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RESEARCH STATEMENT

My scholarship employs comparative methods to examine human rights, gender equality, and judicial design, with a primary focus on the United States and India. I analyze how the institutional design of courts shapes rights outcomes and how human rights—including gender-based rights—are conceptualized and understood across jurisdictions.

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Comparative Law; International Human Rights; Courts and Judicial Design

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA

Professor of Law (July 2021 to present)

- Teach contracts, business & human rights, and comparative constitutional law.

Associate Dean, International & Graduate Programs (July 2022 to July 2025)

- Built the LLM program from 3 students to 38, created a summer program on AI, Tech Law for 30 students from India, launched program for SU students to study in India, and collaborated with many new universities across the globe.

Founding Faculty Director, Roundglass India Center (Sept. 2023 to present)

- Founded interdisciplinary center on India with a grant of \$2.2 million.
- The Center has awarded a dozen grants to faculty, launched a podcast, and hosted 20+ high profile events, including with Chief Justices of India, U.S. members of congress and a Nobel laureate.

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, N.Y.

Clinical Professor and Founder, International Human Rights Clinic (2006 to 2011; 2013 to 2021)

- Taught international human rights clinic, immigration clinic, and contracts.

Founding Faculty Director, Avon Global Center for Women & Justice (2007-2012)

- Received grant of \$1.5 million for center focused on advancing gender justice.

Director, Master's in Legal Studies Degree Program (July 2019 to July 2021)

- Designed curriculum, recruited faculty, and create an asynchronous master's program for non-lawyers enrolling over 100 students per year.

University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL

Clinical Professor and Founder, International Human Rights Clinic (Winter 2012 to Spring 2013)

O.P. Jindal Global University, School of Law School, Sonipath, India
Visiting Professor of Law and Fulbright-Nehru Scholar (Spring 2011)

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT
Clinical Visiting Lecturer in Law (Fall 2005 and Spring 2006)

LEGAL PRACTICE

O'Melveny & Myers, Washington D.C. and New York, N.Y.
Counsel (2001 to 2005)

Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, New York, N.Y.
Associate (1998 to 2001)

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA
Juris Doctor (1998)
Associate Editor, Journal of International Economic Law
Co-Founder, South Asian Law Students Association

London School of Economics, London, UK
MSc in Development Studies (1995)

Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.
B.A. in Government (1994)
Magna cum laude

Bronx High School of Science, Bronx, N.Y.
High School Diploma (1990)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books

[COURT ON TRIAL: A DATA-DRIVEN ACCOUNT OF THE INDIAN SUPREME COURT](#) (with Aparna Chandra and William Hubbard, Penguin Press 2023) (cited in dozens of new articles and launched at high profile events with Indian attorney general, solicitor general, and former chief justices).

[WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS AND MIGRATION: SEX-SELECTIVE ABORTION LAWS IN THE UNITED STATES AND INDIA](#) (University of Pennsylvania Press 2017) (Winner of Eric Hoffer Book Award for Best Academic Press Book).

Law Review Articles & Essays

[Legal Personhood of Potential People: AI and Embryos](#), CAL. L. REV. ONLINE (Nov. 2025).

[Is India the New China in U.S. Foreign Policy?](#) (Symposium), 34 WASH. INT'L L.J. (2024).

Foreign Law in Dobbs: The Need for A Principled Framework (Symposium), 14 CONLAWNOW 37 (2023).

Unintended Consequences of Term Limits of Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court: Lessons from a Comparative Study of the Indian Supreme Court, 30 TUL. J. OF INT. AND COMP. LAW 43 (January 2022).

Do Reason-Based Abortion Bans Prevent Eugenics?, 107 CORNELL L. R. ONLINE (October 2021).

Reverse Legal Transplants, 99 N.C. L. REV. 49 (2020).

When Contact Kills: Indigenous Peoples Living in Voluntary Isolation During COVID, 68 UCLA L. REV. DISCOURSE 268 (2020-2021) (with Nicholas Koeppen).

