvania.
- 2018-2020 Rising Waters in Philadelphia and Mumbai. Co-PI with Bethany Wiggin. School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2008-2009 Paani ke Sapne (Dreams of Water). A Collaborative Video Project with Aagaz, Akansha Sewa Sangh and CAMP, Mumbai. Project Director of 12 short films: Ek Dozen Paani (One Dozen Waters). <http://www.vimeo.com/channels/ekdozenpaani>.
- 2006- 2009 Stanford Humanities Center/ City and Regional Planning, UC Berkeley. Workshop co-founder and coordinator: Berkeley-Stanford CityGroup. Mellon Research Workshop Coordinator: The Postcolonial City
- 2005-2007 Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University. Mellon Research Workshop Coordinator: Interrogating Modernity and Postcoloniality.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2023 Invited Lecture. "Planning Doesn't Change Anything: The Making of Mumbai's Climate Plan". Department of Anthropology, University of Amsterdam. April 19.
- 2023 Invited Lecture. "Living in Tide: The Climate of Fishing in Mumbai". Amsterdam School of Cultural Analysis Cities seminar - "More-than-Human Cities. University of Amsterdam. April 14.
- 2023 Invited Lecture. "Durable Derangements: The Climate of Mumbai's Coastal Road". Social Life of Climate Change Seminar, London School of Economics. March 8.
- 2023 Invited Lecture. "Living in Tide: The Climate of Fishing in Mumbai". Department of Anthropology Seminar, School of Oriental and African Studies. March 1.
- 2023 Invited Lecture. "Living in Tide: The Climate of Fishing in Mumbai". Department of Anthropology Seminar, Oxford University. January 20.
- 2022 Invited Lecture. "Durable Derangements: The Making of Mumbai's Coastal Road". Oxford India Center for Sustainable Development, Oxford University. November 1.
- 2022 Guest lecture. "Planning Doesn't Change Anything: The Making of Mumbai's Climate Plan". Faculty of Urban Planning, Technical University of Dortmund. June 21.
- 2022 Invited Lecture. "Cities of Water". Department of Anthropology, The Graduate Institute, Geneva. March 24.
- 2022 Keynote lecture. "Infrastructuring the Sea". Development Days 2022 Conference. Finnish Society for Development Research. Helsinki. February 18, 2022

- 2022 Invited lecture. “Dwelling in the Inhabited Sea”. Speaker series on “The Sea is Rising and So Are We”. Bremen Nature Cultures Lab: University of Bremen, Germany. February 1, 2022.
- 2021 Invited lecture. “Dwelling in the Inhabited Sea”. Fall 2021 speaker series. Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University. November 5, 2022.
- 2021 Invited Lecture. “Anthroposea”. Department of Anthropology Colloquium, University of Georgia. April 9.
- 2021 Invited Lecture, “Living Without: Covid 19 and the Technologies of Water Exclusion”, with Sitaram Shelar. Urban transformations & Regional Resilience Lectures, Lyell School of Engineering, Purdue University. March 10.
- 2020 Invited Lecture, “The Sea as Heritage”. KHAKI Labs, Mumbai. December 16.
- 2020 Invited Lecture, “Cities in Hot Water”. Penn in India Faculty Speaker Series. University of Pennsylvania. October 23.
- 2020 Invited Lecture, “Toxicity? On Ambiguity and Sewage in the Urban Sea”. Program in Science Technology and Society, University of Michigan. February 16, 2020.
- 2019 “Water, Human Rights and Privatization”. Colloquium at Institute for International Law and Justice, New York University. October 29, 2019.
- 2019 “City of Waters”. Invited lecture at the Department of Anthropology and Development Studies, Leiden University. June 13, 2019.
- 2019 “Anthroposea: On Sewage Blooms and Toxic Plumes.” Keynote Lecture at the Symposium on Urban Climates, Cambridge University. June 7, 2019.
- 2019 “Anthroposea”. Invited Lecture at the Anthropology and Sociology Department, Graduate Institute, Geneva. June 4, 2019. *Cancelled on account of visa difficulties.*
- 2018 “City of Waters: On Leaks, Sewage and the Uncertain Sea”. National Institute for Advanced Studies, Bengaluru. December 20, 2018.
- 2018 “Leaks and the Hydraulic City”. Center for Policy Studies, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay. September 4, 2018.
- 2018 “Public Matters: Intimacy and the Making of Infrastructure”. Keynote Lecture at the symposium on Citizenship, Infrastructure and the Postcolonial. Open University, London. June 29.
- 2018 “City of Waters: On Leaks, Hydraulics and the Urban Sea”. South Asia Program, Cornell University, Ithaca. April 30.
- 2018 “Cities of Waters: Speculative Gatherings in Mumbai and Philadelphia”. With Bethany Wiggin. Department of Anthropology Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania. April 9.

- 2018 “Leaks and the Hydraulic City”. Global Metropolitan Studies Lecture Series. Department of City and Regional Planning, University of California, Berkeley. March 22
- 2018 “City of Waters: Uncertainty and the Future Urban”. Urban and Regional Studies Higher Seminar. KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm. March 13.
- 2018 “Leaks and the Hydraulic City”. Department of Anthropology Seminar. Stockholm University. March 12.
- 2017 “Waters”. Forum on Infrastructure and Materiality, Princeton-Mellon Initiative on Architecture, Urbanism and the Environment. Princeton University. December 6.
- 2017 “Leaks and the Hydraulic City”. Keynote Lecture at IHE- UNESCO, Delft, Netherlands. October 23.
- 2017 “Leaks and the Hydraulic City”. Culture and Development Studies Debates. Katholieke University of Leuven, Belgium. October 17.
- 2017 “Leaks and the Hydraulic City”. Program on Critical Urbanisms, University of Basel, Switzerland. September 26.
- 2017 “Intimate Publics: Gender, Water and the Matter of Government. Anthropology Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University. September 23.
- 2017 “Cities of Water: On Hydraulics and the Urban Sea”. Monday Seminar at the School for Habitat Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences. July 24.
- 2017 “Waterlines: Climate Uncertainty and the Future Urban”. Workshop on Race, Violence and Inequality in the Anthropocene, Institute for Humanities Research, University of California at Santa Cruz. May 23.
- 2016 “Intimate Publics: On Gender, Water and the Matter of Government”. Anthropology Colloquium, University of California at Davis. May 16.
- 2016 “Domestic Publics: On Gender, Urban Water and the Matter of Government”. Klopsteg Lecture, Program in Science and Human Culture, Northwestern University. April 4.
- 2016 “Rethinking the Anthropology of Urban Spaces”. With Tessa Farmer. Department of Anthropology Colloquium, Emory University. March 14.
- 2015 “A Public Matter: Water, State, Biopolitical Intimacy”. Presented at the Program in Science and Technology Studies, Brown University. February 26.
- 2015 “Scare-Cities: The Political Life of Water in Mumbai”. Presented at the Watson Institute, Brown University. February 25.
- 2014 “The Promise of Infrastructure”. With Akhil Gupta and Hannah Appel. School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe. November 5.

- 2014 “Infrastructures of Commitment”. Monday Seminar at the Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, Chicago. October 6.
- 2014 “Infrastructures of Commitment”. Thursday Seminar at the School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. February 6.
- 2014 “ScareCities: The Infrapolitics of Water Supply in Mumbai”. Invited lecture hosted by the Department of Anthropology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. January 30.
- 2014 “ScareCities: The Infrapolitics of Water Supply in Mumbai”. Invited lecture hosted by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai. January 15.
- 2013 “ScareCities: The Infrapolitics of Water Supply in Mumbai”. Invited lecture co-sponsored by the Center for South Asian Studies, and the Departments of Geography and Anthropology, Rutgers University. October 1.
- 2013 “ScareCities: The Infrapolitics of Water Supply in Mumbai”. Invited lecture at the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University. September 25.
- 2013 “ScareCities: The Infrapolitics of Water Supply in Mumbai”. Invited lecture at the Department of Anthropology, University of North Texas, Denton, TX. 5 April.
- 2013 “The Incitements of Infrastructure”. Lecture with Hannah Appel. Thursdays at Four Symposium, Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota. 7 February.
- 2012 “Leaky States”. Invited lecture at the Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania. March 12.
- 2011 “Scare-Cities: The Political Life of Water in Mumbai”. Invited lecture at the South Asia Studies Colloquium. University of Pennsylvania. September 28.
- 2011 “Scare-Cities: The Political Life of Water in Mumbai”. Invited lecture at School of Habitat Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. July 29.
- 2011 “Leaky States: On Ignorance and Absence in Mumbai’s Water Supply”. Presented at the South Asian Studies Seminar, Princeton University. February 3.

CONFERENCES AND PANEL SESSIONS ORGANIZED

- 2021 Co-Organized 3 public seminars. *Inhabited Sea S1, S2, S3*, with Anuradha Mathur, University of Pennsylvania. Online. Jan 20, Feb 24, Mar 25.
- 2020 Co-organized, *Inhabited Sea W4*, With Anuradha Mathur, University of Pennsylvania. August 20, 21.
- 2020 Co-Organized European Association for Social Anthropology Roundtable, “Contested Times of Urban Expertise”, with Jenny Lindblad, KTH Stockholm. Lisbon, Portugal. July 22.

- 2019-2020 Director of *Elements*, Annual Topic at the Penn Program in Environmental Humanities, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
- 2019 Co-organized 1-day workshop, *Inhabited Sea W3*, With Lalitha Kamath, Tata Institute of Social Science. December 16.
- 2019 Co-organized 1-day workshop, *Inhabited Sea W2*, With Shaina Anand and Ashok Sukumaran, CAMP. June 24.
- 2019 Co-organized 2-day workshop, *Inhabited Sea*, With Arun Inamdar and K. Parthasarathy, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, and Anuradha Mathur, Penn Design. January 10-11.
- 2019 Co-Organized 3-day workshop, *Rising Waters*, With Lalitha Kamath and Pranjal Deekshit, Tata Institute of Social Sciences and Bethany Wiggin Penn SAS. January 4-6.
- 2018 Co-organized symposium, “Green Infrastructure? A workshop on the Natures of Technology and the Technologies of Nature”, with Allison Lassiter, Penn Design. May 10.
- 2018 Co-organized symposium, “Rising Waters: A Workshop on Urban Waterscapes”, with Bethany Wiggin, Penn Program in Environmental Humanities. April 17.
- 2017 Co-organized American Ethnological Society Conference Panel, “After Exposure: Citizenship and the Politics of Life”, with Ramah McKay. March 31.
- 2016 Co-organized American Anthropological Association Roundtable, “After Lines: Delineation projects in unruly times”, with Austin Zeiderman and Andrea Ballesterro. November 17.
- 2016 Co-organized Conference Panel at the Annual Conference on South Asia, “Reincarnation after Ruination”, with Maura Finkelstein. Madison, WI. October 21.
- 2015 Co-organized American Ethnological Society Conference Panel, “Infrastructure and the Work of Maintenance”, with Christina Schwenkel. San Diego. March 13.
- 2014 Co-organized Advanced Seminar at the School for Advanced Research, “The Promise of Infrastructure”, with Akhil Gupta and Hannah Appel. Washington DC. November 1-7.
- 2014 Co-organized Association of Asian Studies Conference Panel, “The Everyday Life of Corruption in India”, with Aradhana Sharma. Philadelphia. March 29.
- 2013 Co-organized AAA Conference Panel, “The Anthropology of Infrastructure”, with Hannah Appel and Akhil Gupta. Chicago. November 23.
- 2012 Co-organized AAA Conference Panel, “The Work of Measurement: Metrology and the Matter of Politics”, with Antina von Schnitzler. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco. November 16.
- 2011 Organized AAA Conference Panel, “Friends, Relations and Rights”. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal. November 19.

- 2010 Organized AAA Presidential Session, “Infrastructures of Circulation”. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans. November 19.
- 2010 Organized panel, “Cities in the Nation”, at the conference *Nations and Nationhood*, Center for South Asia, Stanford University. April 29.
- 2009 Organized symposium, “The State of Urban Water”. PUKAR, Mumbai. June 29.
- 2008 Organized the 5th Annual PUKAR Lecture, “Public Interests: Class, Conflict and Collaboration in Greening Indian Cities”. PUKAR, Mumbai. September 5.
- 2006 Organized conference, “The Anthropology of Global Productions”. The Second Annual Graduate Student Conference in Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University, California. February 7-8.
- 2004 Organized conference, “Academic Research and Social Movements”. Co-organized by Yale University, the Centre of Equity Studies, Portugal and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. World Social Forum 2004, Mumbai. January 17-19.

CONFERENCE, SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 Invited Discussant, Panel on “Unsettling Coasts”. Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Seattle. November 11.
- 2022 Invited Paper, “Experimentation and Livelihood in the Urban Sea.” Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Seattle. November 13.
- 2022 Invited Paper, “The Anthroposea”. Workshop on Urban Liquefaction. School of Anthropology, Pontificia Universidad Católica, Santiago, Chile. June 3.
- 2022 Invited Panelist, “Infrastructure and Injustice in a Changing Climate”. Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication, Annenberg School of Communication, Philadelphia. April 12.
- 2022 Invited Panelist, Climate Change in South Asia. South Asia Seminar, Oxford University. February 8.
- 2021 Invited Paper, “Infrastructuring the Sea”, with Lalitha Kamath. Third Workshop on Port Environments. Center for Global Asia, New York University. October 28.
- 2021 Invited panelist, Elements of Border and Infrastructure: Water. Hagop Kevorkian Center, New York University. September 29.
- 2021 Invited Panelist “The Inhabited Sea” (with Lalitha Kamath and Rohit Mujumdar). Coastal Dialogue: Jakarta, Mumbai, Semarang. Rujak Indonesia.
- 2021 Invited Discussant, Workshop on Coastal Futures. University of Heidelberg, Germany. June 4.
- 2021 Invited Paper, “Anthroposea: Urban Life in Muddy Waters”. Environment Anthropology Collective, Yale University. March 8.

- 2021 Invited Panelist, “The Urban Sea”. Inhabited Sea Seminar 2. University of Pennsylvania Online. Feb 24.
- 2021 Invited Paper, “Infrastructuring the Sea”. Second Workshop on Port Environments. New York University. February 6.
- 2021 Invited Paper, “Anthroposea: Urban Life in Muddy Waters”. DELTA Project. University of Koln, Germany. January 16.
- 2020 Invited Discussant, SEA Studio Research Lectures. School of Environment and Architecture, Mumbai. September 25.
- 2020 Invited Paper, “Melting Time: Performed Silences in Planning Practices in Mumbai”, European Association for Social Anthropology Biannual Meeting. Lisbon, Portugal. July 22.
- 2020 Invited Paper, “Techniques of Floating: On time and space in the Urban Sea”. *Distribute: A Biennial Conference of the Society of Cultural Anthropology and the Society for Visual Anthropology*. May 7.
- 2019 Invited Discussant, *Waters at the End of the World: Affective Life of Infrastructure (Part I)*. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver BC. November 23.
- 2019 Discussant on the roundtable, *Rethinking engineers and engineering: A roundtable discussion on technoscientific knowledge, expertise, and power*. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver BC. November 22.
- 2019 Invited Paper, “On Environments that Matter: Reflections of the Work of Amita Baviskar”. Paper presented on the panel on *The Ancestors Project in Environmental Anthropology*. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver BC. November 21.
- 2019 Workshop presentation. “After Rising Waters”. With Bethany Wiggin, Pranjal Deekshit and Lalitha Kamath. Penn Program in Environmental Humanities Brown Bag. November 7, 2019.
- 2019 Workshop presentation. “Toxicity: On Algal Plumes and Sewage Blooms.” Latitudes Graduate Reading Group, Department of English, University of Pennsylvania. October 24, 2019.
- 2019 Invited Paper. After Breakdown: Infrastructure and the Lives of Maintenance. Presented at the panel on *Keeping Cities in Motion: Building, Repairing and Maintaining Urban South Asia*. Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison WI. October 18, 2019.
- 2019 Discussant for the Roundtable, *Interrogating Infrastructure: Interdisciplinary Conversations Across Anthropology, History and Science and Technology Studies*. Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison WI. October 17, 2019.
- 2019 Invited Paper. A Sea of Mud: Planning, Livelihood and Climate Futures in Mumbai. Presented at the workshop on *Developing Effective Strategies for Managing Marine Ecosystems in a Changing Climate*. Columbia University Global Center, Mumbai. February 20, 2019.

