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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

- 2014 – present Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track), Department of History, Drexel University, USA.
- 2019 – 2020 Shelby Cullom Davis Center Fellow, Princeton University, USA.
- 2016 – 2017 Research Fellow, International Institute of Asian Studies, Leiden University, The Netherlands.
- 2014 – present Visiting Associate Faculty, South Asia Center, University of Pennsylvania, USA.

EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D. Department of History, Emory University, USA.
Certificate Program in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Emory University, USA.
- 2011-2012 Junior Fellow of American Institute of Indian Studies, affiliated with the Center for Studies of Social Sciences, Kolkata, India.
- 2003 Master of Arts, Department of English, Jadavpur University, India.
- 2001 Bachelor of Arts, Department of English, Jadavpur University, India.

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

- 2018 *Empire and Ecology in the Bengal Delta: The Making of Calcutta*. Studies in Environment and History Series (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018) <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108348867> (Indian edition February 2019; Paperback June 2019).

Reviewed in:

New York Review of Books; H-Water; Environmental Values; Law, Humanities and Culture; Journal of History; Environmental History.

- In progress *Monsoon Landscapes: Credit, Climate and Calamity in the Bay of Bengal* (Introduction and chapter 2 drafted).

Refereed Journal Articles:

- Forthcoming “Indian City and its ‘Restive Publics’: A Review Essay,” *Modern Asian Studies* (invited).
- “Speculation: A Concept History,” *Comparative Studies in South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 40, no. 1 (2020), Special Issue on “Concepts of the Urban.”
- 2019 “Land Dispossession in South Asia,” *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia for Asian Studies*. ed. David Ludden (New York: Oxford University Press, 2019). [DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190277727.013.189](https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190277727.013.189)
- 2019 “Provincializing the History of Speculation from Colonial India,” *History Compass*, 17: e12517 (2019). [doi:10.1111/hic3.12517](https://doi.org/10.1111/hic3.12517)
- 2018 “Fluid Histories: Swamps, Law and the Company-State in Colonial Bengal,” *Journal of Economic and Social History of the Orient*. 61, no. 5-6 (2018): 1036-73. Special Issue on “Repossessing Property in South Asia: Land, Rights and Law across Modern/Early Modern Divide.” [doi:10.1163/15685209-12341466](https://doi.org/10.1163/15685209-12341466)
- 2018 “Discipline and Drain: Settling the Moving Bengal Delta,” *Global Environment* 11, (2018): 236-257. Special Issue on “Environment, Disaster and Property.” [doi:10.3197/ge.2018.110203](https://doi.org/10.3197/ge.2018.110203)
- 2017 “Ethics/ Reading /Sex: How do We Read?” *Feminist Formations* 29, no. 3 (2017): 193-7. [doi:10.1353/ff.2017.0041](https://doi.org/10.1353/ff.2017.0041)
- 2016 “Hoarding Land: Interwar Housing Speculation and Rent Profiteering in Colonial Calcutta,” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 36, no. 3 (2016): 465-82. <https://doi.org/10.1215/1089201x-3699007>
- 2015 “The History of Eminent Domain in British Colonial Thought and Legal Practice in South Asia,” *Economic and Political Weekly* 50, no. 50 (2015): 45-53.

Refereed Book Chapters:

- In press “Politics of Dwelling: Divergent Spaces in Calcutta,” Richardson Dilworth and Timothy Weaver eds. *Role of Ideas in Urban Political Development*, (University of Pennsylvania Press).
- 2013 ‘Geography’s Myth: The Many Origins of Calcutta’ in Gyanendra Pandey, ed., *Unarchived Histories: The Mad and the Trifling in the Colonial and Postcolonial World* (New York: Routledge, 2013), 144-58.
- 2008 ‘Nation-less Bodies and National Identity in Jyotirmoyee Devi’s *Epar Ganga Opar Ganga*’ in Ansgar Nünning, Birgit Neumann and Bo Petersson, eds., *Narrative and Identity: Theoretical Approaches and Critical Analyses* (Trier: Wissenschaftler Verlag Trier, 2008), 127-40.
- 2008 ‘Of Shadows and Silences: Militant Nationalism in Amitav Ghosh’s *The Shadow Lines*’ in Klaus Stierstorfer and Annette Kern-Stähler, eds., *Literary Encounters of Fundamentalism: A*

Case Book (Heidelberg: Winter Verlag, 2008), 75-88.

