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| RESEARCH INTERESTS | Political Economy, Development, Feminist Economics, Political Economy of Violent Conflict and Peace, Microfinance, Community Development, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics. | |
| ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS | Assistant Professor Dept of Economics, University of Rhode Island, 2016 onwards. Assistant Professor Dept of Economics, Siena College, 2013 - 2016 Visiting Assistant Professor School of Critical Social Inquiry, Hampshire College, 2012 - 2013. | |
| EDUCATION | University of Massachusetts Amherst , Amherst, MA Ph.D. , Department of Economics, May 2012. <i>Dissertation Title:</i> 'Women in Conflict, Peacebuilding and Reconstruction: Insights from the Aftermath of Nepal's Maoist Insurgency.' Chair: Professor James K. Boyce M.A. , Department of Economics, May 2009. Graduate Certificate in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, May 2010 Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics , Pune, India. M.A. , Economics, 2001 - 2003. Madras Christian College , Chennai, India. B.A. , Economics, 1998 - 2001. | |
| PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS | Unpacking Female Headship and Agency in Post-Conflict Nepal. <i>Feminist Economics</i> , 2016 , 22(1), 80-105 . Universalized Categories, Dissonant Realities: Gendering Post-Conflict Reconstruction in Nepal. <i>Gender, Place and Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography</i> , 2015 , 22(9), 1305-1322. Interrogating Women's Peace Work: Community-based Peacebuilding, Gender, and Savings' Cooperatives in Post-conflict Nepal. <i>Community Development Journal</i> , 2015 , 50(4), 677-692. The political economy of peacebuilding: The case of women's cooperatives in Nepal. <i>Economics of Peace and Security Journal</i> , 2013 , 8(2), 25-33. (with Kalpana Venkat) Gender and Climate-Change Adaptation: Perspectives from Pastoral Communities in Gujarat, India. <i>Development and Change</i> , major revisions. (with Ashley Provencher) Class Debates as an Instructional Tool in Intermediate Level Microeconomics. <i>Forum for Social Economics</i> , under review. | |
| WORKING PAPERS | (with Pratistha Joshi Rajkarnikar) Female Headship, Well-being, and Empowerment in Nepal. Exploring the Continuum: Gender based Violence and Widow Headship in Post-Conflict Nepal. Women in the Urban Informal Work: Do Community-based Social Protection Interventions Play a Role. | |

(with Jacqueline Toomey) A Political Economy Analysis of Women and Work in the US and Scandinavia, Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity (CURCA) Summer Research project conducted in 2014.

BOOK REVIEWS Economics, Culture, and Development, by Eiman O. Zein-Elabdin, *Review of Radical Political Economy*, forthcoming.

Research and Fieldwork in Development by Daniel Hammett, Chasca Twyman, and Mark Graham, *European Journal of Development Studies*, 2016, 28(5), 960-962.

Gender and Social Protection in the Developing World: Beyond Mothers and Safety Nets, by Rebecca Holmes and Nicola Jones, *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, 2015, 36(4), 585-590.

Capital Accumulation and Women's Labour in Asian Economies, by Peter Custers, *Rethinking Marxism*, 2013, 26(1), 140-147.

REFEREED BOOK (with Amit Basole) Qualitative and Ethnographic Methods in Economics, in Lee, Fred and Bruce Cronin (eds.), *Handbook of Research Methods and Applications in Heterodox Economics*, Edward Elgar, 2016.

(with Lynda Pickbourn) Separate or Symbiotic? Quantitative, Qualitative and Historical Methods in (Heterodox) Economic Research, in Lee, Fred and Bruce Cronin (eds.), *Handbook of Research Methods and Applications in Heterodox Economics*, Edward Elgar, 2016.

BOOK CHAPTERS & MONOGRAPHS Local Peacebuilding by Women's Savings and Credit Co-operatives in Nepal, in MacPherson, Ian, Yehuda Paz and Joy Emmanuel (eds.), *Concern for Community: The Relevance of Co-operatives to Peace*. Canadian Co-operative Association (The International Development Foundation), *forthcoming 2016*

Case Study: SEWA's Co-operatives and Peacebuilding in Gujarat, India, in MacPherson, Ian, Yehuda Paz and Joy Emmanuel (eds.), *Concern for Community: The Relevance of Co-operatives to Peace*. Canadian Co-operative Association (The International Development Foundation), *forthcoming 2016*

"Glass Ceiling" and "Gender discrimination," entries in Thompson, Sherwood (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Diversity and Social Justice*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2015.

Women's Cooperatives and Peace in India and Nepal, Monograph, International Research Series, Toronto: Canadian Cooperatives Association, 2011.

OTHER WRITINGS London School of Economics South Asia Blog, The gender dilemmas of community-based peacebuilding: a case study from post-conflict Nepal.

TEACHING **University of Rhode Island**, Kingston RI.

EXPERIENCE

- Economic Development, Fall 2016
- Introduction to Microeconomics, Fall 2016

Siena College, Loudonville NY.

- Economic Development, Spring 2015, 2016
- Intermediate Microeconomics, Fall 2014, 2015
- Introduction to Microeconomics, Fall 2013, 2014
- Introduction to Macroeconomics, Spring 2014, 2015, 2016
- Political Economy of Gender, Race and Class, Fall 2013
- Gender and Development, Spring 2014

Hampshire College, Amherst MA.

- Gender in the Changing Global Economy, Spring 2013
- Introduction to Economics, Spring 2012, 2013, Fall 2012
- Panacea or Pipe-dream?: Microfinance in International Development, Fall 2012
- Gender and Socio-Economic Development, Spring 2010

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst MA.

Instructor

- Political Economy of Women (Gender and Sexuality), Fall 2011
- Introduction to Political Economy (online), Spring 2011
- Development Economics, Summer 2009

Teaching Assistant

- Microeconomics, 2005 - 2006, Spring 2007, Summer 2010
- Writing in Economics, Spring 2008, Fall 2004
- Intermediate Microeconomics, Fall 2007
- International Economics, Fall 2006
- Macroeconomics, Fall 2004
- Marxian Economics, Spring 2004

RECENT
CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

‘Class Debates as an Instructional Tool in an Intermediate Level Neoclassical Microeconomics Class: Introducing Pluralist Perspectives,’ International Confederation of Associations for Pluralism in Economics (ICAPE) Conference, Chicago, Jan 5, 2016.

‘Exploring the Continuum: gender based violence and widow headship in post-conflict Nepal,’ Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, 85th Annual Meetings, Nov 21-23, 2015.

(with Kalpana Venkat) ‘The Gender Implications of Climate Change Adaptation in a Western Indian Pastoral Community,’ New York State Economic Association, 68th Annual Conference, Siena College, Loudonville NY. Oct 9-10, 2015.

(with Kalpana Venkat) ‘Gender and Climate Change Adaptation: Perspectives from Pastoral Communities in Gujarat, India,’ International Association for Feminist Economics Conference, Berlin, Germany. Jul 16-18, 2015.

‘Widow Headship, Survival and Agency: Findings from Post-conflict Nepal,’ 41st Annual Conference of the Eastern Economic Association, New York City, Feb 26 - Mar 1, 2015.

‘Livelihoods, Coping and Agency in the Aftermath of War: Widow Headship in Nepal,’ presented at the Third Annual Capital District Feminist Studies Conference, SUNY Albany, Jan 30, 2015.

‘Unpacking Female Headship in the Aftermath of Violent Conflict,’ 67th New York State Economics Association Annual Conference, Oct 10-11, 2014.

Invited talk: ‘Interrogating Peace Work: Community-based Peacebuilding, Gender and SACCOs in post-conflict Nepal’ at SUNY Albany, Social Work Department, 5 May 2014.

(with Amit Basole and Jennifer Cohen) ‘The Crucial Contribution of Fieldwork to (Heterodox) Economics: Evidence from Research in India, South Africa and Nepal,’ Allied Social Sciences Association meetings, Chicago, Jan 5-8, 2012.

