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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Seattle University School of Law

Professor of Law (2021 – present)
Associate Professor of Law (2021- 2023)
Associate Dean of International & Graduate Programs (2022 – present)
Founder and Executive Director, India Center (2021 – present)

Cornell Law School

Clinical Professor of Law (Fall 2014 - Spring 2021)
Founder and Director, International Human Rights Clinic (Fall 2006 - Fall 2011; Fall 2013 - Spring 2021)
Founder and Faculty Director, Cornell India Law Center (July 2019 - Spring 2021)
Director, Master’s in Legal Studies Degree Program (July 2019 - present)
Co-Director, Appellate Asylum and Convention Against Torture Clinic (Spring 2006; Spring 2011; Spring 2018)
Co-Founder and Faculty Director, Avon Global Center for Women & Justice (2007-2012)

University of Chicago Law School

Clinical Professor of Law (Winter 2012-Spring 2013)
Founder and Director, International Human Rights Clinic (Winter 2012-Spring 2013)

Jindal Global Law School

Fulbright-Nehru Scholar and Visiting Professor of Law (Spring 2011)

Yale Law School

Clinical Visiting Lecturer in Law (Fall 2005 and Spring 2006)

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Law School

J.D. (1998)
Associate Editor, Journal of International Economic Law
President and Co-Founder, South Asian Law Students Association

London School of Economics

MSc in Development Studies in Economics (1995)
Dissertation: “Intellectual Property Rights and Economic Development in India”

Cornell University

B.A. in Government (1994)
Magna cum laude

Bronx High School of Science

High School Diploma (1990)

PODCAST

[A LAW IN COMMON: COMPARATIVE TOPICS ON INDIAN AND U.S. LAW](#). The world's largest democracies have a lot in common. Using comparative law methods, we examine legal and policy issues that affect India and the United States. We interview experts on both countries on diverse topics such as caste discrimination, intellectual property, and bankruptcy. Hosted by Professor Sital Kalantry and numerous students at Cornell Law School and Seattle University Law School.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. [COURT ON TRIAL: A DATA-DRIVEN ACCOUNT OF THE INDIAN SUPREME COURT](#) (with Aparna Chandra and William Hubbard, Penguin Press 2023).
2. [WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS AND MIGRATION: SEX-SELECTIVE ABORTION LAWS IN THE UNITED STATES AND INDIA](#) (Bert B. Lockwood ed., University of Pennsylvania Press 2017) (2018 Winner of the Best Academic Press Eric Hoffer Book Award)

Articles

1. [Foreign Law in Dobbs: The Need for A Principled Framework](#) (Symposium), 14 ConLawNOW 37 (2023).
2. [Transnational Legal Feminist Approaches to the Honour Crimes Provision in the Istanbul Convention](#), Transnational Legal Theory Journal (August 2022) (co-author Shireen Moti).
3. [Unintended Consequences of Term Limits of Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court: Lessons from a Comparative Study of the Indian Supreme Court](#), 30 Tulane J. of Int. and Comp. Law 43 (January 2022).
4. [Do Reason-Based Abortion Bans Prevent Eugenics](#), 107 Cornell L. R. Online (October 2021).
5. [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)
6. [Reverse Legal Transplants](#), 99 N.C. L. REV. 49 (2020)
7. [Transnational Law as a Framework for Law Clinics](#), 11 (2) JGLR 251 (2020) (with Rachael Hancock)
8. [When Contact Kills: Indigenous Peoples Living in Voluntary Isolation During COVID](#), 68 UCLA L. REV. DISCOURSE 268 (2020-2021) (with Nicholas Koeppen)
9. [How Stereotypes about Indians are used to Promote Abortion Restrictions in the US?](#), 32 NAT'L. L. SCH. INDIA REV. 29 (2020)
10. [Views Adopted by the Committee under Article 5 \(4\) of the Optional Protocol, Concerning Communication Nos. 2747/2016 & 2807/2016 \(H.R. Comm.\)](#), 58(1) INTERNATIONAL LEGAL MATERIALS 195 (2019)
11. [Transnational Legal Feminisms: Challenges and Opportunities](#), 52 CORNELL INT'L L. J. 171 (2019)
12. [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)