Book Reviews:

- 2019 Craig Jeffrey, *Modern India: A Very Short Introduction* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018) *American Historical Review* (forthcoming).
- 2019 Benjamin Kingsway, *An Imperial Disaster: The Bengal Cyclone of 1876* (New Delhi: Speaking Tiger, 2018) *Economic and Political Weekly* (forthcoming).
- 2019 Benjamin Siegel, *Hungry Nation: Food, Famine and the Making of Modern India* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018) *Environmental History* (forthcoming).
- 2019 Radhika Mongia, *Indian Migration and Empire: A Colonial Genealogy of the Modern State* (Raleigh: Duke University Press, 2018) H-Diplo. <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=53256>
- 2019 Renisa Mawani, *Across Oceans of Law: The Komagata Maru and Jurisdiction of the Time of Empire* (Raleigh: Duke University Press, 2017) *Law and History Review* 37, no. 2 (May 2019): 639-41. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0738248019000282>
- 2017 Amrita Pande, *Wombs in Labor: Transnational Commercial Surrogacy in India* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2014) *Enterprise and Society* 18, no. 2 (2017): 474-76. <https://doi.org/10.1017/eso.2016.88>
- 2016 Andrew Fitzmaurice, *Sovereignty, Property and Empire 1500 - 2000* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014) *Political Theory* 45, no. 3 (2016): 416-19. <https://10.1177/0090591716640460>
- 2015 Andrew Sartori, *Liberalism in Empire: An Alternative History* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2014) for *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* 38, no. 2 (2015): 351-52. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00856401.2015.1020476>
- 2015 Sandeep Banerjee “Landscaping India: From Colony to Postcolony” (PhD Thesis: Syracuse University, 2013), *Dissertation Reviews*, February, 2015. <http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/10573>
- 2012 Richard Hornsey, *The Spiv and the Architect: Unruly Life in Postwar London* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2010) *Gender, Place & Culture* 19, no.1 (2012): 121-23.
- 2011 Mariam Dossal, *Theatre of Conflict, City of Hope: Bombay/Mumbai, 1660 to Present Times* (Bombay: Oxford University Press, 2010) *Urban Studies* 48, no.11 (2011): 2429-31.
- 2006 (in German) Río-Álvaro, Constanza Del und Luis Miguel García-Mainar, eds. *Memory, Imagination and Desire in Contemporary Anglo-American Literature and* (Heidelberg: Winter Verlag, 2004) *KULT_online*, 11 August 2006. <http://kult-online.uni-giessen.de/archiv/2006/ausgabe-11>

Report Commissioned by the Government of West Bengal, India

2011 Co-authored with Paromita Chakravarti, *Imagined Homes: Homeless People Envision Shelters* (Kolkata: The Calcutta Samaritans, 2011).

Entries / Introduction/ Opinion Pieces:

- 2018 Co-authored with Seth Denbo, “When a Journal is a Scam: Predatory Journals and Scholarship as Public Good,” *Perspectives in History*.
<https://www.historians.org/publications-and-directories/perspectives-on-history/october-2018/when-a-journal-is-a-scam-how-some-publications-prey-on-scholarship-as-public-good>
- 2018 Introduction “Discovery of India(s): Resisting the National Biography,” special issue edited by Arvind Elangovan in *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* 41, no. 3 (2018): 601-604, [doi:10.1080/00856401.2018.1485621](https://doi.org/10.1080/00856401.2018.1485621).
- 2017 Co-authored with Adam Knowles, “Ideal Subject of Totalitarianism,” *Revue des femmes philosophes*, 127-138
<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0026/002655/265538m.pdf>.
- 2017 “Arbit” Special Issue on Everyday Keywords in South Asia, *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* 40, no. 2 (2017): 279-80.
<https://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00856401.2017.1292602>
- 2017 “Being River: The Law, the Person and the Unthinkable,” *World Legal History*, H-Law. <https://networks.h-net.org/node/16794/blog/world-legal-history-blog/177310/being-river-law-person-and-unthinkable>
- 2017 “Soaking Ecologies: Rethinking Asian Urbanism,” *International Institute of Asian Studies Newsletter*, 76. <http://ias.asia/the-newsletter/article/soaking-ecologies-rethinking-asian-urbanism>
- 2016 “Manufactured Landscapes: Law and Hydraulics in the Bengal Delta,” *Technology Stories: Past and Present*, June 2016. <http://www.technologystories.org/manufactured-landscapes-law-and-hydraulics-in-the-bengal-delta/>
- 2012 (in Bengali) “Wall Street Theke,” *Anandabazar Patrika*, November 6, 2012

Publications in Progress:

- “The Calculus of Planning: Politicizing the Economic Question in India, 1930 to 1951.”

