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CURRENT

Emory University School of Law, *Acting Associate Professor* (June 2023–)
University of Alabama School of Law, *Associate Professor* (August 2022–May 2023)
Assistant Professor (July 2018–July 2022)
India Center for Law and Justice, Seattle University School of Law, *Affiliated Faculty* (2019–)

EDUCATION

The University of Chicago Law School, *JD, 2016 honors*
The University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology, *PhD, 2013; MA, 2009*
Princeton University, Department of Politics, *AB, 2006 magna cum laude*

BOOK

Editor, BEYOND THE ALGORITHM: QUALITATIVE INSIGHTS FOR GIG WORK
REGULATION (Cambridge University Press) 2021
• *Honorable Mention*, Society for the Anthropology of Work 2021 Book Prize

ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS (* indicates peer review) († indicates invited contribution)

- * *Tenure as a Labor Protection* *forthcoming*
EMPLOYEE RIGHTS & EMPLOYMENT POLICY JOURNAL 26(2): XXX 2023
- * † *From Mythic Saviors to #MeToo at the Indian Supreme Court* 2021
ASIAN JOURNAL OF LAW AND SOCIETY 8(2): 226–224
- Essentializing Labor Before, During, and After the Coronavirus Pandemic* 2021
ARIZONA STATE LAW JOURNAL 52(4): 1091–1141
• Reviewed May 7, 2021, in *JOTWELL: The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)*
- * *Just Hindus* 2020
LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY 45(4): 965–994
- * *Changing the Subject of Sati* 2020
POLITICAL & LEGAL ANTHROPOLOGY REVIEW 43(1): 37–53
- † *Data Deficits in Municipal Rideshare Collaborations* 2019
ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY LAW JOURNAL 63(1): 69–92
- Unbundling Freedom in the Sharing Economy* 2018
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 91(5) 793–838
• Featured on Larry Solum’s Legal Theory blog
- * † *Gods’ Homes, Men’s Courts, Women’s Rights* 2018
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 16(2): 552–73
- † *Invisible Bosses for Invisible Workers, or Why the Sharing Economy is Actually Minimally Disruptive* 2018
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LEGAL FORUM 2017: 35–61
- Sovereignty and Social Change in the Wake of India’s Recent Sodomy Cases* 2017
BOSTON COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW REVIEW 40(1): 1–26
- * *Temples, Courts, and Dynamic Equilibrium in the Indian Constitution* 2016
AMERICAN JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW 64(3): 555–82
- * *Regulating Employment Relationships in the Sharing Economy* 2016
EMPLOYEE RIGHTS & EMPLOYMENT POLICY JOURNAL 20(2): 1–35

- † *Celibate Gods and “Essential Practices” Jurisprudence at Sabarimala, 1991-2011* 2016
in FILING RELIGION: STATE, HINDUISM, AND COURTS OF LAW 101 (eds. Daniela Berti et al)
- * *Divine Sovereignty, Indian Property Law, and the Dispute Over the Padmanabhaswamy Temple* 2016
 MODERN ASIAN STUDIES 50(3): 841–865
- * *Secularism in the Indian Context* 2013
 LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY 38(1): 138–67

SHORT PIECES († indicates invited contribution)