13. [Regulating Markets for Gestational Care: Comparative Perspectives on Surrogacy in the United States and India](#), 27 CORNELL J. L. & PUBLIC POLICY 685 (2018)
14. [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.)
15. [The Supreme Court of India: A People's Court?](#), 1 INDIAN L. REV. 145 (2017) (with Aparna Chandra and William H. J. Hubbard)
16. [The French Veil Ban: A Transnational Legal Feminist Approach](#), 46 U. BALT. L. REV. 201 (2017)
17. [Promoting Clinical Legal Education and Democracy in India](#), 8 NUJS L. REV. 1 (2015)
18. [Sex-selective Abortion Bans: Anti-immigrant or Anti-abortion?](#) 16(1) GEO. J. INT'L AFF., 140 (2015)
19. [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)
20. [Sex-Selection in India and the United States: A Contextualist Feminist Approach](#), 18 UCLA J. INT'L L. FOREIGN AFF. 61 (2013)
21. [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) (republished in a book dedicated to Vice-Chancellor Singh of the National Law School in Delhi)
22. [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 E. Getgen and Steven Arrigg Koh) (republished in "Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights," edited by Manisuli Ssenyonjo, Ashgate Publishing)
23. [Intent-to-Benefit: Individually Enforceable Rights in International Treaties](#), 44 STAN. J. INT'L L. 63 (2008)

Book Chapters

1. ["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)
2. ["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 de Salvajina en las comunidades nasas"](#) (co-author David Cordero) in "El debate sobre la propiedad en transición hacia la paz" (ed. Sergio Latorre Restrepo, et. al), published by Universidad del Rosario and Universidad del Northe.
3. ["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).
4. "The Surrogacy Public Interest Litigation in the Indian Supreme Court: Marginalizing the Marginalized" in [SOUTH OF THE FUTURE: MARKETINT CARE AND SPECULATING LIFE IN SOUTH ASIA AND THE AMERICAS](#) (Anindita Banerjee and Debra A. Castillo eds. SUNY Press 2020).
5. [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)

6. [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)
7. [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)
8. [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)
9. [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)
10. [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

1. [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)
2. [Women in the Crossfire: Understanding and Ending Honor Killing](#), 41 HUM. RTS. Q. 1015 (2019)
3. [The Quiet Power of Indicators: Measuring Governance, Corruption, and the Rule of Law](#) , 34 NORDIC J. HUM. RTS. 226 (2016)
4. [Socio-Economic Rights: Adjudication under a Transformative Constitution](#), 34 HUM. RTS. Q. 579 (2012) (with Elizabeth Brundige)

Selected Opinion Editorials and Shorter Pieces

1. [Lessons from India on the Issue of Supreme Court Justice Term Limits](#), THE HILL (Apr. 20, 2021)
2. [Social Media Bans Can Be Shaped by International Human Rights Law](#), BLOOMBERG LAW (Jan. 28, 2021)
3. [New York State Modernises its Surrogacy Laws](#), INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER (Jun. 26, 2020)
4. [India Should Also Accede to the U.N. Refugee Convention](#), HINDUSTAN TIMES (Mar. 12, 2020)
5. [By Misciting My Work, Justice Thomas Proves My Point](#), THE PENN PRESS LOG (Jun. 12, 2019)
6. [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)
7. [The Right Way to Legalize Surrogacy in New York](#), GOTHAM GAZETTE (Feb. 21, 2019)