Transnational Legal Feminisms: Challenges and Opportunities, 52 CORNELL INT'L L.J. 171 (2019).

Regulating Markets for Gestational Care: Comparative Perspectives on Surrogacy in the United States and India, 27 CORNELL J.L & PUBLIC POLICY 685 (2018).

The French Veil Ban: A Transnational Legal Feminist Approach, 46 U. BALT. L. REV. 201 (2017).

Sex-selective Abortion Bans: Anti-immigrant or Anti-abortion? 16(1) GEO. J. INT'L AFF., 140 (2015).

Sex-Selection in India and the United States: A Contextualist Feminist Approach, 18 UCLA J. INT'L L. FOREIGN AFF. 61 (2013).

Litigation as a Measure of Well-Being: The Threat of India's Case Backlog, 62 DE PAUL L. REV 247 (2013) (with Theodore Eisenberg and Nick Robinson).

Intent-to-Benefit: Individually Enforceable Rights in International Treaties, 44 STAN. J. INT'L L. 63 (2008).

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Medical and Mental Health Implications of Gestational Surrogacy, AM. J. OBSTET. GYNECOL (2021) (with Annie Yau, Rachel L. Friedlander, Allison Petrini, Mary Catherine Holt, Darrell E. White, Joseph Shin).

Transnational Law as a Framework for Law Clinics, 11 (2) JGLR 251 (2020) (with Rachael Hancock).

Sex-selective Abortion Bans are Not Associated with Changes in Sex Ratios at Birth in Illinois and Pennsylvania, FORUM ON HEALTH AND ECONOMIC POLICY 1 (2014) (with Arindam Nandi and Brian Citro).

From Executive Appointment to the Collegium System: The Impact on Diversity in the Indian Supreme Court, 51 VERFASSUNG UND RECHT IN ÜBERSEE 273 (2018) (with Aparna Chandra and William H. J. Hubbard).

Expanding the Feminist Pathways Perspective beyond the United States: A Profile of Federal Women Prisoners in Argentina, 28 WOMEN & CRIM. JUST. 125 (2018) (with Emily J. Salisbury, Breanna Boppre et. al.).

The Supreme Court of India: A People's Court?, 1 INDIAN L. REV. 145 (2017) (with Aparna Chandra and William H. J. Hubbard).

Enhancing Enforcement of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Using Indicators: A Focus on the Right to Education in the ICESCR, 32 HUM. RTS. Q 253 (2010) (with Jocelyn Getgen and Steve Koh).

Book Chapters

Surrogacy in the United States of America: From Prohibition to Permission in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON SURROGACY LAW (Katrina Trimmings (ed.), et. al., Elgar Publishing, 2024).

Enhancing reproductive justice transnationally: An equality-based approach to sex-selective abortion laws in India (with Meher Dev) in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON INTERNATIONAL ABORTION LAW (Mary Ziegler, ed., Elgar Publishing, 2023).

Why do some Pro-Choice People Support Harmful Abortion Bans? in WHOSE CHOICE IS IT? ABORTION, MEDICINE, AND THE LAW, 7TH EDITION (David F Walbert and J. Douglas Butler, eds. American Bar Association 2021).

The Surrogacy Public Interest Litigation in the Indian Supreme Court: Marginalizing the Marginalized in SOUTH OF THE FUTURE: MARKETING CARE AND SPECULATING LIFE IN SOUTH ASIA AND THE AMERICAS (Anindita Banerjee and Debra A. Castillo eds. SUNY Press 2020).

When 'Creeping Jurisdiction' Goes Awry: The Social Action Litigation to Ban Surrogacy, in JUDICIAL REVIEW: PROCESS, POWERS, AND PROBLEMS (ESSAYS IN HONOUR OF UPENDRA BAXI) 79–106 (Salman Khurshid et al. eds., Cambridge University Press 2020).

Acid Attack Violence in India: The Case for State and Corporate Accountability for Gender-Based Crimes, in HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDIA (Satvinder Juss ed., Routledge 2019) (with Jocelyn Getgen Kestenbaum).