‘Women’s Cooperatives, Gender and “Bottom-up” Peacebuilding in Nepal: A Political Economy Analysis,’ International Confederation of Associations for Pluralism in Economics (ICAPE), UMass Amherst, Nov 11-13, 2011.

Invited talk: ‘Cooperatives and Peacebuilding in India and Nepal: Lessons for Practice,’ webinar focused on “Co-operatives building Pathways to Peace,” Measuring the Co-operative Difference Research Network and Canadian Cooperatives Association, Sep 21, 2011.

Invited talk: ‘Development in post-conflict Afghanistan,’ Amherst Regional High School, Spring 2011.

OTHER
EXPERIENCE

Consultant, Canadian Cooperatives Association, Spring 2011.
Project on ‘Women’s Cooperatives and Peacebuilding in India and Nepal.’

Field work in India and Nepal, Spring 2011.
Project on ‘Women’s cooperatives and peacebuilding in India and Nepal.’

Field work in Nepal, 2008 - 2009.
Project on ‘War widows and female-headed households: coping strategies in Nepal’s war to peace transition.’

Office Assistant in charge of Culture Talk, Five College Center for the Study of World Languages, Spring 2007, Summer 2007 and Summer 2008.

LANGUAGES English (very fluent), Hindi (very fluent), Tamil (fluent), German (intermediate level), Nepali (beginner level), Spanish (beginner level)

GRANTS AND AWARDS International Research Fellowship, Siena College, Summer 2015.
Curriculum Diversification Grant, Siena College, Summer 2014.
Summer school fellow at Association of Social Economics (ASE) World Congress Summer School, Glasgow, June 2012.
Political Economy Research Institute Dissertation Fellowship, UMass Amherst, Fall 2010.
Five College Dissertation Writing Diversity Fellowship, Fellow at Hampshire College, 2009 - 2010.
Political Economy Research Institute Graduate Fellowship, UMass Amherst, Fall 2003.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES **Organizer and Chair**
Sessions on ‘Gender in Economic Life I and II’ at the 43rd Annual Conference of the Eastern Economic Association (upcoming), New York City, Feb 23-26, 2017.
NYSEA Annual Conferences 2014 and 2015.
Session on ‘Issues in Gender and Development at the 41st Annual Conference of the Eastern Economic Association, New York City, Feb 26-Mar 1, 2015.
Session on the Gendered Political Economy of Development, 40th Annual Conference of the Eastern Economic Association, Boston, Mar 6-9, 2014.

Discussant

Internal Conflict and Economic Growth: The Case for a Closer Look, Arnab Biswas, Colin W. O’Reilly, James T. Bang, Aniruddha Mitra, 68th New York State Economics Association Annual Conference, Oct 9-10, 2015.

Free-riding in Community-Driven Development: Case Studies from Ceara, Brazil by Jessica Carrick-Hagenbarth, Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, Boston, Mar 2-9, 2014.

Evaluating the Poverty Status of Single Parents: Evidence of the Feminization of Poverty’ by Ashley Provencher and Audrey Sabatini, 67th New York State Economics Association Annual Conference, Oct 10-11, 2014.

Reviewer

Feminist Economics, 2004, 2010, 2015, 2016.

Economics of Peace and Security Journal, 2016.

Gender, Place and Culture, 2016.

Affiliations

Eastern Economic Association, Association of Social Economics, Union of Radical Political Economics, International Association For Feminist Economics

Thesis Committees

PhD Dissertation committee for Pratistha Joshi Rajkarnikar, Economics, UMass Amherst, ‘The Impacts of Foreign Labor Migration of Men on Women’s Empowerment in Nepal.’ Oct 7, 2016.

Masters Thesis committee for Tricia Gideon, International Development Studies, St. Mary’s University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, ‘Microfinance, Gender and Empowerment: Meeting Practical and Strategic Needs among Low Income Women.’ June 23, 2011.