8. [7th Circuit Faces Major Abortion Case Over ‘Reason-based Bans’](#), CHICAGO DAILY LAW BULLETIN (Mar. 22, 2018)
9. [Veil Bans in the European Court of Human Rights](#), AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (Dec. 12, 2017) (with Maithili Pradhan)
10. [Repeal Surrogacy Ban to Reflect the Rest of the Country](#), ALBANY TIMES UNION (Sep. 14, 2017) (with Rebecca Helm)
11. [Challenging the Narrative on Sex-selective Abortion Bans](#), MS. MAGAZINE (Aug. 25, 2017)
12. Stereotypes about Indian Americans in Legislatures Across the U.S., INDIA ABROAD (Jul. 31, 2017)
13. [How to Fix India’s Sex Selection Problem](#), THE N.Y. TIMES (Jul. 27 2017) cited in the U.S Supreme Court judgment - in [Box v. Indiana](#) (May 2019)
14. [Senate Should Take up Domestic Violence Act](#), ITHACA JOURNAL (Sep. 19, 2016)
15. [Here’s Why That Race-selective Abortion Ban Bill is so Discriminatory](#), WOMEN’S E-NEWS (Apr. 16, 2016)
16. [Do Women Really Discriminate Against Their Fetuses?](#) THE HUFFPOST BLOG (Dec. 21, 2015)
17. [India’s Daughter, Sexual Violence and the Many Indias](#), INTLAWGRRRLS (Mar. 15, 2015)
18. [Eric Posner has a Narrow Understanding of International Human Rights Clinics](#), CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION BLOG (Nov. 24, 2014)
19. [Does a Ban on Wearing the Full Veil Promote Women’s Equality?](#), INTLAWGRRRLS (Jul. 9, 2014)
20. [Stereotyping Asian Americans as Misogynist](#), HUFFPOST BLOG (Jul. 16, 2014)
21. [The Jury is Out: Do the new Board of Immigration Appeals’ Decisions Give Victims of Domestic Violence a Stronger Basis to Claim Asylum?](#), HUMAN RIGHTS LAW PROFESSORS BLOG (Mar. 18, 2014)
22. [Human Rights Concerns Missed on Both Sides of the India-U.S. fallout over the Treatment of an Indian Diplomat](#), INTLAWGRRRLS (Dec. 19, 2013)
23. [It’s A Trick](#), SLATE (May 6, 2013)
24. [India’ Supreme Court Ruling: A Defeat for the Pharmaceutical Industry](#), INTLAWGRRRLS (Apr. 3, 2013)
25. [Protection from Rape or Freedom to Have Sex](#), INTLAWGRRRLS (Mar. 13, 2013)
26. [The Professor, The Bikini Model and the Suitcase Full of Trouble](#), INTLAWGRRRLS (Mar. 11, 2013)
27. [Women in Robes \(Gender Parity in Courts\)](#), AMERICA’S QUARTERLY (Summer 2012)

EXPERT CONSULTATIONS AND TESTIMONY

1. Revisions to Surrogacy Laws
Participated in Expert Consultation for the U.K. Law Commission, Cambridge, U.K (June 2019)

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

SELECTED MEDIA COMMENTARY AND WORKS CITED IN MEDIA

1. [Interviewed](#) by KUOW Radio in Seattle on a Podcast about caste discrimination in the United States (February 23, 2023)
2. [Interviewed](#) by Quint on my work on comparative abortion laws in India and the United States (May 22, 2022).
3. [Interviewed](#) by Bloomberg on the inter-state abortion battles that might arise post-Roe (May 16, 2022).
4. [Watch](#) my interview on King5 news about the future of same-sex rights (May 4, 2022).
5. [Listen](#) to a podcast aired on NPR about the future of abortion access in Washington state (May 4, 2022)
6. [Quoted](#) in article by *Courthouse Newservice* discussing a new abortion law passed in Washington State (March 17, 2022)
7. [Profiled](#) in the [Northwest Asian Weekly](#) (January 20, 2022)
8. [Listen](#) to my interview with Gee and Ursula on KIRO Radio (December 2, 2021).
9. [Watch](#) my interview with with KING TV in Seattle about the potential consequences in WA state if *Roe v. Wade* were overturned (December 1, 2021).
10. Discussing the challenges faced by surrogates in India because of the lack of protections in India in [A Ban on Commercial Surrogacy Could Leave Women in India with Fewer Options](#), Time (June 30, 2021).
11. Addressing how U.S. Sex-selective abortion bans rely on inaccurate assumptions about abortion motivations in Asian communities within the United States in [Sex-Selective Abortions: Reproductive Rights Are Being Pitted Against Gender Equality](#), NBC NEWS (Oct. 27, 2019)
12. Discussing obstacles to legalizing gestational surrogacy in The Story of Surrogacy, INDIA ABROAD (Sep. 11, 2019)