The Supreme Court of India: An Empirical Overview, in A QUALIFIED HOPE: THE INDIAN SUPREME COURT AND PROGRESSIVE SOCIAL CHANGE 43–76 (Gerald N. Rosenberg et al., eds., Cambridge University Press 2019) (with Aparna Chandra and William H. J. Hubbard).

Evaluating the Impact of the Indian Supreme Court Judgment on Sex-Selective Abortion, in A QUALIFIED HOPE: THE INDIAN SUPREME COURT AND PROGRESSIVE SOCIAL CHANGE 319–344 (Gerald N. Rosenberg et al., eds., Cambridge University Press 2019) (with Arindam Nandi).

Usando el Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos para proteger el derecho a la propiedad de los Pueblos Indígenas en las Américas: el impacto de la represa Salvajina en las

comunidades NASA en el Cauca (Colombia) (*The Inter-American Human Rights System & Indigenous Peoples' Property Rights: The Case of the NASA indigenous communities in Cauca region* (Colombia)) (Sergio Latorre ed., 2019) (with David Cordero-Heredia).

Clinical Legal Education and Democracy in India in *THE FUTURE OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES: COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES* 419–437 (C. Raj Kumar ed., Oxford University Press 2018).

Book Reviews

India's Founding Moment, The Constitution of A Most Surprising Democracy by Madhav Khosla: *A Book Review*, 30 (10) LPBR. REV. 149 - 153 (2020) (with Meher Dev).

Women in the Crossfire: Understanding and Ending Honor Killing, 41 HUM. RTS. Q. 1015 (2019).

The Quiet Power of Indicators: Measuring Governance, Corruption, and the Rule of Law, 34 NORDIC J. HUM. RTS. 226 (2016).

Socio-Economic Rights: Adjudication under a Transformative Constitution, 34 HUM. RTS. Q. 579 (2012) (with Elizabeth Brundige).

SELECTED OP-EDS

Will U.S. Courts Strike Down Trump's Tariffs? THE NEW INDIA ABROAD, Sept. 18, 2025.

Latest Tariffs Will Hurt WA Businesses, THE SEATTLE TIMES, Sept. 2, 2025.

Kamala Harris and the Future of Indian Americans in Politics, THE SEATTLE TIMES, July 23, 2024.

Why the Wait for a Green Card is Endless, TIMES OF INDIA, March 4, 2023.

Outdated Green Card Laws Hurt Workers from India, THE SEATTLE TIMES, Dec. 22, 2023.

Why the U.S. should Embrace India, THE SEATTLE TIMES, Sept. 5, 2023.

Lessons from India on the Issue of Supreme Court Justice Term Limits, THE HILL, Apr. 20, 2021.

Social Media Bans Can Be Shaped by International Human Rights Law, BLOOMBERG LAW, Jan. 28, 2021.

India Should Also Accede to the U.N. Refugee Convention, HINDUSTAN TIMES, Mar. 12, 2020.

By Misciting My Work, Justice Thomas Proves My Point, THE PENN PRESS LOG, Jun. 12, 2019.

Paid Surrogacy in New York Won't Lead to Exploitation: What's India Got To Do With It?, NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, Jun. 7, 2019.

The Right Way to Legalize Surrogacy in New York, GOTHAM GAZETTE, Feb. 21, 2019.

Seventh Circuit Faces Major Abortion Case Over ‘Reason-based Bans’, CHICAGO DAILY LAW BULLETIN, Mar. 22, 2018.

Veil Bans in the European Court of Human Rights, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, Dec. 12, 2017.

Repeal Surrogacy Ban to Reflect the Rest of the Country, ALBANY TIMES UNION, Sep. 14, 2017.

Challenging the Narrative on Sex-selective Abortion Bans, MS. MAGAZINE (Aug. 25, 2017).

How to Fix India’s Sex Selection Problem, THE N.Y. TIMES, Jul. 27 2017.

Senate Should Take up Domestic Violence Act, ITHACA JOURNAL, Sep. 19, 2016.

Here’s Why That Race-selective Abortion Ban Bill is so Discriminatory, WOMEN’S E-NEWS, Apr. 16, 2016.

Do Women Really Discriminate Against Their Fetuses? THE HUFFPOST BLOG, Dec. 21, 2015.

Eric Posner has a Narrow Understanding of International Human Rights Clinics, CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION, Nov. 24, 2014.

Stereotyping Asian Americans as Misogynist, HUFFPOST BLOG, Jul. 16, 2014.

It’s A Trick, SLATE, May 6, 2013.

Women in Robes (Gender Parity in Courts), AMERICAS QUARTERLY, Summer 2012.

SELECTED MEDIA COMMENTARY AND WORKS CITED IN MEDIA

Book cited in *Supreme Court’s backlog crisis needs sustained action*, NEWSLAUNDRY about the backlog crisis in the Indian Supreme Court (Nov. 24, 2025).

Quoted in *WA Businesses Take Wait and See Approach on Trump’s Tariffs*, SEATTLE TIMES (Aug. 8, 2025).

Quoted in *In Supreme Court battle over transgender rights, conservatives look to an unlikely ally: Europe*, POLITICO (Dec. 3, 2024).

Quoted in *Will Indian Americans Help Swing the Election for Kamala Harris*, SEATTLE TIMES (Oct. 28, 2024).

Quoted in *What are the Potential Ripple Effects of the Alabama IVF ruling*, NPR (Feb. 28, 2024).

Interviewed by BAR AND BENCH about *Court on Trial* (Sept. 7, 2023).

Book review, *Court on Trial Covers Vast Ground Only Missing Things Here and There*, LEAFLET (Sept. 25, 2023).

Book review, *Ideas and Challenges to Reform the Supreme Court*, WIRE (Sept. 27, 2023).

Book review, *A Slim Read that Provides a Comprehensive Assessment of the Supreme Court*, FIRST POST (Aug. 27, 2023).

Book discussed in *Not Just a Lower Court Problem: New Book Says 40% of Cases Pending in Supreme Court Over Five Years*, THE PRINT (July 24, 2023).

Book quoted in *Supreme Court: Why India's Top Court is in Crises*, BBC (July 20, 2023).

[Interviewed](#) by KUOW Radio in Seattle on a Podcast about caste discrimination in the United States (Feb. 23, 2023).

Quoted in *How Racist Sex-selective Abortion Bans in the US Target Asian Americans*, QUINT (May 22, 2022).

Quoted in *Clashing Abortion Laws in NorthWest show Chaos of Post-Roe*, BLOOMBERG (May 16, 2022).

[Interviewed](#) by King5 news about the future of same-sex rights (May 4, 2022).

[Interviewed](#) by NPR about the future of abortion access in Washington state (May 4, 2022).

Quoted in *Washington State Bans Texas-Style Abortion Laws*, COURTHOUSE NEWSERVICE discussing a new abortion law passed in Washington State (March 17, 2022).

[Profiled](#) in the NORTHWEST ASIAN WEEKLY (Jan. 20, 2022).

[Interviewed](#) on a talk show on KIRO Radio about the future of abortion in America (December 2, 2021).

[Interviewed](#) by KING TV in Seattle about the potential consequences in WA state if *Roe v. Wade* were overturned (Dec. 1, 2021).

Quoted in *A Ban on Commercial Surrogacy Could Leave Women in India with Fewer Options*, TIME (June 30, 2021).

Quoted in *Sex-Selective Abortions: Reproductive Rights Are Being Pitted Against Gender Equality*, NBC NEWS (Oct. 27, 2019).

Quoted in *Survivor of Acid Attack Helps Bring Change to Nepal's Criminal Code*, NPR (Aug. 21, 2018).

Quoted in *Supreme Court Upholds Indiana Abortion Law on Fetal Remains*, THE WASHINGTON TIMES (May 28, 2019).

Quoted in *Supreme Court Upholds Part of Indiana Anti-Abortion Law Requiring Disposal of Fetal Remains by Burial or cremation*, INDYSTAR (May 28, 2019).

Quoted in Trump's Challenge to Birthright Citizenship Stirs Anxiety Among Foreign Workers Starting Families, INDIA ABROAD (Jan. 2, 2019).

Quoted in *Indiana Abortion Law Signed by Former Gov. Mike Pence is Ruled Unconstitutional*, INDYSTAR (Apr. 19, 2018).

Quoted in *Hands-on Lessons*, EDUCATION TIMES (Jun. 19, 2017)

Quoted in *As Abortion Barriers Grow, US Supreme Court Ruling Looms*, DAILY MAIL (Jun. 3, 2016)

Quoted in *Records Reveal Gender-Selective Abortion Taking Place in Canada*, NEW SCIENTIST (Apr. 11, 2016)

Report cited in *With Red Lipstick, Indian Acid Attack Victim Makes a Bold Statement*, THE N.Y. TIMES (Sep. 9, 2015).

Report cited in *How Asian American Women Became the Target of Anti-abortion Activism*, THE WASHINGTON POST (Nov. 4, 2015).

Interviewed on Afghan Women's Rights, KOREAN NEWS RADIO (Mar. 9, 2015)

Interviewed for Acid Attacks: *When Supreme Court on Your Side is not Enough*, LIVEMINT (Dec. 31, 2014)

Quoted in *A New Study Demolishes the Racist Myths Behind Sex-Selective Abortion Bans*, MOTHER JONES (Jun. 4, 2014).

Quoted in *New Study Shows That Sex-Selective Abortion Bans Are Total Bullshit*, JEZEBEL (Jun. 4, 2014) on sex selective abortions in the U.S.

Quoted in *New Study Exposes Sex-Selective Abortion Bans for What They Are: Just Another Way to Restrict Abortion*, SLATE (Jun. 3, 2014).

Interview, VOICE OF AMERICA (Apr. 18, 2014).

Radio Interview on Women in Prisons in Argentina, WBEZ (Chicago's NPR station) (May 13, 2013).

Report cited in *Acid Violence – A Most Horrific Form of Denigration of Women*, PLOS BLOG (Apr. 22, 2014).

Report cited in *Attacks Spike, But Acid Still as Easy as to Buy as Noodles*, THE TIMES OF INDIA (Apr. 29, 2013).

Paper cited in *Civil Litigation Rates Tied to Growth, Human Development Index, Literacy: Study*, THE TIMES OF INDIA (Apr. 10, 2012).

Paper cited in *Higher Rate of Litigation Could be a Sign of Development*, LIVEMINT (Apr. 8, 2012).

Interviewed in *The Effort to End Acid Violence*, MS. MAGAZINE (Apr. 8, 2011).

Quoted in *Bangladesh Cuts Acid Attacks on Women*, ASIA SENTINEL (Feb. 10, 2011).

Quoted in *Bangladesh Praised for Reducing Acid Attacks*, WOMEN'S E-NEWS (Jan. 28, 2011).

Quoted in *U.S.: Prisoners of Abuse*, INTER-PRESS SERVICE (Sep. 21, 2010).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Presentations

- Annual Gala, South Asian Bar Association of Washington, Seattle, WA (Dec. 2024).
- Annual Conference of Association of Fertility and Surrogacy Lawyers, Huntington Beach, CA, (May 2023).
- Commencement Address to Entering Class, Jindal Global Law School (2021).
- Women's Resource Center, Annual International Women's Day Event, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. (March 2015).
- How Far We Have Come, International Women's Day Event, Baker McKenzie, Chicago, IL (March 2013).
- Globalization, Economic Development, and Migration in Nadine Gordimer's *The Pickup*, panel for Cornell University Freshman Book Project, Ithaca, N.Y. (speech to the entering freshman class) (August 2007).

