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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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- Fall 2013- **Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), School of International Service**  
Faculty Affiliate, Global Environmental Politics Graduate Program  
Faculty Affiliate, Environmental Sustainability and Global Health Undergraduate Track  
Environment Cluster Faculty Co-Lead, Antiracist Research and Policy Center  
Faculty Fellow, Metropolitan Policy Center, School of Public Affairs  
**American University, Washington, DC**
- 2011-2013 **Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Social Dimensions of Environmental Policy**  
Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science & Beckman Institute  
**University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**

## EDUCATION

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- Nov 2010 **PhD, Energy and Resources Group with a Designated Emphasis in Global Metropolitan Studies**  
**University of California, Berkeley**  
*Fluid Hegemony: A Political Ecology of Water, Market Rule, and Insurgence at Bangalore's Frontier*  
Committee: Ananya Roy (Chair; Professor and Meyer and Renee Luskin Chair in Inequality and Democracy, Luskin School of Public Affairs, UCLA); Isha Ray (Associate Professor, Energy and Resources Group, UC Berkeley); Peter Evans (Professor Emeritus, Sociology, UC Berkeley)
- May 2005 **Master of Science, Energy and Resources Group**  
**University of California, Berkeley**
- May 2001 **Bachelor of Arts, Chemistry with a Concentration in Environmental Science**  
**Bard College, NY**  
*Summa cum Laude* & Co-Winner, Senior who Contributed Most to the Academic Life of the College

## SCHOLARLY PRODUCTIVITY & IMPACT: HIGHLIGHTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 15 published peer-reviewed articles with an average 2018 Impact Factor of 3.356, including in the discipline's top journals (<i>Antipode</i>, <i>Progress in Human Geography</i>, and <i>Annals of the American Association of Geographers</i>), 6 edited book chapters, 7 public essays, and 1 coauthored book draft</li><li>• 2018 SIS Scholar-Teacher of the Year Award Co-recipient</li><li>• Winner of National Science Foundation, American Institute of Indian Studies, Antipode Foundation, and American Council of Learned Societies-Andrew W. Mellon Foundation external research grants, and 2 internal grants</li><li>• 800+ citations in Google Scholar</li><li>• 14 invited talks in 2017-2019, including at the top 3 geography departments</li><li>• Service on 3 high-impact journal editorial boards pre-tenure</li><li>• Interviewed on NPR/WAMU 88.5's Kojo Nnamdi Show on 9/17/2019</li></ul> | <a href="#">Google Scholar Citation Indices</a> |            |     |
|  | All   | Since 2014 |     |
|  | Citations                                       | 807        | 585 |
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| i10-index  | 13  | 10         |     |

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Critical Geography and Political Ecology
- Histories of Empire, Race, and Liberalism
- Critical Race Theory and Abolitionism
- Postcolonial and Decolonial Theory
- Water, Land, and Property in Urban India
- Corruption Politics and Land Grabs
- Environmental and Climate Justice in the US
- Ethnographic, Archival, and Geospatial Methods

## EXTERNAL PEER-REVIEWED GRANTS

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- 2018-2019      **Antipode Foundation International Workshop Award [£10,000]**  
M Ranganathan, Host and Co-Organizer  
Co-Organizers: M Gergan, Florida State University; S Smith, UNC Chapel Hill; S Krishnan, Oxford University; S Doshi, University of Arizona, Tucson; and Jesús F. Cháirez-Garza, Manchester University  
*Postcolonial Difference, Strategic Solidarities: Geographies of Race, Caste, and Tribe in South Asia*
- 2018-2019      **British International Studies Association Postcolonial and Decolonial Studies Working Group Award [£2,000]**  
M Gergan, Florida State University, Co-Organizer  
Co-Organizers: M Ranganathan; S Smith, UNC Chapel Hill; S Krishnan, Oxford University; S Doshi, University of Arizona, Tucson; and Jesús F. Cháirez-Garza, Manchester University  
*Postcolonial Difference, Strategic Solidarities: Geographies of Race, Caste, and Tribe in South Asia*
- 2017-2019      **American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)-Andrew W. Mellon Collaborative Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences [\$160,784]**  
M Ranganathan, Principal Investigator  
Co-Investigators: S Doshi, University of Arizona, Tucson and D Pike, American University  
*Corruption Plots, Imagined Publics: The Ethics of Space in the Millennial City*  
Letters of support provided by Vinay Gidwani (University of Minnesota) and Akhil Gupta (UCLA)
- 2007-2009      **National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Geography and Spatial Sciences Program [\$8,400]**  
M Ranganathan, Co-Principal Investigator, University of California, Berkeley  
Principal Investigator: A Roy (Doctoral Chair), University of California, Berkeley  
*Seeing Like a Citizen: Technologies of Governance and Urban Service Delivery in Bangalore*

## INTERNAL GRANTS

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- 2016-2017      **American University Faculty Research Support Grant [\$5,000]**  
M Ranganathan, Principal Investigator  
*Urban Revolution? Anti-Corruption and Environmental Justice in India*
- 2015-2016      **American University Metropolitan Policy Center Faculty Research Grant [\$10,000]**  
M Ranganathan, Principal Investigator  
Co-Investigator: E Bratman, American University  
*Tackling Urban Vulnerability: Lessons for Building Community Resilience and Climate Justice in Washington, DC*