13. Quoted in [Survivor of Acid Attack Helps Bring Change to Nepal's Criminal Code](#), NPR (Aug. 21, 2018) and report titled [Combating Acid Violence in Bangladesh, India, and Cambodia](#) that I co-authored as Director of the Cornell International Human Rights Clinic referred to
14. Responding to the Supreme Court's Decision to not reinstate provisions of Indiana's Anti-abortion Law that ban abortions when the decision is based on race, sex or a diagnosed disability, in [Supreme Court Upholds Indiana Abortion Law on Fetal Remains](#), THE WASHINGTON TIMES (May 28, 2019)
15. Remarks on the Supreme Court's Decision to uphold provisions of Indiana's Anti-abortion Law in [Supreme Court Upholds Part of Indiana Anti-Abortion Law Requiring Disposal of Fetal Remains by Burial or Cremation](#), INDYSTAR (May 28, 2019)
16. Discussing President Trump's challenge to birthright citizenship within the United States in Trump's Challenge to Birthright Citizenship Stirs Anxiety Among Foreign Workers Starting Families, INDIA ABROAD (Jan. 2, 2019)
17. Commenting on the implications of the ruling of an Indiana abortion law as unconstitutional in [Indiana Abortion Law Signed by Former Gov. Mike Pence is Ruled Unconstitutional](#), INDYSTAR (Apr. 19, 2018)
18. Coverage on lecture discussing how sex-selective abortion bans perpetuate discrimination in Asian communities in [Sex-Selective Abortion Perpetuates Gender Discrimination in Asian Communities, Prof Says](#), CORNELL DAILY SUN (Mar. 16, 2018)
19. Commenting on the lack of education and employment opportunities for women in rural India in South Asia's Crazy For This Intense Contact Sport — She's Its Trailblazing Star, OZY (Aug. 2, 2017)
20. Discussing the advantages of field research for students in legal clinics in [Hands-on Lessons](#), EDUCATION TIMES (Jun. 19, 2017)
21. Discussing laws relating to acid attacks in India in SWISS RADIO STATE (Nov. 15, 2016)
22. Commenting on the passage of state-level restrictions on abortion in [As Abortion Barriers Grow, US Supreme Court Ruling Looms](#), DAILY MAIL (Jun. 3, 2016)
23. Commenting on a new empirical study on sex-selective abortion in Canada in [Records Reveal Gender-Selective Abortion Taking Place in Canada](#), NEW SCIENTIST (Apr. 11, 2016)
24. [With Red Lipstick, Indian Acid Attack Victim Makes a Bold Statement](#), THE N.Y TIMES (Sep. 9, 2015) citing report titled [Combating Acid Violence in Bangladesh, India, and Cambodia](#) that I co-authored as Director of the Cornell International Human Rights Clinic
25. [How Asian American Women Became the Target of Anti-abortion Activism](#), WASHINGTON POST (Nov. 4, 2015) citing the Sex-Selective Abortion Study titled [Replacing Myths with Facts: Sex Selective Abortion Laws in the United States](#) that I co-authored as Director of the International Human Rights Clinic at the University of Chicago Law School
26. Interviewed on Afghan Women's Rights, KOREAN NEWS RADIO TBS eFM 101.3 (Mar. 9, 2015)
27. Acid Attacks: When Supreme Court on Your Side is not Enough, LIVEMINT (Dec. 31, 2014)
28. Interviewed for story on sex selective abortion in the United States, INDIA ABROAD (Aug. 14, 2014)
29. [A New Study Demolishes the Racist Myths Behind Sex-Selective Abortion Bans](#), MOTHER JONES (Jun. 4, 2014) discussing report on sex-selective abortion titled [Replacing Myths with Facts: Sex Selective Abortion Laws in the United States](#) that I co-authored as Director of the International Human Rights Clinic at the University of Chicago Law School