Comparative Law: Indian Supreme Court & Institutional Design

- Justice Without Borders, Global Washington Annual Conference (Nov. 2025).
- Rule of Law and the Supreme Court of India, American Bar Association (Nov. 5, 2025).
- Envision India Conference, Asia Society, San Francisco, CA (June 10, 2025).
- U.S. Book Launch: *Court on Trial: A Data-Driven Account of the Indian Supreme Court*, AALS South Asia Section, San Francisco, CA (Jan. 5, 2025).
- Court on Trial, Jaipur Literature Festival, Seattle WA (Sept. 21, 2024).
- Book Launch of *Court on Trial: A Data-Driven Account of the Indian Supreme Court*, O.P. Jindal Global University, January 24, 2024.
- The Indian Constitution @ 75, Jindal Global Law School Sonipat, India (November 27, 2024).
- Court on Trial, National Law University of Singapore (Sept 28, 2023).
- Diversity in the Indian Supreme Court, Law and Society Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. (May 2019).
- *Empirical Perspectives on the Indian Supreme Court*, the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, India, (Dec. 2016).

- Case-by-case Rescue and the India Supreme Court, LASSNET conference, New Delhi, India (Dec. 2016).
- The Supreme Court of India and Progressive Social Change, Conference on the Supreme Court of India and Progressive Social Change, Columbia Law School (September 2015).
- Judicial Reform and Empirical Evidence conference at the Aziz Premji Law School, Bangalore, India (May 2012).
- Women in the Judiciary Around the World, presentation at Senior Roundtable on Women and the Judiciary, Washington, D.C. (Mar. 2011).
- Lawyers as Change Agents in South Asia, South Asia Panel, AALS, San Francisco (January 2011).

International Human Rights: Reproductive Rights & Surrogacy

- [Harmful Anti-Sex-Selective Abortion Laws are Sweeping U.S. State Legislatures: Why do Some Pro-Choice People Support Them?](#) Cornell University's Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department (March 2018).
- Sex-Selective Abortion Law in the Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Northwestern Law School (March 2018).
- [India Women's Human Rights and Migration book launch event with Guest of Honor Justice Gita Mittal](#), acting chief judge of the Delhi High Court (December 2017).
- [Conference on Women's Human Rights and Migration book](#), Cornell Law School, Ithaca, N.Y. (Oct. 2017).
- Gujarat / Guatemala: Marketing Care and Speculating Life, Ithaca, N.Y. (May 2016).
- Women & National Security Symposium, University of Pennsylvania International Law Journal, Philadelphia, P.A. (Nov. 2015).
- Ninth Annual South Asia Legal Studies Pre-Conference Workshop, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI (Oct. 2015).
- Sex-Selective Abortion Bans in the United States, South Asian Leaders for Tomorrow Conference, Washington, D.C. (June 2015).
- Comparative Perspectives on Sex Selection in India and the United States, Lake College, Grayslake, IL (April 2014).
- Contextualist Feminist Approach to Sex Selection Abortion in India and the United States, University of Baltimore, MD (Mar. 2014).
- Sex Selection in India and the United States, Indian American Bar Association, Chicago, IL (July 2013).
- Using Indicators in Public Interest Litigation Petitions on Maternal Health, presentation at a training of lawyers, Udaipur, India (July 2009).

International Human Rights: Violence Against Women

- Commentator after screening of film on acid violence, "Saving Face," Ithaca, N.Y. (February 2015).
- Post-uprising Justice Conference, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, N.Y. (October 2014).
- Gender Neutrality v. Gender Specificity in Sexual Violence Laws AALS Workshop on Transnational Perspectives on Equality Law, Washington D.C. (June 2014).
- Gender Neutrality in Sexual Violence Laws: A Comparative Overview of India and the United States, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA (February 2013).
- Inaugural and closing panel speaker for Avon Global Center for Women and Justice's Second Annual Conference, New Delhi, India (October 2011).