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2018 | SIS Scholar-Teacher of the Year Award Co-recipient                                      |
| 2015 | Certificate of Outstanding Contribution in Reviewing for <i>Geoforum</i>                |
| 2009 | Chancellor's Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities and Social Sciences, UC Berkeley |
| 2007 | John L. Simpson Fellowship in International and Comparative Studies, UC Berkeley        |
| 2007 | American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Research Fellowship                         |
| 2006 | Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley                              |
| 2006 | Center for South Asian Studies Summer Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley                  |
| 2005 | Center for Human Rights Summer Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley                         |
| 2005 | Center for African Studies Summer Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley                      |
| 2004 | United Nations <i>Bridging the Divide</i> Research Fellowship                           |
| 2004 | E8 Sustainable Energy Development Full Tuition Graduate Scholarship, UC Berkeley        |
| 1997 | Distinguished Scientist Full Tuition Undergraduate Scholarship, Bard College, NY        |

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND **2018 CLARIVATE ANALYTICS (\*) IMPACT FACTORS**

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(\*) Clarivate Analytics, formerly known as Thomson-Reuters, now owns the Web of Science journal impact data.

**Ranganathan, M. 2019.** "Empire's Infrastructures: Racial Finance Capitalism and Liberal Necropolitics", *Urban Geography*. Published online August 23, 2019 and Forthcoming in Print.  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02723638.2019.1659054> **IF 3.567**.

**Ranganathan, M** and E Bratman. 2019. "From Urban Resilience to Abolitionist Climate Justice in Washington, DC", *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*. Published online June 28, 2019 and Forthcoming in Print.  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/anti.12555?af=R> **IF 3.289**.

- #3 ranked journal in Sociology according to Google Scholar Metrics
- 2019 interview on NPR/WAMU 88.5's Kojo Nnamdi Show  
<https://thekojonnamdishow.org/shows/2019-09-17/marginalized-communities-in-d-c-are-already-struggling-climate-change-will-make-that-worse>
- 2019 media coverage "The Fight for Environmental Justice in America's Segregated Cities"  
<https://geographical.co.uk/people/development/item/3360-abolitionist-climate>
- 2019 AU interview <https://www.american.edu/sis/news/20190719-from-urban-resilience-to-abolitionist-climate-justice-in-washington-dc.cfm>
- 2019 AU video interview <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EqZ6KZzXcMk>

**Doshi, S** and **M Ranganathan. 2019.** "Towards a Critical Geography of Corruption and Power in Late Capitalism", *Progress in Human Geography* 43 (3): 436-457.  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0309132517753070> **IF 6.576**.

- #1 ranked journal in Geography and Cartography according to Google Scholar Metrics

**Ranganathan, M. 2018.** "Rule by Difference: Empire, Liberalism, and the Legacies of Urban 'Improvement'", *Environment and Planning: A (Economy and Society)* 50 (7): 1386-1406.  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0308518X18781851> **IF 2.459**.

- 2018 media coverage "Legacies of Colonial Urban Planning in Bengaluru"  
<https://researchmatters.in/news/legacies-colonial-urban-planning-bengaluru>

**Kiefer, K** and **M Ranganathan. 2018.** "The Politics of Participation in Cape Town's Slum Upgrading: The Role of Productive Tension", *Journal of Planning Education and Research*. Published online March 21, 2018 and Forthcoming in Print. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0739456X18761119> **IF 2.667**.

- o Karly Kiefer is an SIS MA in Global Environmental Policy alumna

Doshi, S and **M Ranganathan**. 2017. "Contesting the Unethical City: Land Dispossession and Corruption Narratives in Urban India", *Annals of the American Association of Geographers* 107 (1): 183-199.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/24694452.2016.1226124> [IF 3.037].

- o #5 ranked journal in Geography and Cartography according to Google Scholar Metrics

**Ranganathan, M**. 2016. "Thinking with Flint: Racial Liberalism and the Roots of an American Water Tragedy", *Capitalism Nature Socialism* 27 (3): 17-33.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10455752.2016.1206583>

**Ranganathan, M**. 2015. "Storm Drains as Assemblages: The Political Ecology of Flood Risk in Postcolonial Bangalore", *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography* 47 (5): 1300-1320.

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/anti.12149>. Video abstract:

<http://antipodefoundation.org/2015/06/03/storm-drains-as-assemblages/> [IF 3.289].

- o #3 ranked journal in Sociology according to Google Scholar Metrics

**Ranganathan, M** and C Balazs. 2015. "Water Marginalization at the Urban Fringe: Environmental Justice and Urban Political Ecology Across the North-South Divide", *Urban Geography* 36 (3): 403-423.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02723638.2015.1005414> [IF 3.567].

**Ranganathan, M**. 2014. "Paying for Water, Claiming Citizenship: Political Agency and Water Reforms at the Urban Periphery", *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 38 (2): 590-608.

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/1468-2427.12028> [IF 2.768].

**Ranganathan, M**. 2014. "Mafias in the Waterscape: Urban Informality and Everyday Public Authority in Bangalore", *Water Alternatives* 7 (1): 89-105. <http://www.water-alternatives.org/index.php/volume7/v7issue1/235-a7-1-6>

[IF 1.704].

- o 2019 media coverage "Bengaluru Needs To Look To Its Past To Solve Its Severe Water Crisis"

[https://www.huffingtonpost.in/entry/bengaluru-needs-to-look-to-its-past-to-solve-its-severe-water-crisis\\_in\\_5ca98465e4b0a00f6d40bab4](https://www.huffingtonpost.in/entry/bengaluru-needs-to-look-to-its-past-to-solve-its-severe-water-crisis_in_5ca98465e4b0a00f6d40bab4)

**Ranganathan, M**, L Kamath and V Baindur. 2009. "Piped Water Supply to Greater Bangalore: Putting the Cart Before the Horse?", *Economic and Political Weekly* 44 (33): 53-62. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/25663447>.

Haya, B, **M Ranganathan**, and S Kirpekar. 2009. "Barriers to Sugar Mill Cogeneration in India: Insights into the Structure of Post-2012 Climate Financing Instruments", *Climate and Development* 1 (1): 66-81.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.3763/cdev.2009.0002> [IF 2.471].

Chaurey, A, **M Ranganathan**, and P Mohanty. 2004. "Electricity Access for Geographically Disadvantaged Rural Communities—Technology and Policy Insights", *Energy Policy* (32) 15: 1693-1705.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0301421503001605> [IF 4.880].

- o #1 ranked journal in Environmental Law & Policy according to Google Scholar Metrics.

Prasad, R., **M Ranganathan**, PB Singh, and IH Rehman. 2003. "How Community Participation Can Integrate Energy Transitions into Rural Development—The Experience of Four North Indian Villages", *The Journal of Energy and Development* (28) 2: 159-172. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/24809252>.

## CHAPTERS IN EDITED BOOKS

S Doshi and **M Ranganathan**. 2019. "Corruption", pp 68-73 in Antipode Editorial Collective (Eds), *Keywords in Radical Geography: Antipode at 50*. Wiley-Blackwell: London.

- Ranganathan, M** and S Doshi. 2018. "Political Ecologies of Dispossession and Anticorruption in Urban India: A Radical Politics for the Anthropocene?", pp 91-110 in H Ernstson and E Swyngedouw (Eds), *Urban Political Ecology in the Anthro-Obcene: Interruptions and Possibilities*. Routledge: London and New York.
- Ranganathan, M.** 2018. "Rethinking Urban Water Informality" pp 310-324 in K Conca and E Weinthal (Eds), *Oxford Handbook of Water Politics and Policy*. Oxford University Press: Oxford and New York.
- Ranganathan, M.** 2013. "Financialized and Insurgent: The Dialectics of Participation in Bangalore's Neoliberal Water Reforms", pp 65-88 in K Coelho, L Kamath, and M Vijayabaskar (Eds), *Participolis: Consent and Contention in India's Neoliberal Urban Governance*. Routledge: Abingdon and New Delhi.
- Ranganathan, M.** 2012. "Reengineering Citizenship: Municipal Reforms and the Politics of 'e-Grievance Redressal' in Karnataka's Cities", pp 109-132 in R Desai and R Sanyal (Eds), *Urbanizing Citizenship: Contested Spaces in Indian Cities*. Sage: Thousand Oaks and New Delhi.
- Ranganathan, M.** 2011. "The Embeddedness of Cost Recovery: Water Reforms and Associationism at Bangalore's Fringes", pp 165-190 in J Anjaria and C McFarlane (Eds), *Urban Navigations: Politics, Space, and the City in South Asia*. Routledge: Abingdon and New Delhi.

## BOOK REVIEW ESSAYS

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- Ranganathan, M.** 2017. "Hydraulic Politics in/beyond the World Class City". Review Forum for Bjorkman, L. 2015. *Pipe Politics, Contested Waters: Embedded Infrastructures of Millennial Mumbai*. Duke University Press: Durham. *Dialogues in Human Geography* 7 (3) 349-352.  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/2043820617733204>.
- Ranganathan, M.** 2017. "Endangered City and Hydraulic City". Review Forum for Zeiderman, A. 2016. *Endangered City: The Politics of Security and Risk in Bogotá*, Duke University Press: Durham and Anand, N. 2017. *Hydraulic City: Water and the Infrastructures of Citizenship in Mumbai*, Duke University Press: Durham. **Society + Space**, the open site for the journal *Environment and Planning: D (Society and Space)*.  
<https://societyandspace.org/2017/11/28/endangered-city-by-austin-zeiderman-and-hydraulic-city-by-nikhil-anand-review-forum-2/>.

## PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

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- Ranganathan, M.** 2019. "Property, Pipes, and Improvement", *e-Flux Architecture*, Temple Hoyne Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture, Columbia University. <https://www.e-flux.com/architecture/liquid-utility/259669/property-pipes-and-improvement/>.
- Ranganathan, M.** 2019. "A Legacy of Abolition and Love in the Work of a Washington, DC Organizer", *The North Star*, June 2. <https://thenorthstar.com/articles/a-legacy-of-abolition-and-love-in-the-work-of-a-washington-dc-organizer>.
- Ranganathan, M.** 2018. "Beyond Third World Comparisons: America's Geography of Water, Race, and Poverty", *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, Spotlight Series on "Parched Cities, Parched Citizens". Invited by Liza Weinstein <http://www.ijurr.org/spotlight-on/parched-cities-parched-citizens/beyond-third-world-comparisons-americas-geography-of-water-race-and-poverty/>.
- Ranganathan, M.** 2017. "The Environment as Freedom: A Decolonial Reimagining", Social Science Research Council's *Items: Insights from the Social Sciences* Series on "Just Environments" <http://items.ssrc.org/the-environment-as-freedom-a-decolonial-reimagining/> Reprinted in *Black Perspectives* <https://www.aaihs.org/the-environment-as-freedom-a-decolonial-reimagining/>.