Other Media:

- Podcast: “The Science of Planning: Notes from Indian Economic History” at the HPPE Seminar, London School of Economics, Episode 5 Ceteris non Paribus, The History of Economic Thought Podcast <https://ceterisnonparibus.net/debjani-bhattacharyya-on-the-science-of-planning-notes-from-indian-economic-history-at-the-hppe-seminar-episode-5/>

- Podcast: “A Naturally-Forming Harbor: Silt, Geological Testimony and the Bengal Delta,” Centre for South Asian Study Seminar, Cambridge University.
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/centre-of-south-asian-studies-seminars/id1112589084?mt=2>

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

- Shelby Cullom Davis Center Fellow, Princeton University 2019-2020.
- Faculty Summer Research Award, Drexel University 2019.
- CoAS Summer Humanities Fellowship, Drexel University, 2017.
- Research Fellowship, International Institute of Asian Studies, University of Leiden, Netherlands, 2016 - 2017.
- Young Scholar’s Award, Institute for New Economic Thinking to organize a year-long workshop (2016-17) on “Philadelphia Seminar on the History and Sociology of Emerging Markets” (with Alden Young and Jacob Feygin).
- South Asian Regional Faculty Grant, University of Pennsylvania, 2016, and 2017.
- Office of International Program, Drexel University, International Experience Grant, 2016, 2017.
- AIIS New Research Subvention, Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, 2015.
- The History Project Research Grant supported by the Institute of New Economic Thinking, and the Joint Center for History and Economics, Harvard University, Summer 2014.
- Cornell University, Institute of Social Sciences Grant for Summer Institute on Contested Landscape, May 2013.
- Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Grant to present at the Inter-Asian Workshop III at Hong Kong University, May 2012.
- Junior Research Fellowship (eleven-month fellowship for archive research) from the American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS, Chicago), 2011-2012.
- Emory University’s Professional Development Fund, 2009 and 2010.
- Graduate Fellowship, Emory University Graduate School. 2008-2014.
- Outstanding Student Summer Fellowship from Institute for Critical International Studies, Emory University, 2009.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- American Society for Legal History Project Funding, 2018-19 (with Laurie Wood).
- Selected for Drexel’s limited-submission for NEH Summer Research Fellowship, 2019.
- International Collaborator on Narrative Science Project European Union's Horizon 2020 (grant agreement No. 694732)
- College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Excellence Award, Drexel University, 2018.
- Career Development Award Fellowship, Drexel University, 2017 – 2018.
- Seminar Leader and Convener, “Delta Cities: Rethinking Urbanism,” IAS Graduate School in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, December 2018.
- Invited Researcher SSRC Scholarly Borderland Project Bodies of Water. 2018 -2019.
- Invited Researcher SSRC Climate Change and the Indian Ocean Research Group. 2018-2019.
- Member “Geographies of Injustice Working Group,” Center for the Study of Social Difference at Columbia University, 2018 – present.
- Seminar Leader, Anthropocene Campus, Philadelphia, 2017.

- Visiting Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin, Summer 2016.
- Workshop Grant, “Building Indian Cities,” Center for Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania, November, 2015.
- Summer Academy Fellow on Legal History, Max-Planck Institut für Rechtsgeschichte, Frankfurt am Main, July 2015.
- McLean Prize for the Most Distinguished Student, Department of History, Emory University, 2009.
- National Scholarship Award, West Bengal, India, 1998.

COLLABORATIVE GRANTS APPLIED:

- Co-investigator, “Movindeltas: Asian Deltas as an Observational and Concrete Research Study on Migration and Adaptive Strategy to Climate Change,” PI: Sylvie Fanchette (IRD/CESSMA), Fabien Duran (IRD/LEGOS) and Alexis Drogoul (IRD/UMMISCO), ANR (French National Agency for Research) Under H2020 Societal Challenge 5, “LC-CLA-05-2019 – Human dynamics of Climate Change.” (cleared second stage, application under review at final stage)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks and Keynote:

2019 The Wreck of *Warren Hastings*: Salvage, Weather and Insurance in the Indian Ocean, Davis Center Colloquium, Princeton University, November 2019, and Law and History Seminar, Tel Aviv University, January 2020 (scheduled).