- Acid Violence as Gender-Based Violence, Cornell Advocate's for Human Right's Advocacy Week (April 2011).
- From Protection to Punishment: Barriers to Justice for Domestic Violence Survivor-Defendants in NYS, Weill Medical College, New York, N.Y. (March 2011).
- Acid Violence in South Asia, presentation to the U.S. State Department Visitors Program, Ithaca, N.Y. (March 2011)
- Convening on Gender & Justice in the Americas, Miami, FL (February 2011).
- Combating Acid Violence in India, Cambodia, and Bangladesh, Cornell Club, New York, N.Y. (January 2011).
- Acid Violence As Gender-Based Violence, Symposium on gender-based violence on the borders, Latin American and South Asian Studies Program, Cornell University (December 2010).
- Gender-Based Violence and Justice in Conflict and Post-Conflict Areas, organized by the Avon Global Center for Women and Justice, Washington, D.C. (March 2010).

International Human Rights: The Right to Education

- The Right to Education in Colombia, University of Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch, South Africa (July 2011).
- Education rights issues in the United States, International Coalition for the Right to Education, Bogota, Colombia (November 2010).
- Key Issues in Applying Human Rights Indicators at the Right to Education Project, London, United Kingdom (July 2010).
- Access to Education for minorities in Colombia, Cornell International Human Rights Clinic conference, Bogota, Colombia (September 2009).
- Cornell International Human Rights Clinic's Mission to Colombia, the Latin American Alumni Reunion, Miami, FL (April 2008).

Immigration & Refugee Law

- Citizenship and Human Rights in India: How Vulnerable Groups Are Being Marginalized, ECornell keynote lecture (June 2020).
- Immigration Detention in America, guest lecture in Cornell's ILR school (March 2011).
- Moderated Panel on Immigration and the Law at the inter-disciplinary conference, Immigrant Children: Past, Present and Future, Ithaca, N.Y. (October 2008).
- U.S. Refugee Law and Policy, presentation for Finger Lakes Women's Bar Association, Ithaca, N.Y. (November 2007).
- Comparative Perspectives on U.S. Refugee Law, presentation for the Delhi Law School, New Delhi, India (August 2007).

Clinical Legal Education

- Legal Education in a Globalized World, International Conference on Globalization of Professional Legal Education, School of Law, Bennett University Greater Noida, India (April 2021).
- Co-organized and gave closing plenary talk for the 2017 Conference of International Human Rights Clinicians, Ithaca, N.Y. (May 2017).
- Engagement with the Community: The Role of Law School Clinics, Jindal Global Law

School, Sonipat, India (March 2013).

- Clinical Legal Education in India and the United States, National Law School, New Delhi (April 2012).
- Unfolding the Good Governance Model, Good Rural Governance and Citizen Participation conference, Sonipat, India (March 2012).
- Experiential Learning: International Human Rights Clinics, American Society for International Law workshop, Hofstra Law School, Long Island, New York (May 2011).
- Promoting International Women's Rights Through Human Rights Clinics, presentation to the U.S. State Department Visitors Program, Ithaca N.Y. (June 2010 and March 2010).
- Innovative Approaches to Law Teaching: Problems, Simulations, and Clinics, presentation at the American Society of International Law workshop, Hofstra Law School, Long Island, N.Y. (September 2009).
- Advancing Human Rights: Law Firm and Law Clinic Collaborations, panel discussion for New York City Bar Association, New York, N.Y. (February 2008).
- Presented paper in Works-in-Progress Panel, AALS Annual Clinical Legal Education Conference, New Orleans, L.A. (May 2007).
- Human Rights in Practice, presentation in undergraduate government class on human rights, Ithaca, N.Y. (April 2007).
- Clinical Teaching in the United States: Overview of the Asylum Clinic, presentation for delegation from Belarus law schools, Ithaca, N.Y. (August 2006).

Transnational Legal Feminism

- [Istanbul Convention: Critique of the Honor Crime Provision](#), Cornell Law School & London South Bank University Transnational Legal Feminism, Online Symposium (March 2021).
- [Transnational Legal Feminisms: Challenges and Opportunities](#), Cornell International Law Journal annual symposium at Cornell Tech Campus, New York, NY (March 2017).
- Transnational Feminist Legal Approach to Women's Rights, Law and Society Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA (June 2016).
- Immigration Women's Rights and Practices: Between Universalism and Cultural Relativism, 9th Annual Feminist Legal Theory Conference, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD (March 2016).

Regulation of Emerging Technologies

- India's AI Strategy for Social Good, Economic Growth, and Sustainability, Roundglass India Center, Seattle WA (Jan. 2026).
- Entrepreneurship in the Age of AI, TiE Seattle, Redmond, WA (Oct. 2025).
- Legal Personhood for AI, Summer Workshop Series, Seattle University School of Law (May 2025).
- AI and Education, AI, Tech & Law, Summer School for Jindal Global Law Students (June 2025).
- India's Digital Public Infrastructure and its Potential for the Global South, Seattle University (Sep. 2024)

AWARDS & HONORS

- American Bar Foundation Fellow (2025).
- Desi Roots & Routes podcast received an award in the category of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion from Signal (2025).
- Roundglass India Center received award for Inclusive Excellence Innovation Award (2024).
- South Asian Bar Association Public Interest Award (2021).
- Kheel Family Award for Excellence in Teaching from Cornell Law School (2019).
- NYC Visioning Committee at Cornell University, \$100,000 award to Weil Cornell Medical School and Cornell Law School for purposes of faculty collaborations (faculty member on the grant) (2019).
- Fulbright-Nehru Senior Researcher Award, New Delhi, India (2012).
- Award for Outstanding Work for the Advancement of Women at Cornell University (2010 and 2009).
- Dean Lukingbeal Award in recognition of contributions made to the women students (2009).
- Faculty Innovation in Teaching Grant from Cornell University to use technology to facilitate collaboration among students in clinical teams (2008).

EXPERT CONSULTATIONS AND TESTIMONY

- Participated in Expert Consultation for the U.K. Law Commission, Cambridge, U.K (June 2019).
- Testified before New York State Senate Judiciary Committee, Albany, N.Y. (May 2019).
- Testified before U.N, Working on the Discrimination Against Women in Law, New York, N.Y. (June 2018).
- Participated in Expert Consultation of Women's Rights Experts The Hague, Netherlands (November 2018).
- Testified before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Washington, D.C. on Right to Education for Afro-descendants and Indigenous Peoples in the Americas (March 2008).
- Advisor to Special Rapporteur on Right to Education (2014-2016).
- Expert witness at Criminal trial in New York State Court, Ithaca, N.Y. (August 2012).

BOARDS & OTHER SERVICE

- *Advisory Board*, Gardner Center for Asian Art & Ideas, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle WA (2025 to present).
- *Advisory Board*, Asia Society, Seattle, WA (2024 to present).
- *Trustee*, Cristo Ray High School, Seattle, WA (2023 to present).
- *Advisory Board Vice-Chair*, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipath, India (2024 to present).
- *Advisory Board*, India International University of Legal Education and Research, Goa, India (2023 to present).
- *Chair*, Law and South Asia Section, American Association of Law Schools (2023 to 2024).

- *Treasurer*, International Human Rights Section, American Association of Law Schools (2023 to 2024).
- *Chair*, International Human Rights Committee, International Association of Law School Deans (2017 to 2020).
- *Trustee*, Elizabeth Anne Clune Montessori School (2019 to 2021).
- *Editorial Board*, Jindal Global Law Review, Sonipath, India (2017 to present).
- *Editorial Board*, Law Journal of the National Law School, Nagpur, India (2018 to present).
- *Peer-reviewed* articles and manuscripts for NYU Press and University of Pennsylvania and numerous journals.

PODCASTS

DESI ROOTS & ROUTES. This podcast uncovers the inspiring stories of Indian leaders across the U.S. Each episode explores how these individuals navigate dual identities, overcome barriers, and make lasting impacts on their communities.

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