**Ranganathan, M** and S Doshi. 2017. "The Color of Corruption: Whiteness and Populist Narratives", *Society & Space Open Site*, the academic blog for the journal *Environment and Planning: D*. Invited by Natalie Oswin and Kate Derickson <http://societyandspace.org/2017/02/07/the-color-of-corruption-on-the-perverse-morality-of-whiteness/>. \*Top 10 (#7) most read *Society + Space Open Site* blog in 2017\*

**Ranganathan, M.** December 10, 2015. "Why Bengaluru is not Immune to Floods: It's All About Land (and Money)", *Citizen Matters* <http://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/why-bengaluru-is-not-immune-to-floods-it-s-all-about-land-and-money-17973>.

**Ranganathan, M.** 2014. "Bangalore: High Tech and the Monsoon" in R Burdett, P Rode, P Shankar, and S Vahidy (Eds), *Governing Urban Futures (Urban Age Series)*, London School of Economics and Political Science [https://lsecities.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/GoverningUrbanFutures\\_newspaper\\_screen.pdf](https://lsecities.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/GoverningUrbanFutures_newspaper_screen.pdf).

## POLICY REPORTS

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**Ranganathan, M.** 2008. "Grievance Redressal Mechanisms in Urban Service Delivery: How Effective Are They?" *Asian Development Bank Governance Brief 17*. Asian Development Bank, Manila.

**Ranganathan, M** and E Reynaers. 2003. "Enabling Environments for Technology Transfer". Technical paper commissioned by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat, Bonn.

**Ranganathan, M,** R Prasad and P B Singh. 2003. "Participatory approach for linking rural energy transitions and developmental needs in Uttar Pradesh, India", *Boiling Point*, 49: 15-17.

## BOOK MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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**Ranganathan, M,** S Doshi, and D Pike. *Corruption Plots: The Ethics of Space in the Millennial City*.

- Ranganathan is lead author in terms of total number of chapters authored; 5 out of 8 chapters drafted
- Book incubator to be held spring 2020 after which full manuscript will be revised and sent out for review to a university press

**Ranganathan, M.** *Unauthorized City: Empire, Property, and Ecology in Bengaluru*.

Gergan, M, J Chairez-Garza, **M Ranganathan,** P Vasudevan. Editors. *Rethinking Difference in India: Racialization in Transnational Perspective*.

**Ranganathan, M.** *The Environment as Freedom: Abolitionist Politics for the Anthropocene*.

## JOURNAL MANUSCRIPT IN PREPARATION

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**Ranganathan, M.** "The State in Critical Environmental Justice: Contributions from Postcolonial and Decolonial Thought".

## JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUES IN PREPARATION

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**Ranganathan, M** and A Bonds. Editors. "Racial Regimes of Property" (Proposal invited by Natalie Oswin, *Environment and Planning: D* Editor). Expected submission date: January 2020.

Gergan, M, J Chairez-Garza, **M Ranganathan,** P Vasudevan. SI Editors. "Race and Racialization in India: Taboo Conversations Amidst Ethnonationalism". In preparation to be submitted to *South Asia: A Journal of South Asian Studies* or *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Studies*

## PUBLIC ESSAY IN PREPARATION

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"The City in the Age of Trump: From Sanctuary to Abolition – A Conversation between Ananya Roy, Naomi Paik, and Malini Ranganathan". *Society + Space Open Site*. Invited by editor; to be published in October 2019.

## INVITED TALKS AND KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

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An Anti-casteist and Abolitionist Epistemology for Environmental Justice. Invited by Aparna Parikh and Nida Rahman to Give the Keynote Lecture at *Urban Climates: Power, Development and Environment in South Asia Workshop* at **Dartmouth College**, October 12, 2019.

Climate Justice East of the Anacostia River. Invited to Speak at the *Women in Environmental Leadership Summit*, **Smithsonian Institute**, Washington, DC September 12, 2019.

The Environment as Freedom: Racial Capitalism and Environmental Justice. Invited by Mark Jerng to speak at the *Mellon Research Initiative in Racial Capitalism Lecture Series*. **University of California, Davis**, April 29, 2019.

Racial Liberalism and Environmental Racism in Flint, MI. Invited by Margaret Hicken to speak at the **University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, RacismLab's Series on *Cultural Racism in America*, March 20, 2019.

The Environment as Freedom: Decolonizing Property, Reimagining Justice. Invited to give the annual honorary John Treacy Memorial Lecture (voted on as a "pre-tenure scholar with tremendous potential" by Geography graduate students and invited by Ian Baird) at the **University of Wisconsin, Madison**, March 15, 2019.

Unauthorized Urbanism: Empire and Property in the Ecological Present. Invited by Gabriela Valdivia to speak at the **University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill's** Political Ecology Speaker Series, November 9, 2018.

The Infrastructural Turn in Urban Studies and Political Ecology. Invited by Majed Akhter to speak at **King's College, London**, October 10, 2018.

Unauthorized Urbanism: Liberal Property-Making and the Coloniality of Rule. Invited by Austin Zeiderman to speak at the **London School of Economics and Political Science**, October 9, 2018.

Unauthorized City: Entanglements of Water, Property, and Rule in Bangalore. Invited by Erika Weinthal to speak at the Duke India Initiative Speaker Series; cosponsored by the Nicholas School of the Environment, and the Franklin Humanities Institute at **Duke University**, September 20, 2018.

From Urban Resilience to Anti-Racist Climate Justice in Washington, DC. Invited by Frances Moore to speak at the Environmental Justice Speaker Series, **University of California, Davis**, June 4, 2018.

Climate of Dispossession: On the Coloniality of Urban Ecologies. Invited by Mabel Gergan and Nathan Hensley to give the keynote talk at the *Mellon-Sawyer Seminar on the Anthropocene*, **Georgetown University**, Washington, DC, April 5, 2018.

Dispossession, Liberalism, and the Coloniality of Urban Ecologies. Invited by Nikhil Anand to speak at the Penn Program on Environmental Humanities, **University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, March 15, 2018.

Situated Ethics of the City: Narrating Corruption and Land in Contemporary Urban India. Invited by Hemangini Gupta and Carol Upadhyia to speak at the *Urban Mobility Studies Program Speaker Series*, **National Institute for Advanced Studies**, Bangalore, India, February 2, 2018.

Situated Ethics of the City: Narrating Corruption and Land in Contemporary Urban India. Invited by Champaka Rajagopal to speak at School of Policy and Governance, **Azim Premji University**, Bangalore, India, February 1, 2018.

- Racial Liberalism and the Coloniality of Urban Ecologies. Invited by Leila Harris and Juanita Sundberg to speak at the Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality, and Social Justice's *Noted Scholars Series*, **University of British Columbia, Vancouver**, November 2, 2017.
- Qualitative GIS for Critical Urban Geography. Invited to speak on a panel on Geospatial Analysis for Enhancing Research at *Conference for High-Impact Research* organized at **American University**, May 15, 2017.
- Thinking with Flint: Structural Racism in Planning, Pipes and Policy. Invited by Anne Short Gianotti to speak at **Boston University's** Environmental Justice Speaker Series, February 23, 2017.
- Anti-Racist Struggle: Past, Present, and Future. Invited to speak at a teach-in *Teach, Organize, Engage: A Forum on Contemporary Politics and the Future* organized at **American University**, January 18, 2017.
- Water, Space, and the Politics of Urban Citizenship Across the North-South Divide. Invited by Colin Studds and David Lansing to speak at the Geography seminar, **University of Maryland, Baltimore County**, November 9, 2016.
- Water, Race, and the Politics of Urban Belonging. Invited by Ruth Wilson Gilmore Earth to speak at Water and Class Struggle Symposium, **State University of New York, Purchase College**, April 22, 2016.
- Race, Class, and the Legacies of Colonial Urban 'Improvement'. Invited by Senior Vice-Provost and Dean of Academic Affairs Mary Clark to speak at AU Workshop on Critical Approaches to Race, Class, and Gender, **American University**, February 24, 2016.
- The Performativity of Urban Anti-Corruption Politics. Invited by Henrik Ernstson and Erik Swyngedouw to speak at Environmental Humanities Laboratory, *Rupturing the Anthro-obscene! The Political Promises of Planetary Urban Ecologies.*, **KTH Royal Institute for Technology**, Stockholm, Sweden, September 16-17, 2015.
- Registering Urban Inequality in the Post-Colony. Invited by Henrik Ernstson and Jia-Ching Chen to speak at *Urban Beyond Measure: Registering Urban Environments in the Global South*, **Stanford University**, May 8-9, 2015.
- Is the Right to the City an Effective Framework for Advancing Environmental Justice? Invited to speak at *Class, Race, and the Environment: Impacts on People of Color and Lower-Income Communities*, Earth Justice Week. Ethics, Peace and Global Affairs Program, **American University**, Washington, DC, April 14, 2015
- Drains of Labor: Filth, Commodification, and Risk in Bangalore's Wetland Assemblage. Invited by Rosalind Fredericks to speak at Infrastructures of Labor Speaker Series, Urban Democracy Lab, **New York University**, December 10, 2014.
- The Everyday Life of Reforms: Urban Struggles for Water, Citizenship, and Sustainability in Millennial Bangalore. Invited by Miriam Greenberg to speak at Sociology Department, **University of California, Santa Cruz**, December 4, 2014.
- (Wet)Land Grabs, Capital Flows, and the Politics of Flood Risk in Millennial Bangalore. Invited to speak at the Center for Health, Risk, and Society, **American University**, November 5, 2014.
- Emancipatory Urban Politics Through the Everyday Sate: Improvisations and Translations at the Frontlines. Invited by Henrik Ernstson and Edgar Pieterse to speak at *Radical Incrementalism: Theories/Practices of Emancipatory Change*, **African Center for Cities, University of Cape Town**, October 23-24, 2014.
- Beyond the 'Slum': Urban Informality in the Global South. Invited to speak at the International Development Program Student Association, Weekly Colloquium Series, SIS, **American University**, September 22, 2014.



Stormwater Drains, (Wet)land Grabs, and the Assembling of Flood Risk in Bangalore. Invited by Lalitha Kamath to speak at the School of Habitat Studies, **Tata Institute for Social Sciences**, Mumbai, India, July 21, 2014.

Urban Informality as the New Normal in Millennial Capitalism. Invited by Rashmi Sadana to speak at the *Cities at the Center of the World*, Center for Global Studies, **George Mason University** and **Woodrow Wilson Center**, Washington, DC, April 22, 2014.

Stormwater Drains as Assemblages: The Geography of Flooding in Bangalore. Invited by Trevor Birkenholtz to speak at *the Future of Water and Waste in South Asia*, **Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey**, February 7-9, 2013.

Financing Infrastructure in India's Slums: Rajeev Gandhi Awas Yojana's Prospects and the Political Economy of Urban Reforms. Invited by Ananya Roy and Raka Ray to speak at *the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Indian City: Working Towards Being Slum Free?* **University of California, Berkeley**, April 27, 2012.

Representing Vulnerability: Maps, Narratives, and Political Action. Invited by Jesse Ribot to be a discussant and panelist at **University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**, September 23-24, 2011.