(Keynote) Sundarbans: The Disappearing Legacies of Recent History, Re-Scape Colloquium, Delft University, October 2019 (scheduled).

A History of Swamps, or How We Built Sinking Cities, South Asia Seminar, The British Library, June 2019.

Ordering Cyclones: The Courtroom in the Making of Meteorological Sciences in Colonial India, Scientific Polyphony Workshop, London School of Economics, June 2019.

“Building on Bottomless Alluvion”: Calcutta’s Marshy Origins, Port Cities Colloquium, New York University, May 2019.

Reading Against the Grain: Science Beyond the West, History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania, April 2019.

(Keynote) New Directions in South Asian Environmental Studies, Jesus and Mary College, March 2019.

Land Reclamation as Urbanization: Legal Struggles with Silt in Colonial Calcutta, Indian Institute of Technology (Delhi), February 2019.

2018 Almanac of a Tidal Basin: How Not to See Water-Land Relations, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, November 2018.

“Laws of Men and the Science of Nature: Credit, Climate and Calamity in the Bay of Bengal,” New York University, Global Asia Colloquium, November 2018.

Closing Plenary, Symposium “Land Question: Agrarian and Material South Asia,” 47th *Annual South Asian Conference*, Madison, October 2018.

“Sea of Storms: Narrating Science in Colonial Courts in British Empire,” University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, September 2018.

“Fluid Histories: Swamp, Law and the Company-State in Colonial Bengal,” Stanford University, June 2018.

“Living in Liquid Landscapes: Notes from Calcutta,” Rising Waters Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, April 2018.

“Fluid Histories: Law and Geology in the Bengal Delta,” South Asia Colloquium Yale University, February 2018.

2017 “A Naturally Forming Harbor”: Silt, Geological Testimony and Law in the Bengal Delta,” Cambridge University, November 2017.

“The Science of Planning: Notes from Indian Economic History,” Historical and Philosophical Perspectives on Economics, Michaelmas Term Seminar, London School of Economics, November 2017.

“Imagination and the Classroom,” Cogut Humanities Center, Brown University, October 2017.

Closing Plenary, “Vernacular Worlds and the Anthropocene Moment in Global History,” Anthropocene Campus, Drexel University, October 2017

“Water, Swamp and Insurance: Making of the Bengal Delta,” Estimated Truths workshop, Max-Planck-Institute of History of Science, Berlin, August 2017.

“Rethinking Urbanization in an Era of Rapid Climate Change,” School of Design, University of Pennsylvania, May 2017.

“Studying the Indian Ocean through Risk, Geography and Law,” Lauder Institute, University of Pennsylvania, May 2017.

“Soaking Ecologies: Swamps, Law and the East India Company in Bengal,” Queen’s University, Canada, April 2017.

“Company Engineers: Water Infrastructures and the Making of a Colonial Profession,” EHESS Paris, March 2017.

(Keynote) “Soaking Ecologies: Future Directions in Urban Land and Landscapes,”

- Land Seminar, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, February 2017.
- “Benjamin Lacam’s New Harbor: Geography, Law and Empire,” Berlin-Brandenburg Colloquium on Environmental History, Berlin, February 2017.
- “Soaking Ecologies: Swamps, Law and the East India Company in Bengal,” International Institute of Asian Studies, Leiden, January 2017.
- 2016 “The Calculus of Planning: Politicizing the Economic Question in India, 1930 to 1951,” Department of History, Copenhagen Business School, December 2016 and Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, April 2017.
- “Speculative Imaginaries of the Urban,” Heyman Center for Humanities, Columbia University, September 2016.
- “Benjamin Lacam’s New Harbor: Geography, Law and Empire,” Presidency University, Kolkata, August 2016.
- “Notarizing Possession in Calcutta,” Max-Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin, July 2016.
- “Archeology of Silence: Tracing the new masculinities in post-Partition Bengal,” Humanities Symposium, Albright College, April 2016.
- “RTFCLAAR: Necessity, Emergency and Eminent Domain in South Asia Drexel Law and Society Group, April 2016.
- 2015 “Tracing the History of Eminent Domain in Colonial Thought and Legal Practice in British India, “Colonial/Postcolonial New Research Workshop,” Institute of Historical Research, London, October 2015.
- “From Marshy Wetlands to Property: How Economy and Ecology Shaped Colonial Calcutta,” Dean’s Seminar, Drexel University, February 2015.
- “Repacking Spaces: Cultures of Consuming Urban Riverfronts,” Consumer Culture Study Group, Drexel University, January 2015.
- 2014 Panelist, Author Meets Critic session on Lynne Huffer’s *Are the Lips a Grave?: A Queer Feminist on the Ethics of Sex*, National Women’s Studies Association 2014, San Juan, November 2014.
- “Land-Profitteering or Speculation: Fixing the Fiscal Geography of Calcutta,” at the School for Cultural Texts and Records, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, July 2014.
- 2013 Panelist for book talk: Gyanendra Pandey, *History of Prejudice: Race, Caste and Difference in India and United States*, Emory University, March 2013.