30. 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.
31. [New Study Exposes Sex-Selective Abortion Bans for What They Are: Just Another Way to Restrict Abortion](#), SLATE (Jun. 3, 2014) discussing report on sex-selective abortion titled [Replacing Myths with Facts: Sex Selective Abortion Laws in the United States](#) that I co-authored as Director of the International Human Rights Clinic at the University of Chicago Law School
32. Video Interview on Violence Against Women in India, VOICE OF AMERICA (Apr. 18, 2014)
33. Radio Interview on Women in Prisons in Argentina, WBEZ (Chicago's NPR station) (May 13, 2013)
34. [Acid Violence – A Most Horrific Form of Denigration of Women](#), PLOS BLOG (Apr. 22, 2014) citing report titled [Combating Acid Violence in Bangladesh, India, and Cambodia](#) that I co-authored as Director of the Cornell International Human Rights Clinic
35. [Attacks Spike, But Acid Still as Easy as to Buy as Noodles](#), THE TIMES OF INDIA (Apr. 29, 2013) citing report titled [Combating Acid Violence in Bangladesh, India, and Cambodia](#) that I co-authored as Director of the Cornell International Human Rights Clinic
36. [Civil Litigation Rates Tied to Growth, Human Development Index, Literacy: Study](#), THE TIMES OF INDIA (Apr. 10, 2012) citing study on civil litigation rates that I undertook in [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)
37. [Higher Rate of Litigation Could be a Sign of Development](#), LIVEMINT (Apr. 8, 2012) citing study on civil litigation rates that I undertook in [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)
38. Acid Attacks are Like Terrorism, INDIA ABROAD (Sep. 30, 2011)
39. DAILY NEWS (Jun. 12, 2011) discussing report titled [Women in Prison in Argentina](#) that I co-authored as Director of the International Human Rights Clinic at the University of Chicago Law School
40. NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL ONLINE (Jun. 9, 2011) discussing report titled [Women in Prison in Argentina](#) that I co-authored as Director of the International Human Rights Clinic at the University of Chicago Law School
41. Interviewed about report titled [Combating Acid Violence in Bangladesh, India, and Cambodia](#) that I co-authored for [The Effort to End Acid Violence](#), MS. MAGAZINE BLOG (Apr. 8, 2011)
42. Quoted in [Bangladesh Cuts Acid Attacks on Women](#), Asia Sentinel (Feb. 10, 2011)
43. Quoted in [Bangladesh Praised for Reducing Acid Attacks](#), WOMEN'S E-NEWS (Jan. 28, 2011)
44. Quoted in [U.S.: Prisoners of Abuse](#), INTER-PRESS SERVICE (Sep. 21, 2010)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

1. Comparative Law: Transnational Legal Feminism
 - a. [Istanbul Convention: Critique of the Honor Crime Provision](#), Cornell Law School & London South Bank University Transnational Legal Feminism Symposium (March 2021)
 - b. [Transnational Legal Feminisms: Challenges and Opportunities](#), Cornell International Law Journal annual symposium at Cornell Tech Campus (March 2017)

- c. Transnational Feminist Legal Approach to Women's Rights, Law and Society Annual Conference, New Orleans (June 2016)
 - d. Immigration Women's Rights and Practices: Between Universalism and Cultural Relativism, 9th Annual Feminist Legal Theory Conference, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD., (March 2016)
2. Comparative Law: Indian Supreme Court and the Judiciary
- a. Diversity in the Indian Supreme Court, Law and Society Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. (May 2019)
 - b. [Empirical Perspectives on the Indian Supreme Court](#), the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, India, (December 2016) (presentation was moderated by a justice of the Indian Supreme Court)
 - c. Case-by-case Rescue and the India Supreme Court, presented paper at the LASSNET conference, New Delhi, India (December 2016)
 - d. 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)
 - e. Judicial Reform and Empirical Evidence conference at the Aziz Premji Law School, Bangalore, India (May 2012)
 - f. Women in the Judiciary Around the World, presentation at Senior Roundtable on Women and the Judiciary, Washington, D.C. (March 2011)
3. International Human Rights: Reproductive Rights
- a. [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)
 - b. Northwestern Law School hosted a great panel discussion with NAPAWF's Jane Liu, Brittany Mostiller of the Chicago Abortion Fund, and Brian Citro, a Clinical Professor at Northwestern. We talked about the 7th circuit case that will be the first appellate case to decide the constitutionality of reason-based abortion bans, a topic ignored by the mainstream media and the pro-choice movement. (March 2018)
 - c. [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)
 - d. [Cornell Law School holds a conference on Women's Human Rights and Migration book](#) (October 2017)
 - e. Women & National Security Symposium, University of Pennsylvania International Law Journal, Philadelphia, P.A. (November 2015)
 - f. Ninth Annual South Asia Legal Studies Pre-Conference Workshop, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI (October 2015)
 - g. Sex-Selective Abortion Bans in the United States, South Asian Leaders for Tomorrow Conference, Washington, D.C. (June 2015)
 - h. Comparative Perspectives on Sex Selection in India and the United States, Lake College, Grayslake, IL. (April 2014)
 - i. Contextualist Feminist Approach to Sex Selection Abortion in India and the United States, Sonipat, India and University of Baltimore (March 2014)
 - j. Sex Selection in India and the United States, Indian American Bar Association, Chicago, IL (July 2013)
4. International Human Rights: Violence Against Women
- a. Commentator after screening of film on acid violence, "Saving Face," Ithaca, N.Y. (February 2015)
 - b. Moderator, Post-uprising Justice Conference, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, N.Y. (October 2014)
 - c. Gender Neutrality v. Gender Specificity in Sexual Violence Laws AALS Workshop on Transnational Perspectives on Equality Law, Washington D.C. (June 2014)
 - d. How Far We Have Come, Speaker for International Women's Day Event, Baker McKenzie, Chicago, IL (March 2013)