- 2018 Waters. Presented at the Workshop *Bodies of Water*, organized by Etienne Benson and Christy Spackman. Scholarly Borderlands Initiative, Social Science Research Council. April 27, 2018.
- 2018 Invited Paper, Liquid Margins: On Coastal Regulation, Uncertainty and the Future Urban. Presented at the conference on *Urban Floods: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. Initiative on Extreme Weather and Climate, Columbia University, New York. April 13, 2018.
- 2017 Invited Paper, “Slowing Waters”. Presented at the panel on *Elements*. Organized by Daniel Fisher and Mei Zhan. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC November 30.
- 2017 Invited discussant for the panel, *Corrupt Matter*, at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC. November 29, 2017.
- 2017 Invited Paper, “Prepaid Meters and the Politics of Technology”. Presented at the workshop, *Urban Materialities*. University of Amsterdam, Netherlands. September 29.
- 2017 Invited Paper, “Consuming Citizenship: Prepaid Meters and the Politics of Technology”. Presented at the workshop, *Matter of Urban Citizenship*. Columbia University, New York. May 12.
- 2017 Invited Paper: “Unequal Inclusions: Public Pipes and the Administration of Life”. Presented at the workshop, *Infrastructures of Inclusion*, London School of Economics. April 27.
- 2017 Author response. Presented at the panel, *Author Meets Critics: Hydraulic City and Endangered City*. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Boston MA, April 5.
- 2017 “Pipes Exposed: Hydraulics, Biopolitics and Life Underground”. Presented at the panel, *After Exposure: Citizenship and the Politics of Life*. American Ethnological Society Meetings, Stanford, CA. March 31.
- 2017 Invited Paper: “Breakdown as Beginning: On Maintenance and Invisibility in the Hydraulic City”. *Harvard Mellon Urban Initiative*. Graduate School of Design, Harvard University. March 4.
- 2016 “Finding the Coast Line in Mumbai”. Presented at the roundtable *After Lines: Delineation projects in unruly times*. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Minneapolis. November 17.
- 2016 Invited discussant for the panel, *Remaking the City: Infrastructural Practices in Urban Africa*, at the annual conference of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis. November 18.
- 2016 “After Breakdown: Infrastructures and the Labor of Maintenance”. Presented at the panel, *Reincarnation after Ruination*. Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI. October 21.
- 2016 Invited discussant for the workshop, *Animals in Anthropology*. NYU Animal Studies Initiative. October 14.

- 2016 Invited discussant for the faculty works in progress seminar. South Asia Center, University of Pennsylvania. September 29.
- 2016 Invited discussant for the panel, *Muddy footsteps and hydrosocial futures: understanding relationality with, through and about water*, at the Annual Conference for the Association of Social Anthropologists, Durham, UK. July 6.
- 2016 “Intimate Publics”. Penn Urban Studies Graduate Colloquium. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. April 12.
- 2016 “Infrastructure and the Accretions of Law”. Presented a paper at the seminar on *Essential Resources in the Context of Resource Protection*. Columbia University Law School. January 21.
- 2015 “Uncertain Lines: Leaks and the Infrastructures of the Anthropocene”. Presented at the workshop on *Infrastructure, Environment, Life*. Concordia University, Montreal. October 19-20
- 2015 “After Breakdown: Infrastructure and the Lives of Maintenance”. Presented on the panel, *STS and Urban Infrastructure in the South*, at the Annual Meeting of the Association for American Geographers, Chicago. April 22.
- 2015 “After Breakdown: Infrastructure and the Invisibility of Labor”. Presented on the panel, *Infrastructure and the Work of Maintenance*, at the American Ethnological Society Meetings, San Diego. March 13.
- 2015 “A Public Matter: Water, State, Biopolitical Intimacy”. Presented at the Department of Anthropology Brown Bag, University of Minnesota. March 2.
- 2014 “A Public Matter: Water, State, Biopolitical Intimacy”. Presented at the International Center for the Study of Global Change, University of Minnesota. November 21.
- 2014 “Friends, Families and Plumbers: On Corruption as Political Arbitrage in Mumbai”. Presented on the panel, *The Everyday Life of Corruption in India*, at the annual conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia. March 29.
- 2014 “Infrastructures of the Public”. Presented at the workshop, *Financialization, Organizing Voice, Rescaling Boundaries: The Case of Land & Water Management in India*. Columbia University Global Center, Mumbai. March 21.
- 2014 “The Rites of Citizenship: Biopolitics and the Life of Water in Mumbai”. Presented on the panel, *Democratizing the Green City*, hosted by the Institute for Public Knowledge and the Urban Democracy Lab, New York University. March 13.
- 2014 “Leaky States”. Presented at the workshop on *Media, Materiality and Infrastructure*, Department of Media Culture and Communication, New York University. March 7.
- 2013 “Infrastructures of Commitment: Biopolitics, Materiality and the State of Water Pipes in Mumbai”. Presented on the panel, *The Anthropology of Infrastructure*, at the annual conference of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago. November 23.
- 2013 Invited discussant for the panel *Pipes, People and Politics* at the annual conference of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago. November 20.