2012 “The Fantastic Archive of Urban History: The Stories We Tell about our Cities” at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT-Bombay, March 2012.

Conferences (organizer/presenter/discussant)

2019 Organizer, Grounding Water: Rethinking Urbanism in Monsoon Landscapes, 3 part panel at RC21, In and Beyond the City: Emerging Ontologies, Persistent Challenges and Hopeful Futures, Delhi, September 2019 (scheduled).

Book Talk Presenter, New Scholarship on South Asian Legal History, *Law and Society Association*, May 2019 (book panelists are invitation only).

2018 “Geographies of Caste: Rethinking Technologies of Land Reclamation,” *Society for the History of Technology*, St. Louis, October 2018.

Organizer/Presenter, “Watery Spaces and Law,” *Legal History of the British Empire*, University of West Indies, Barbados, July 2018.

Organizer, “Spaces of Law in the Bay of Bengal,” Drexel University, April 2018.

Organizer/Presenter, “Amphibious Spaces: Colonial Legal Entanglements in Watery Spaces,” *American Historical Association*, January 2018.

2016 Organizer/Presenter “The Business of Planning: The Stories We Tell About India’s Decolonization,” *45th Annual South Asia Conference*, Madison, October 2016.

“Manufactured Landscape: Law and Infrastructure in the Bengal Delta,” Cornell University, September 2016.

“Manufactured Landscapes: Law and Hydraulics in the Bengal Delta,” Princeton University, April 2016.

“Teaching Global Environmental History,” Roundtable, *American Society for Environmental History*, March 2016.

“Counting for the Future: The Changing Political Economy of Development in India” *American Historical Association*, January 2016.

2015 “Drying the Bengal Delta: colonial property laws and the creation of an unstable ecological terrain,” *Disaster, Environment and Property: historical approaches, 19th-20th centuries*, School for Advanced Studies in Social Sciences, Paris, December 2015.

“Living with Water”: The Fluvial Landscape and Property Market in Colonial Calcutta,” *Water History Conference*, Delft, July 2015.

“Colonial Property Law in an Unstable Ecological Terrain,” *Law and Society Association*, Seattle, May 2015.