- e. Gender Neutrality in Sexual Violence Laws: A Comparative Overview of India and the United States, Los Angeles, CA, presentation at a symposium hosted by the UCLA Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs (February 2013)
 - f. Inaugural and closing panel speaker for Avon Global Center for Women and Justice's Second Annual Conference, New Delhi, India (October 2011)
 - g. Acid Violence as Gender-Based Violence, Cornell Advocate's for Human Right's Advocacy Week (April 2011)
 - h. Panel Moderator, From Protection to Punishment: Barriers to Justice for Domestic Violence Survivor-Defendants in NYS, Weill Medical College, New York, N.Y. (March 2011)
 - i. Acid Violence in South Asia, presentation to the U.S. State Department Visitors Program, Ithaca, N.Y. (March 2011)
 - j. Commentary at the Convening on Gender & Justice in the Americas, Miami, FL (February 2011)
 - k. Speaker on panel launching report entitled "Combating Acid Violence in India, Cambodia, and Bangladesh," Cornell Club, New York, N.Y. (January 2011)
 - l. Presentation on Acid Violence report at Cornell Law School Faculty Workshop, Ithaca, N.Y. (January 2011)
 - m. 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)
 - n. Opening and closing remarks, 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)
 - o. Using Indicators in Public Interest Litigation Petitions on Maternal Health, presentation at a training of lawyers, Udaipur, India (July 2009)
 - p. Avon Center for Women and Justice, Global Forum for Women and Justice, Washington, D.C. (March 2009)
 - q. Avon Center for Women and Justice, presentation to Dean's Advisory Council, New York, N.Y. (March 2009)
5. International Human Rights: The Right to Education
- a. The Right to Education in Colombia, University of Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch, South Africa (July 2011)
 - b. Education rights issues in the United States, International Coalition for the Right to Education, Bogota, Colombia (November 2010)
 - c. Key Issues in Applying Human Rights Indicators at the Right to Education Project, London, United Kingdom (July 2010)
 - d. Access to Education for minorities in Colombia, Cornell International Human Rights Clinic conference, Bogota, Colombia (September 2009)
 - e. Cornell International Human Rights Clinic's Mission to Colombia, the Latin American Alumni Reunion, Miami, FL (April 2008)
 - f. Testified before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in a thematic hearing on the Right to Education for Afro-descendants and indigenous peoples in the Americas, Washington, D.C. (March 2008)
6. Immigration & Refugee Law
- a. [Citizenship and Human Rights in India: How Vulnerable Groups Are Being Marginalized](#), ECornell keynote lecture (June 2020)
 - b. Immigration Detention in America, guest lecture in Cornell's ILR school (March 2011)
 - c. Moderated Panel on Immigration and the Law at the inter-disciplinary conference, Immigrant Children: Past, Present and Future, Ithaca, N.Y. (October 2008)
 - d. U.S. Refugee Law and Policy, presentation for Finger Lakes Women's Bar Association, Ithaca, N.Y. (November 2007)
 - e. Comparative Perspectives on U.S. Refugee Law, presentation for the Delhi Law School, New Delhi, India (August 2007)

7. Legal Education

- a. [Legal Education in a Globalized World, International Conference on Globalization of Professional Legal Education, School of Law, Bennett University Greater Noida, India](#) (April 2021)
- b. Co-organized and gave closing plenary talk for the 2017 Conference of International Human Rights Clinicians, Ithaca, N.Y. (May 2017)
- c. Engagement with the Community: The Role of Law School Clinics, Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat, India (March 2013)
- d. Clinical Legal Education in India and the United States, National Law School, New Delhi (April 2012)
- e. Unfolding the Good Governance Model, Good Rural Governance and Citizen Participation conference, Sonipat, India (March 2012)
- f. Experiential Learning: International Human Rights Clinics, American Society for International Law workshop, Hofstra Law School, Long Island, New York (May 2011)
- g. 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)
- h. 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)
- i. Advancing Human Rights: Law Firm and Law Clinic Collaborations, panel discussion for New York City Bar Association, New York, N.Y. (February 2008)
- j. Presented paper in Works-in-Progress Panel, AALS Annual Clinical Legal Education Conference, New Orleans, L.A. (May 2007)
- k. Human Rights in Practice, presentation in undergraduate government class on human rights, Ithaca, N.Y. (April 2007)
- l. Clinical Teaching in the United States: Overview of the Asylum Clinic, presentation for delegation from Belarus law schools, Ithaca, N.Y. (August 2006)