- 2013 “Rueful Experts: Hydraulic Engineering and the Politics of Technology in Mumbai”. Presented on the panel, *Engineering the City*, at the annual conference of the Royal Geographic Society, London. August 28.
- 2013 “Consuming Citizenship: Prepaid Meters and the Politics of Technology in Mumbai”. Paper presented at the workshop *Networked Futures: The Politics of Urban Infrastructure*, LSE, London. August 27.
- 2013 “Upgrading Connections: The Politics of Hydraulic Infrastructure in Mumbai”. Presented at the panel *Urban Renewal over the Globe* at the 17th World Congress of the IUAES, Manchester. August 9.
- 2013 Invited discussant for the workshop, *Things of Order: the Materiality of Value in Cities of the South*, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. July 29
- 2013 “MultipliCity: Water, Rules and the Making of Connections in Mumbai”. Paper presented at the conference on *Triangulating Property Rights*, Columbia Law School, New York. June 22.
- 2012 “Consuming Citizenship: Prepaid Meters and the Politics of Technology in Mumbai”. Presented on the panel, *The Work of Measurement*, at the annual conference of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco November 16.
- 2012 “Leaky States: On Ignorance and Absence in Mumbai’s Water Supply”. Paper presented at the workshop on *Sustainability and Citizenship in Asian Cities*. SSRC Inter Asian Connections III, Hong Kong.
- 2011 “Personal Development: Accessing Water in Mumbai’s Settlements”. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal. November 19.
- 2010 “Making Water Mumbai’s”. Presented on the panel, *Infrastructures of Circulation*, at the annual conference of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans. November 18.
- 2010 “Personal Rites: Accessing Water in Mumbai’s Settlements”. Presented at the workshop, *People at the Well: Kinds of Water and its Usages*, Goethe University, Frankfurt. September 24.
- 2010 “Pressure: The PoliTechnics of Water Supply”. Presented at the workshop, *Waterscapes, Labour and Uncertainty*, London School of Economics and Political Science, London. June 26.
- 2010 “On Pressure”. Presented at the session, *Nature Culture and MutlipliCities*, at the biennial conference of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Santa Fe. May 8.
- 2010 “Infrapolitics: On Abject Water and its Multiple Systems”. Presented at the session, *The Social Life of Infrastructure*, at the International Conference on Urban Ecologies in Asia. Hong Kong Institute of Social Sciences, Hong Kong. March 13.

- 2009 “Controlling Abjection- The Infrapolitics of Water Supply in Mumbai”. Presented at the session, *Social Suffering and the City*, at the annual conference of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia. December 3.
- 2009 “The Slippery Subject: Making Mumbai’s Water”. Presented at the session Water Worlds, at the annual conference of the Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S), Washington, DC. October 28.
- 2009 “Leaky States: The Polytechnics of Water Supply in Mumbai”. Presented at the workshop on *Urban Aspiration in Global Cities*, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Ethnic and Religious Diversity, Goettingen University. 11 August.
- 2009 “Leaky States: The Polytechnics of Water Supply in Mumbai”. Presented at the symposium, *The State of Urban Water*, PUKAR, Mumbai. June 27.
- 2009 “Controlling Abjection- The Lives of Water in Mumbai”. Presented at the symposium, *Pirate Property: A symposium on theft, accumulation and private property*, at the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, New York University. April 10.
- 2009 “Rueful Experts: The Polytechnics of Continuous Water Supply in Mumbai”. Presented at the session, *Globalization and Contemporary Urban India*, at the American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Conference, Las Vegas. March 25.
- 2006 “Disconnecting Experience- Making World-Class Roads in Mumbai”. Presented at the Breslauer Symposium, *Rights to the City and the Politics of Space*, UC Berkeley. April 15.
- 2006 “Reviewing Practices- Joint Forest Management in India”. Presented at the conference, *The Anthropology of Global Productions*, Stanford University. April 8.
- 2005 “Networking the State- Processing India’s Biodiversity Action Plan”. Presented at the Rappaport Student Prize Panel, *New Directions in Anthropology and the Environment*, at the AAA Annual Conference, Washington DC. December 3
- 2004 “Reconfiguring Biodiversity- Imagining people in India’s National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan”. Presented at the panel *Discourses of Nature: Representations of 'Environment' in the Himalaya*, at the Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin. 15 October.
- 2004 Discussant for Mary Zurbuchen, “Bali after the Bombing: Land, Livelihoods, and Legacies of Violence”. Presented at the Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University. February 6.

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

- 2022-2024 *Stories of Climate Action: Negotiating Planning in Mumbai’s Wetscapes*. Co-PI with Rohit Mujumdar (PI, School of Environment and Architecture) and Lalitha Kamath (co-PI, Tata Institute of Social Sciences).
- 2019-2021 *The Inhabited Sea*. Co-PI with Anuradha Mathur. Provosts India Research Engagement Fund. University of Pennsylvania.

- 2018-2020 *Rising Waters in Philadelphia and Mumbai*. Co-pi with Bethany Wiggin. School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2008 *Paani ke Sapne* (Dreams of Water). A Collaborative Video Research Initiative with Aagaz, Akansha Sewa Sangh and CAMP, Mumbai.
Project Director of 12 short films: *Ek Dozen Paani* (One Dozen Waters).
<http://www.vimeo.com/channels/ekdozenpaani>.
- 2006- 2009 Stanford Humanities Center/ City and Regional Planning, UC Berkeley.
Workshop co- founder and coordinator: Berkeley-Stanford CityGroup.
Mellon Research Workshop Coordinator: The Postcolonial City
- 2005-2007 Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University.
Mellon Research Workshop Coordinator: Interrogating Modernity and Postcoloniality.
- 2003- 2004 Anthropology Department, Yale University.
Colloquia co-organizer: South Asia Graduate Student Seminar Series.
- 2003-2004 Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University.
Vice President: Environment and Development Student Interest Group

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2021- Advisory Board Member, Environmental Innovations Initiative. University of Pennsylvania
- 2019-20 Member, SAS Working Group on Energy Environment and Sustainability, University of Pennsylvania
- 2019-2021 Member, SAS Working Group on India, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2019-2020 Chair, Admissions Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2019-2020 Member, Space Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2018-19 Member, Steering Committee, Penn Program in Environmental Humanities. University of Pennsylvania.
- 2017-18 Search Committee Member. Assistant Professor of Linguistic Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2017-18 Search Committee Member. Postdoctoral Fellowship in Environmental Humanities, Penn Program in Environmental Humanities, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2017-18 Undergraduate Committee Member. Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2017-18 Co-organizer of the Department Colloquium (with Professor Kathy Morrison), *Natures*. Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2017-18 Pre-Major Advisor. College Office of the School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania.

- 2017-18 Committee Member for the Ad-Hoc Committee for the Zwicker Fund.
- 2016-2018 Member of the Faculty Fulbright Committee, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2016-17 Search Committee Member. Assistant Professor in Environmental Humanities, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2016-17 Member, Anthropology Futures Committee. Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2015-17 Member, Planning Group on India. Office of the Dean, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2014-15 Awards Committee. Department of Geography, Environment and Society, University of Minnesota.
- 2011-12 Member of the Tri-College Environmental Studies Steering Committee. Bryn Mawr, Haverford and Swarthmore Colleges.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2019- 2022 Book manuscript reviewer for Duke University Press (x2).
- 2013- 2022 Reviewed fellowship applications for the National Science Foundation, Royal Society of New Zealand, Social Science Research Council, and Wenner Gren Foundation.
- 2010-22 Article reviewer for *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, *Antipode*, *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, *Cultural Anthropology*, *Economic Anthropology*, *Economy and Society*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Journal of Material Culture*, *Modern Asian Studies*, *Public Culture*, *Water Alternatives*.
- 2014 Book Manuscript Reviews for Cambridge University Press, Duke University Press, University of California Press.