- “Legal Heterotopia: Unstable Ecologies and Property Law in Colonial India,” 18th Annual Meeting, *Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities*, Georgetown University, March 2015.
- “‘Native Mendacity’ versus ‘Colonial Economicity’: Twentieth Century Housing Speculation in Calcutta,’ for the panel on AIIS Showcase on New Research: Corruption, State Violence, and Ethics in India at the *Annual Asian Studies*, Chicago, March 2015.
- “The Influence of German Town Planning in British India: Tracing the Heritage of Lex Adikes,” *MIDA Project* at Humboldt University, Berlin, January 2015.
- 2014 “Speculation and Land-Profiteering: What is Economic about the Economy?” Workshop on *Institutions, Credit and the State*, Yale University, October 2014.
- “Marsh as Political Modernity: Charting the New Regimes of Value in Colonial South Asia,” *Nineteenth-Century Workshop on Circulation*, Rutgers University, October 2014.
- “Fabricating Symbols of Possession: Translating Calcutta’s Riverbank,” *History and Space*, Birkbeck University, London, June 2014.
- 2013 Organizer/Presenter “Speculation and Land-Profiteering: Fixing the Fiscal Geography of Calcutta,” *42nd South Asia Conference*, Madison, October 2013.
- “Speculation or Economic Disobedience: Land, Capital and Property in Colonial Calcutta,” *Land Institute*, Institute of Social Science, Cornell University, May 2013.
- “*Hujuk* and Lies: The World of Satires in Nineteenth Century Bengal,” 10th Annual South Asia Graduate Student Conference, *The Place of Literature*, University of Chicago, April 2013.
- “Translating *ghat* into River Bank: Genealogy of Property Relations in Colonial Calcutta,” *Critical Geography, Spatial Theory and Everyday Life*, Georgia State University, March 2013.
- 2012 Organizer/ Presenter “Open Spaces: A Logistical Tool for Disciplining Colonial Calcutta,” *Urban History Conference*, New York, October 2012.
- Organizer/Presenter “Terrains of the Maidan: Governmentality, Spectrality and Every day in Colonial Calcutta,” *41st Annual South Asia Conference*, Madison, October 2012.
- “Geography’s Myth: Place-making, Archive and Historiography,” *Unarchived Histories Workshop*, Department of History, Emory University, September 2012.
- “From the Maidan to the Wetlands of Kolkata: Reappraising the Aesthetics of Nature and Ideologies of Urban Environmental Sustainability,” *SSRC Conference on Interasian Connections III*, Hong Kong, June 2012.

- 2011 “‘The Fish Follows the River and the Fisherman Follows the Fish:’ Fantasy and the Land-Question in Urban Calcutta,” *Frames of Reference*, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, December 2011.
- “The Ghost in the Name: Probing the Myths Around the Naming of Calcutta,” *40th Annual South Asia Conference*, Madison, October 2011.
- “Languages of the Body in Bengali Folk Songs,” *Annual All India Women’s Studies Conference*, Wardha University, January 2011.
- 2009 Organizer/Presenter “Deviant Dwelling: Tiljala Slums and the Limits of the Urban,” *38th Annual South Asia Conference*, Madison, October 2009.
- 2007 “Changing Cityscapes and the Partition of India,” *Modern Language Association*, Chicago, December 2007.
- 2006 “Of Shadows and Silences: Militant Nationalism in Amitav Ghosh’s *The Shadow Lines*,” *Fundamentalism and Literature: Global /Local*, University of Münster, November 2006.
- “Un-Forging National Territories in *The Shadow Lines* by Amitav Ghosh,” *European Summer School in Cultural Studies (Climate and Territories in Human Environment in Literature and Arts)* at University of Oslo, August 2006.

TEACHING

- Urban History (Fall 2018)
- Law and Corporation Independent Study (Summer 2017)
- Empire and Environment: South Asia (Summer 2017, Summer and Fall 2018)
- Global Legal History (Spring 2017, Summer 2018, Spring 2019)
- Technology and Identity (Spring 2017, Spring 2018)
- 10-day Intensive Study Abroad Course, Globalization and Environment in India (Spring 2016)
- Global Environmental History, Drexel University (Winter 2016)
- Making of Modern South Asia, Drexel University (Winter 2015, Winter 2016, Summer 2017, Spring 2019).
- Exploration in Gender and Technology, Drexel University (Winter 2015, Spring 2016).
- Cities in Literature and Film, English Department, Jadavpur University, India, co-taught with Prof. Paromita Chakravarti (Spring 2011).
- Making of Modern South Asia, Emory University (Fall 2010).
- Bengali Language Instructor in Structured Independent Language Study (SILS) Emory University (Spring 2009).
- Gender in Colonial Bengal 1900-1947, at the Geschichte Südasiens, University of Heidelberg (Fall 2007).
- Rewriting Partition: Debating the Use of Oral Narratives and Fragments in the Writing of History, at the Geschichte Südasiens, University of Heidelberg, (Spring 2007, *Quellenübung*).

STUDENT ADVISING

- Alexis Carlsson, Hidden Hydrologies of Philadelphia, 2017 Summer Humanities Fellow, Drexel University.
- Tarita Roychoudhuri, Global Engagement Fellow, Drexel University.

MASTER'S THESIS

- Tarita Roy Choudhuri (Masters in Urban Strategy, Drexel University), "Climate Change and Food Security in Kolkata." 2018-19.