8. Other

- a. Speaker, Annual Conference of Association of Fertility and Surrogacy Lawyers (Huntington Beach, CA, (May 2023)
- b. Commencement Address, Jindal Global Law School (2021)
- c. Commentator, North Korea: Legal Frameworks in and around the Hermit Kingdom, Cornell International Law Journal Symposium (February 2017)
- d. International Human Rights: Cases and Controversies, Rose House talk, Ithaca, N.Y. (January 2015)
- e. Commentator, Gujarat / Guatemala: Marketing Care and Speculating Life, Ithaca, N.Y. (May 2016)
- f. Keynote Speaker for the Women's Resource Center at Cornell University for International Women's Day, Ithaca, N.Y. (March 2015)
- g. Moderator, The Journey to Invest: China's Economic Excursion to Africa, International Law Journal Symposium, Ithaca, N.Y. (February 2015)
- h. Lawyers as Change Agents in South Asia, South Asia Panel, AALS, San Francisco (January 2011)
- i. Works-in-process panel presentation, American Association of Law Schools, New Orleans (January 2010)
- j. Moderated Panel on Human Rights and Ethics for the Cornell Law School Inter-University Graduate Conference, Ithaca, N.Y. (March 2008)
- k. Doing Human Rights Law, Cornell Advocates for Human Rights, Ithaca, N.Y. (February 2008)
- l. Globalization, Economic Development, and Migration in Nadine Gordimer's *The Pickup*, panel for Cornell University Freshman Book Project, Ithaca, N.Y. (simultaneously webcast and telecast) (August 2007)

COURSES TAUGHT

1. *Seattle University School of Law*: Contract Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, and Business and Human Rights

2. *Cornell Law School*: Contract Law, Business and Human Rights, International Human Rights Clinic, Immigration Clinic, Comparative Constitutional Law
3. *Chicago Law School*: International Human Rights Clinic
4. *Jindal Global Law School*: Citizen Participation and Democracy Clinic
5. *Yale Law School*: National Security and Civil Liberties Clinic

UNIVERSITY & OTHER SERVICE

1. *Member*, Board of Trustees, Cristo Ray High School, Seattle (2023 to present)
2. *Chair*, Law and South Asia Section, American Association of Law Schools (2023 to 2024)
3. *Treasurer*, International Human Right Section, American Association of Law schools (2023 to 2024)
4. *Member*, Curriculum Committee, Seattle University School of Law (2021 to 2023)
5. *Chair*, International Human Rights Committee, International Association of Law School Deans(2017 to 2020)
6. *Member*, Board of Trustees, Elizabeth Anne Clune Montessori School (2019 to 2021)
7. *Editorial Board*, Jindal Global Law Review, Sonipath, India (2017 to present)
8. *Editorial Board*, Law Journal of the National Law School, Nagpur, India (2018 to present)
9. *Peer-reviewed* articles and manuscripts for the University of Pennsylvania Law Review and articles submitted to various international human rights journals, Asian Women and Journal of Human Rights Practice
10. *Chair*, Cornell Law Admissions Committee (2016 to 2018)

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

1. O'Melveny & Myers, Washington D.C. and New York, N.Y. Counsel (2001-2005)
2. Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, New York, N.Y. Associate (1998-2001)

AWARDS & GRANTS

1. Grant of \$2.2 million from Roundglass Foundation for a new India Center at Seattle University School of Law (2023)
2. South Asian Bar Association Public Interest Award (2021)
3. Kheel Family Award for Excellence in Teaching (2019)
4. NYC Visioning Committee at Cornell University, \$100,000 grant to Weil Cornell Medical School and Cornell Law School for purposes of faculty collaborations (faculty member on the grant) (2019)
5. Fulbright-Nehru Senior Researcher Grant awarded by the U.S. Department of State and the government of India to conduct empirical research on Indian Supreme Court judgments in New Delhi, India (2012)
6. Award for Outstanding Work for the Advancement of Women at Cornell University (2010 and 2009)
7. Selected by Cornell Law Students to receive the Dean Lukingbeal Award in recognition of contributions made to the women students (2009)
8. Grant from Avon Foundation for Women for \$1,500,000 to the Cornell Law School to establish and direct the Avon Center for Women and Justice (2009)

9. Faculty Innovation in Teaching Grant from Cornell University for \$10,000 to use technology to facilitate collaboration among students in clinical teams (2008)

LANGUAGES

1. Fluent in Hindi
2. Conversant in Spanish