Informal Water, the State, and the Peripheralized Middle Class. Invited by K Sivaramakrishnan to speak at *Urban India: Historical Processes and Contemporary Experiences Conference*. **Yale University**, April 30, 2011.

Governing an Urban Water 'Crisis': Political Ecological Insights from India. Invited by Jonathan Shapiro Anjaria to speak at the Environmental and Urban Studies weekly colloquium series, **Bard College**, May 3, 2011.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS (SOME INVITED)

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Keynote Discussant on *Urban Geography* Plenary Lecture delivered by Deborah Cowen. **Invited** by David Wilson to speak at the **American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting**, Washington, DC, April 2019 **\*over 200 people in attendance\***.

An Ethics of Antiracism, Abolitionism, and Care in Urban Climate Justice, Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, April 26.

Organizing in Chocolate City: Race, Planning, and Social Justice in Washington, DC (**Invited Panelist**), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 7, 2019.

Author Meets Comrades: Rosalind Fredericks' *Garbage Citizenship* (**Invited Panelist**), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 6, 2019 (Invited by Rosalind Fredericks).

Racial Capitalism 3: A Methodological Discussion (**Invited Panelist**), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 6, 2019.

Critiquing Empire from Within: Undisciplined Pedagogies for Our Times (Organizer and Panelist), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 5, 2019.

Racial Regimes of Property I, II, III, and IV (Organizer with Anne Bonds and Introducer), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 4, 2019.

Urban Land Grabs as the New-Old Frontier of Capitalist Accumulation and Racial Violence, Presenter, Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, June 22, 2018.

Pedagogies of Race and Racialization (**Invited Panelist**), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 14, 2018.

- The Political Ecology of Flood Risk and Management Across the North and South (Organizer, Discussant), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 13, 2018.
- From Urban Resilience to Abolitionist Climate Justice in Washington, DC (**Invited Presenter**), Abolition Ecologies Paper Session, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 13, 2018 (Invited by Nik Heynen and Megan Ybarra).
- Water and Climate Justice (**Invited Panelist**), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 11, 2018 (Invited by Farhana Sultana).
- Racial Finance Capitalism (**Invited Discussant**), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 10, 2018.
- Land Justice in the City (**Invited Discussant**). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 10, 2018 (Invited by Sara Safransky).
- Corruption Plots, Imagined Publics: The Ethics of Space in the Millennial City. School of International Service Research Roundtable, American University, September 27, 2017
- An Authors-Meet-Critics Panel (**Invited Panelist**) on *Hydraulic City* by Nikhil Anand (Duke University Press 2017) and *Endangered City* by Austin Zeiderman (Duke University Press 2016), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April 5, 2017 (Invited by D Asher Ghertner).
- An Authors-Meet-Critics Panel (**Invited Panelist**) on *Encountering Poverty* by Ananya Roy (UC Press 2016), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April 7, 2017 (Invited by Ananya Roy).
- Radical Crosscurrents: EJ, Political Ecology, and Traveling Theory (Co-organizer with Garth Myers and Laura Pulido, introducer, and panelist), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 1, 2016.
- Infrastructural Engagements and Urban Re-Imaginations in the Global South 2 (**Invited Discussant**), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 1, 2016.
- Middle Class Cities of the Global South? 3: Inhabiting the Middle (**Invited Discussant**), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March 30, 2016 (Invited by Ryan Centner).
- Urban India's New Anti-Corruption Politics: Unsettling State, Capital, and Land in Bangalore, Methodological Innovation in Urban Political Research in the Developing World, American University, October 30, 2015.
- Contesting (Wet)Land Grabs: The Politics of "Elite" Urban Informality and Anti-Corruption Discourse in Bangalore, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 23, 2015.
- Conjuring Land from Water: Law, Materiality, and Discursive Politics in Urban Wetland Redevelopment (paper competitively selected). *Land Fictions: The Commodification of Land in City and Country*, The 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial McGrann Conference, Rutgers University, Department of Geography, May 1-2, 2015.
- Assembling Flood Risk in Postcolonial Bangalore (**Invited Presenter**). *STS and Urban Infrastructure in the Global South*, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 24, 2015.
- Doing Urban Political Ecology: Fieldwork Methods and Ethical Concerns (**Invited Panelist**), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 23, 2015.
- The Ethical City? Critical Geographies of Corruption and Accountability in Urban India (Panel co-organizer and co-presenter with Sapana Doshi), *Critical Geographies of Corruption and Accountability*, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Tampa, April 8-12, 2014.

- Pluralizing 'the State' in Urban Political Ecology: State Formation and Water Politics in Bangalore, India, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, February 27-29, 2014.
- Mafias in the Waterscape: Public Authority and Informality in Bangalore (paper competitively selected). *Informal Space in the Urban Waterscape*, UNESCO Conference Delft, December 4-6, 2012.
- The Production of Everyday Flood Risk and the Politics of Blame at the Urban Periphery. Initiative for Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences (ICARUS) Annual Conference Columbia University, New York City, May 16-19, 2012.
- A Spatial History of Bangalore's Waters. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, April 13-15, 2012.
- Prone to Floods: A Political Ecology of Everyday Risk at the Urban Frontier. *Risky Endeavors*, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York City, February 24, 2012.
- Peri-Urban Flood Vulnerability: Evolving a Political Ecological Agenda through Insights from Bangalore. *Climate Vulnerability and Adaptation: Marginal Peoples and Environments*, ICARUS Annual Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, May 6, 2011.
- Banking on Water: Debt, Discipline, and the Financialization of Policy Expertise in Bangalore. (Co-organizer). *Politics of Expertise in Urban and Regional Development*, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Seattle, April 16, 2011.
- Capitalizing on Water: The Techno-Politics of Greater Bangalore's Piped Water Supply Project. *Water Resource Technologies and Politics*, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington DC, April 18, 2010.
- The Right to Water as the Right to the City. Right to Water Conference, Syracuse University, March 9, 2010.

## MEDIA AND MULTIMEDIA APPEARANCES

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| 2019 | "Marginalized Communities in D.C. Are Already Struggling. Climate Change Will Make That Worse", NPR WAMU 88.5 Kojo Nnamdi Show Interview with Malini Ranganathan, Kevin Bush, and Jacob Fenston, <a href="https://thekojonnamdishow.org/shows/2019-09-17/marginalized-communities-in-d-c-are-already-struggling-climate-change-will-make-that-worse">https://thekojonnamdishow.org/shows/2019-09-17/marginalized-communities-in-d-c-are-already-struggling-climate-change-will-make-that-worse</a> |
| 2019 | "The Fight for Environmental Justice in America's Segregated Cities", <a href="https://geographical.co.uk/people/development/item/3360-abolitionist-climate">https://geographical.co.uk/people/development/item/3360-abolitionist-climate</a>  |
| 2019 | "Decolonizing Infrastructure in India and the US": A Conversation with Malini Ranganathan, <a href="https://edgeeffects.net/malini-ranganathan/">https://edgeeffects.net/malini-ranganathan/</a>   |
| 2019 | "SIS Breaks it Down: Climate Justice in Washington, DC", Interview with Malini Ranganathan, American University, <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&amp;v=EqZ6KZzXcMk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&amp;v=EqZ6KZzXcMk</a>   |
| 2019 | "Bengaluru Needs To Look To Its Past To Solve Its Severe Water Crisis", <a href="https://www.huffingtonpost.in/entry/bengaluru-needs-to-look-to-its-past-to-solve-its-severe-water-crisis_in_5ca98465e4b0a00f6d40bab4">https://www.huffingtonpost.in/entry/bengaluru-needs-to-look-to-its-past-to-solve-its-severe-water-crisis_in_5ca98465e4b0a00f6d40bab4</a>  |
| 2015 | "Obama's visit to India Includes Climate Change Talks" by David Jackson, <i>USA Today</i> , <a href="https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/01/22/obama-">https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/01/22/obama-</a>  |

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- 2014 "Bribe the valveman to cut water supply, and make money selling water", <http://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/water-mafia-operation-on-bangalore-outskirts-6764>
- 2014 "Africa's Population Will Quadruple by 2100. What Does That Mean for its Cities?" by Sam Sturgis, *Atlantic Cities*, <https://www.citylab.com/design/2014/09/africas-population-will-quadruple-by-2100-what-does-that-mean-for-its-cities/380507/>
- 2014 "Improv Cities: Urban Peripheries and the Future", American University TEDx Talk by Malini Ranganathan, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nlfBxWo1SqY>

## NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2009      | Consultant         | United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat                     |
| 2005      | Intern             | Urban Sustainability Initiative, Berkeley Institute for the Environment                        |
| 2005      | Intern             | China Energy Group, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory                                      |
| 2005      | Intern             | Programme Energie, ENDA-Tiers Monde, Dakar   |
| 2004      | Intern             | Low Income Energy Programs, California Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco              |
| 2001-2003 | Research Associate | Renewable Energy Technology Applications, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi |

## COURSES TAUGHT AND OVERALL INSTRUCTOR RATINGS (1-7)

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| Spring 2019  | SIS 620: Environmental Justice; overall instructor rating <b>6.92/7</b>  |
| Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014 (2 sections), Fall 2015 (2 sections), Fall 2017 (2 sections), Fall 2018 (2 sections) | SISU 250: Environmental Sustainability and Global Health, overall instructor ratings <b>6.14/7, 6.73/7, 6.72/7, 6.67/7, 6.73/7, 6.75/7, 6.79/7, 6.87/7, 6.83/7, 6.92/7</b> |
| Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2017  | SIS 620: Urban Political Ecology, overall instructor ratings <b>6.75/7, 6.36/7, 6.38/7</b>   |
| Spring 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2019  | SISU 349: Global Cities, Justice, and the Environment, overall instructor rating <b>6.48/7, 6.87/7, 6.82/7</b>   |
| Fall 2011, UIUC  | GEOG 496: Climate Change and Social Vulnerability (Lecturer), no rating available  |
| Spring 2011, UIUC  | HDES 595: Human Dimensions of Env Systems (Co-Instructor), no rating available   |
| Fall 2008, UC Berkeley   | ER 175: Water and Development (Graduate Student Instructor), overall instructor rating <b>6.12/7</b>   |
| Spring 2006, UC Berkeley   | CP 270: Global Metropolitan Studies: Theories of the North and South (Graduate Student Co-Organizer), no rating available  |
| Fall 2005, UC Berkeley   | ER 100: Energy and Society (Graduate Student Instructor), overall instructor rating <b>6/7</b>   |