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- What’s Law Got To Do With It?: Anthropological Engagement with Legal Scholarship* 2023
 LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY 48(1): 1–13
 • introduction to special issue, ed. Deepa Das Acevedo
- † *Disciplinary Deities and How to Please Them* 2023
 LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY 47(4): 1291–1311 (reviewing THE RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON MODERN LEGAL REALISM and THE ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF LAW AND SOCIETY)
- † *On the Familiar Pleasures of Estrangement* 2022
 BUDDHISM AND COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 345–353 (eds. Tom Ginsburg & Benjamin Schonthal)
- Sweet Old-fashioned Notions: Legal Engagement with Anthropological Scholarship* 2022
 ALABAMA LAW REVIEW 73(4): 719–732
 • introduction to special issue, ed. Deepa Das Acevedo
- † *Freedom at Work Inside and Outside the Gig Economy* 2022
in THE ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF LABOR 233–42 (eds. Sharryn Kasmir & Lesley Gill)
- Autocratic Legalism in India: a Roundtable* 2022
 JINDAL GLOBAL LAW REVIEW, doi: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s41020-022-00171-y>
- (Im)mutable Race?* 2021
 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW ONLINE 116: 88–119
 • Reviewed October 28, 2021, in *JOTWELL: The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)*
- A Tale of Two Courts* 2020
 CORNELL LAW REVIEW ONLINE 105: 67–80
- Essentializing Labor Before, During, and After COVID-19* 2020
 EXERTIONS: SOCIETY FOR THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF WORK
- † *Lumpy Work* 2020
 THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW ONLINE
- Introduction, Innovation in Legal Anthropology: an LSR Retrospective* (with Anna C. Offit) 2020
 LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW, [https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1540-5893.innovation-in-legal-anthropology](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1111/(ISSN)1540-5893.innovation-in-legal-anthropology)
- † *Who Are Gig Workers?* 2019
 THE REGULATORY REVIEW
 • One of the REVIEW’s top-20 essays in 2019
- Addressing the Retirement Crisis With Shadow 401(k)s* 2016
 NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW ONLINE 92: 38–54
 • Alvin D. Lurie Memorial Award, 2016, American College of Employee Benefits Counsel
- † *Secularism and Religion-State Relations in Modern India* 2015
in BRILL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HINDUISM, VOL. VI, 50–56 (ed. Knut Axel Jacobsen)
- Developments in Hindu Law From the Colonial to the Present* 2013
 RELIGION COMPASS 7(7): 252–62

MEDIA PUBLICATIONS († indicates invited contribution)

† <i>India turns 75: Fast facts about the unusual constitution guiding the world's most populous democracy</i> THE CONVERSATION	Aug. 12, 2022
<i>Hijab ban: How courts have weaponised the Essential Religious Practices doctrine</i> SCROLL	Feb. 28, 2022
† <i>The Unique Goals and Challenges of Indian Secularism</i> THE HINDUSTAN TIMES	Jan. 29, 2020
† <i>The Battle for Sabarimala</i> FOREIGN AFFAIRS	Apr. 4, 2019
† <i>Pause for Thought: Supreme Court's Verdict on Sabarimala</i> ECONOMIC & POLITICAL WEEKLY 53(43): 12–15	Oct. 27, 2018

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS (* indicates peer review) († indicates invited contribution)

THE BATTLE FOR SABARIMALA: RELIGION, LAW, AND GENDER IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA (Oxford University Press)	<i>forthcoming</i> 2023
* † <i>Deities' Rights?</i> JOURNAL OF LAW & RELIGION, 38(3): XXX	<i>forthcoming</i> 2023
<i>The Past As a Colonialist Resource</i> DUKE LAW JOURNAL 73(X): XXX • Earlier draft selected for 2020 Stanford/Harvard/Yale Junior Faculty Forum	<i>forthcoming</i> 2024
<i>The War on Tenure</i> TENNESSEE LAW REVIEW 91(1): XXX	<i>forthcoming</i> 2024
<i>Transformative Temple Entry Jurisprudence?</i> Invited contribution to EXPLORING SOVEREIGNTY AND CHARISMA: ENGAGEMENTS, CONTESTATIONS AND FABULATIONS FROM THE GLOBAL SOUTH (eds. Filippo Osella, R. Santhosh, J. Devika)	<i>in draft</i>
<i>An Inter-Asian Approach to Religion-State Relations?</i> Invited contribution to INTER-ASIAN LAW (eds. Matthew Eric & Ching-Fu Lin)	<i>in draft</i>
<i>Ethnography and the Legal Imagination</i>	<i>in research</i>

RESEARCH OR WRITING GRANTS

Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Award (5.5 months) <i>Fulbright Scholar Program</i>	2023–24
Luce/ACLS Program in Religion, Journalism, and International Affairs <i>American Council of Learned Societies</i>	2020-21
Senior Fellowship (5 months) <i>M.S. Merian–R. Tagore International Centre of Advanced Studies</i>	2020-21
Franklin Research Grant <i>American Philosophical Society</i>	2019-20
Research Grants Committee Small Grant <i>University of Alabama</i>	2019-21
Social Sciences Dissertation-Year Fellowship <i>Mellon Foundation</i>	2012-13
<i>*This grant required me to relinquish all other grants for AY2012-13, including the three immediately below</i>	
Martin Marty Center Junior Fellowship <i>UChicago, Divinity School</i>	2012-13