EXTERNAL EXAMINER (PH.D. DISSERTATION)

- Mark Jones, "Custom, Law and John Company in Kumaon: The Meeting of Local Custom with the Emergent Formal Governmental Practices of the British East India Company in the Himalayan Nation of Kumaon, 1815-1843" (Australian National University, 2018).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Regional Editor (Asia), *History Compass* (2019 onwards)
- Member, Hal Rothman Dissertation Prize Committee, American Society for Environmental History, 2019-2022.
- Discussant, Liquid Legalities, *Law and Society Association*, May 2019.
- Chair and Discussant, River Cities Summit, Surabaya, Indonesia, December 2017.
- Resource Person, Inaugural Urban Summit 2017, Lindy Institute, Drexel University.
- Judge for "Water Urbanism Studio," Graduate School of Architecture and Planning, Columbia University, New York, 2017.
- Organized two Professional Development Panels for the *American Historical Association* 2017 (Transitioning to the Professoriate and Digital Ecologies and the Historian).
- Discussant and Chair, History of Law, Public Policy and Economics in Crisis, *American Historical Association*, 2017.
- Discussant and Chair, Ocean of Law, Leiden University, December 2016.
- Discussant, Panel on Relocating Subalternity, Utrecht University, December 2016.
- Question and Answer Moderator, Abhay Khumar's *Placebo* Screening, Studium Generale, Leiden University, November 2016.
- Selection Committee "Early Career Fellowship for STEM in South Asia," University of Pennsylvania. 2016 (Selected Dr. Senthil Babu).
- Elected Councilor (Professional Division), *American Historical Association* 2016-2019.
- Discussant "Science Beyond West," Consortium for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, Philadelphia, Spring 2016.
- Discussant, Economic History Forum, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2016.
- Co-organized the 2015 Indian Urban Studies Workshop, CASI, University of Pennsylvania.
- Discussant, "Debt and Colonial Rule," MESAAS Graduate Student Conference, Columbia University, March 2015.
- Chair and Discussant, "Colonialism and its Subjects," 18th Annual Meeting, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities, University of Georgetown, March 2015.

SERVICE FOR DREXEL UNIVERSITY

University level Committees

- University-wide Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (2018-19).
- Advisor, Global Engagement Scholar Program (2016-17).
- Judge, University Research Day, (2015).

College Level

- Social Science Research Committee (2018-2020).
- Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Prize Committee (2016, 2017).
- Program Committee, Mid-Atlantic Regional Association for Asian Studies (MARAAS), (2017).

Departmental Committees:

- Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor on Disaster History (2019).
- Curriculum Committee (2018-2020).
- Internal Search Committee for the Chair of the History Department (2018).
- Promotion Committee for Lloyd Ackert, Associate Teaching Professor (2018).
- Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta (2015-17).
- Chair, Co-Curricular Committee (2016-18).
- Syllabus Committee (History Component) for Masters in Urban Strategy (2017).
- Member of Transnational History Masters Ad-hoc Committee (2016).
- Search Committee to hire an Assistant Professor in Transnational Environmental History (2015)
- Teaching Committee (2015-2016).
- Lorantas and History Politics Essay Prize Selection Team (2014-2015).
- Ad-hoc committee on Global History Curriculum, Drexel University, Department of History & Politics (2014-2015).
- Ad-hoc Syllabus Committee, Drexel University, Department of History & Politics (2014).

SERVICE FOR EMORY UNIVERSITY

- Graduate Student Speaker for “Conducting Research in International Archives,” Emory University, (April 2014).
- Co-organized the “South Asia Research Group,” Emory University, (Spring 2013).
- Co-organized the first graduate student conference for Colonial/Postcolonial Seminar Series at Emory University entitled *Thinking the Enemy*, (October 2009).

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies (2019); *Modern Asian Studies* (2018), *Postcolonial Studies* (2018), *South Asian Studies* (2018), *Gender, Place, Culture* (2018), *Comparative Studies in History and Society* (2017, 2018), University of Pittsburg Press (2016), *Agrarian History* (2016), *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* (2014, 2015), *philoSOPHIA: A Journal of Continental Feminism* (2014), *Past Tense* (2015), *Engineering Studies* (2015)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native speaker: English, Bengali

Advanced (reading, writing and speaking): German, Hindi

Beginner's level (reading): Dutch

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Historical Association

American Society for Environmental History

Asian Studies Association

Law and Society Association