**STUDENT ADVISING**

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| 2019-current | Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member for Veronica Limeberry, PhD in International Relations: "Farmer-Peasant-Colonizer: Identity and the Territorial Turn in Land-Based Concessions"                              |
| 2019-current | Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member for Charlotte Blair, PhD in Anthropology: "An Anthropology of Food and the Politics of Branding in Albuquerque, NM"  |
| 2019         | Independent Studies Supervisor for Nandini Maya Krishnan, BA in International Studies: "Dalit Feminism against Caste Supremacy: Intersectional Feminism, Transnational Parallels, and the Imperative of Allyship"   |
| 2018-2019    | Substantial Research Project Advisor for Wendy Atieno, MA in Global Environmental Policy: "Urban Risk in Nairobi: Slums, Floods, and the Role of the State"   |
| 2017-2018    | Substantial Research Project Advisor for Kathryn Strelevitz, MA in Global Environmental Policy: "Inundation and Resettlement: From Dam Projects to Sea Level Rise"  |
| 2016-2017    | Substantial Research Project Advisor for William Gee, MA in Global Environmental Policy: "Land-Use Policy and Racial Discrimination in Washington, DC"  |
| 2016-2017    | Substantial Research Project Advisor for Attiya Saed, MA in Global Environmental Policy: "Trapped in Temporary Permanence: The Challenges of Multi-Level Water and Sanitation Governance in Jordan's Refugee Camps" |
| 2014-current | Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member for Anne Kantel, PhD in International Relations: "Situating Legitimacy: Encounters between State-Based and Local Fisheries Lifeworlds in Uganda"                             |
| 2014-2018    | Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member for Abby Lindsay, PhD in International Relations: "Multiscalar Complexities of Urban Water Politics: The role of scientific and technical knowledge"                         |
| 2015-2016    | Thesis Advisor for Tayeba Batool, MA in International Affairs: "Remodeling Identity in Lahore"  |
| 2015-2016    | Honors Capstone Research Project Advisor for Christine Chipko, BA in International Studies: "Unmasking the Gendered Approach to Conditional Cash Transfers"   |
| 2014-15      | Substantial Research Project Advisor for Karly Kiefer, MA in Global Environmental Policy: "Partnership in Tension: Negotiating Citizen-State Engagement in Cape Town's Slum Upgrading"                              |
| 2013-14      | Honors Capstone Project Advisor for Evan Anderson, BA in International Studies: "Tarlabasi's Renewal: A Case of Urban Transformation in 21st Century Turkey"  |
| 2013-14      | Thesis Advisor for Brianna Suarez, MA in International Affairs: "The Struggle Continues: Mexico's Neoliberal Policies and Rural Indigenous Water Rights"  |
| 2013-14      | Substantial Research Project Advisor for Averelle Talbott, MA in Global Environmental Policy: "Race, Public Housing, and Rooftop Farming in New York City"  |
| 2013-14      | Substantial Research Project Advisor for Jackson Stubbs, MA in Global Environmental Policy: "Achieving Zero Waste in Washington, DC"  |

## JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD SERVICE

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| 2019-2022 | Invited Editorial Board, Member, <b><i>Environment and Planning: D (Society and Space)</i></b><br>IF 2.730 |
| 2016-2020 | Invited Editorial Board Member, <b><i>Annals of the American Association of Geographers</i></b> IF 3.037   |
| 2015-2019 | Invited Editorial Board Member, <b><i>Geography Compass</i></b> (Urban Geography) IF 2.053                 |

## OTHER EXTERNAL SERVICE

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| Ongoing   | Invited Peer Reviewer for the following university presses and peer-reviewed journals: <i>Oxford University Press, Progress in Human Geography, Environmental Politics, Annals of the American Association of Geographers, International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, Urban Geography, Environmental History; Geography Compass, Antipode: A Journal of Radical Geography, Geoforum, Climate and Development, Environment and Planning: A (Economy and Space), Environment and Planning: C (Politics and Space); Environment and Planning: D (Society and Space), Environment and Planning: E (Nature and Space), Journal of Material Culture</i> |
| 2015-2017 | Elected Officer-at-Large, Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers  |
| 2015-2017 | Elected Board Member, Urban Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers   |
| 2015-2016 | External Evaluator, PhD Thesis "Altering Urban Ecology of Bangalore: Politics of Land and Water Resources", CEPT University, Ahmedabad, India  |
| 2014      | Peer Reviewer for National Science Foundation CAREER Proposal  |
| 2013      | Peer Reviewer for National Science Foundation Geography and Spatial Sciences Program Proposal  |

## INTERNAL SERVICE

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| Fall 2019         | Olson Scholar Mentor for Claudia Stephens, SIS  |
| Fall 2019         | Member, Search Committee for Director of Research Partnerships, Antiracist Research and Policy Center |
| Fall 2019         | Invited Member, Dean's Council on Diversity and Inclusion, SIS  |
| Fall 2018-current | Invited Member, President's Council on Diversity and Inclusion (campus-wide)                          |
| 2017-2018         | Elected Member, Faculty Senate Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (campus-wide)                     |
| Fall 2017         | Planning Committee Member, Faculty and Staff Retreat "Enabling Our Future Leadership", SIS            |
| 2016-2017         | Interview Committee Member, Target of Opportunity Hire for Ibram X. Kendi, SIS/CAS                    |
| 2016-2017         | Elected Pre-Tenure Faculty Member, Faculty Actions Committee, SIS                                     |

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| 2015-2016 | Elected Member, Task Force on Restructuring of MA Programs, SIS                              |
| 2013-2015 | Undergraduate Thematic Area Coordinator, Environmental Sustainability and Global Health, SIS |
| Fall 2014 | Undergraduate Mentor, SIS  |
| Fall 2014 | Member, Search Committee for Tenure Track Assistant Professor in Global Urban Studies, SIS   |
| Fall 2013 | Member, Search Committee for Tenure Track Assistant Professor in Quantitative Methods, SIS   |