Dissertation Fellowship <i>UChicago, Committee on Southern Asian Studies</i>	2012-13
Graduate Fellowship <i>UChicago, Nicholson Center for British Studies</i>	2012
Dissertation Fellowship <i>UChicago, Committee on Southern Asian Studies</i>	2011
International Dissertation Research Fellowship <i>Social Science Research Council</i>	2010-11
Doctoral Student Research Fellowship <i>Sbatri Indo-Canadian Institute (declined)</i>	2010-11
Graduate Aid Initiative Award <i>UChicago, Social Sciences Division</i>	2007-12

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

<i>Visiting Fellow</i> , American Bar Foundation	2020-21
<i>Visiting Fellow</i> , Centre for Policy Research (New Delhi)	Summer 2019
<i>Sharswood Fellow</i> , Penn Law	2016-18
<i>Starr Prize Lecturer</i> , UChicago, Anthropology	2012
<i>Lecturer</i> , UChicago, College	2010-12
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , UChicago, College; UChicago, CSRPC	2008-10

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

<i>Summer Associate</i> , Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (Los Angeles)	2015
<i>Summer Associate</i> , Reed Smith (Chicago)	2014, '15
<i>Student Ombudsperson</i> , The University of Chicago (Chicago)	2014-16

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Board of Trustees, Law & Society Association (2021-24)

Editorial Service

Law & Society Review (Associate Editor 2021-22; Editorial Advisory Board 2023-2026; 2020-21); *Law & Social Inquiry* (Editorial Advisory Board 2021-24)

Peer Reviewer

Cambridge University Press; Wolters Kluwer; Law and Society Review; Law & Social Inquiry; Political and Legal Anthropology Review; Current Anthropology; American Ethnologist; Journal of Law and Religion; Asian Journal of Law and Society; Journal of Religion, Law and State; Indian Journal of Constitutional and Administrative Law; Religions; Interdisciplinary Journal for Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society; Direito GV Law Review; International Journal of Human Resource Management; Canadian Labour & Employment Law Journal

Budget & Finance Committee (LSA), <i>Chair</i>	2022-23
Members Programmatic, Advisory, Advocacy Committee (AAA), <i>Labor Seat</i>	2021-24
Appointments Committee (Alabama Law), <i>Member</i>	2021-22
APLA, Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee, <i>Member</i>	2022
APLA, Events Committee, <i>Member</i>	2022
APLA, Nominations Committee, <i>Member</i>	2022
Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (APLA), <i>Board Member</i>	2021-
Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation Section, AALS, <i>Chair</i>	2021-22
Law and South Asia Section, AALS, <i>Secretary</i>	2021-22
JOTWELL-Work Law Section, <i>Contributing Editor</i>	2020-
Committee on International Research Collaboratives, Law & Society Association, <i>Member</i>	2020-21

Law & Anthropology Section, AALS, <i>Chair</i>	2020–21
Scholarship Section, AALS, <i>Secretary</i>	2020–21
International Activities Committee, Law & Society Association, <i>Member</i>	2019–21
Conference Ombudsperson, Law & Society Association Meeting	2019–20
Curriculum Committee (Alabama Law), <i>Member</i>	2019–21
CRN 8 (Labor Rights), Law & Society Association, <i>Co-chair</i>	2018–21
Roundtable: What's Law Got to Do With It?, <i>Coordinator</i>	2018–19
Colloquium Committee (Alabama Law), <i>Member</i>	2018–19

FIELDWORK

New Delhi, India	5 weeks	2019
Philadelphia, USA	6 weeks	2017
Philadelphia, USA	4 months	2016
Kerala, India	8 months	2010
Kerala, India	6 weeks	2009

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting	Marco Biagi Conference
American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting	Michigan Young Scholars' Conference
American Bar Foundation	National University of Singapore
Annual Conference on South Asia (UW-Madison)	Philadelphia Bar Institute
Association for Political and Legal Anthropology	Seton Hall University School of Law
Colloquium on Scholarship in Employment and Labor Law (COSELL)	Society for the Anthropology of Religion
Columbia University Law School	Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS)
Cornell India Law Center	St Louis University Law School
IntLawGrlls!	The University of Chicago Law School
Kannur University Department of Anthropology	University of Alabama
Labor Law Research Network (LLRN) Conference	University of Virginia Law School
Law and Social Science Network (LASSNET)	Wake Forest Law School
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting	Washington & Lee University

MEMBERSHIPS

Association of American Law Schools, Law & Society Association, American Anthropological Association, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology