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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY

White Plains, NY

Haub Distinguished Professor of International Law

Sept. 2018 - present

- Appointed as the inaugural Distinguished Haub Chair in International Law to teach in the law school's internationally renowned and nationally ranked environmental law program.

HUNTER COLLEGE – CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

New York, NY

Distinguished Lecturer & Interim Director

2017 – 2018

Human Rights Program, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute

- Directed interdisciplinary program in human rights for undergraduate students and provided strategic direction for relevant academic, public outreach, and programming efforts. Fostered human rights research and scholarship; developed curricula for undergraduate courses; and curated public programming and academic conferences featuring leading scholars, practitioners, and policymakers in the field of human rights and public policy. Taught an intensive skills-based seminar for Human Rights Certificate students and a course on *The Global Food System: Power, Politics and Human Rights*.

Visiting Research Scholar, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute

2014 – 2017

- Conducted research, policy, and advocacy work and generated public discussion on: addressing caste-based discrimination in South Asia; building food systems that are sustainable, nourishing and just; ensuring the equitable and sustainable management of land and natural resources; and promoting rights-based responses to poverty and hunger in the United States.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

New York, NY

Associate Professor of Clinical Law

2008 – 2014

Assistant Professor of Clinical Law

2006 – 2008

Faculty Director, Center for Human Rights and Global Justice - CHRJ

2006 – 2014

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Clinical Law and *Executive Director*, CHRJ

2003 – 2005

- Authored more than two dozen publications, including articles in leading law journals, chapters in edited volumes, and human rights reports and briefing papers. Gave over 100 presentations related to this body of work at leading academic institutions, inter-governmental forums, and civil society organizations worldwide (details below).
- Co-founded and directed the law school's International Human Rights Clinic. Supervised and undertook research, advocacy, and litigation projects in both national and transnational settings concerning the Clinic's key areas of focus: economic and social rights, including the right to food; agrarian and land use policies; business and human rights; national security and human rights; and caste discrimination. Awarded individual, foundation, and institutional grants in support of research and clinical work.

- Helped establish and grow the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice at NYU School of Law, first as Executive Director and then as Faculty Director. Engaged in strategic planning and programmatic development; coordination and supervision of research and conference activities; fiscal management and fundraising; hiring, staff supervision and development; and management of fellowship, visiting scholar, and internship programs.
- Served on the Curriculum and Adjunct Appointments Committee (2006 – 2013); the International Law Area Group (2006 – 2014); the Clinical Area Group (2006 – 2014); and the Board of Directors of Washington Square Legal Services Inc. (2007 – 2014). Served as faculty advisor for student-led symposiums, and as faculty mentor for numerous student groups. Organized and participated in dozens of law school conferences and events and served as discussant and commentator at workshops for student and faculty scholarship.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY*Adjunct Professor, Human Rights Across the Disciplines*

New York, NY

Summer 2005

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY*Adjunct Professor, Human Rights Advocacy*

New York, NY

Summer 2003

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

The Right to Food: Progress and Pitfalls, CANADIAN FOOD STUDIES, Vol. 2, No. 2: Special Issue: Mapping the Global Food Landscape, pp. 41-51 (2015).

The Global Land Rush: Markets, Rights, and the Politics of Food, 49 STANFORD JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 101 (2013).

Reclaiming the Right to Food as a Normative Response to the Global Food Crisis, 13 YALE HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT LAW JOURNAL 403 (2010).

Equal by Law, Unequal by Caste: The 'Untouchable' Condition in Critical Race Perspective, 26 WISCONSIN INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 255 (2008).

The Right to Food: Holding Global Actors Accountable Under International Law, 44 COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW 691 (2006).

Book Review: *The Wheel of Law: India's Secularism in Comparative Constitutional Context*, 4 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 741 (2006).

Overlooked Danger: The Security and Rights Implications of Hindu Nationalism in India, 16 HARVARD HUMAN RIGHTS LAW JOURNAL 41 (2003).

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

The Rights-Based Approach to Intellectual Property and Access to Medicine: Parameters and Pitfalls, in BALANCING WEALTH AND HEALTH: THE BATTLE OVER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND ACCESS TO MEDICINES IN LATIN AMERICA (Rochelle Dreyfuss, César Rodríguez Garavito, eds., Oxford University Press, 2014). (Translated into Spanish, 2015)

International Financial Institutions, Transnational Corporations, and Duties of States, in GLOBAL JUSTICE, STATE DUTIES: THE EXTRA-TERRITORIAL SCOPE OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL RIGHTS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW (Malcolm Langford, Wouter Vandenhoe, Martin Scheinin, Willem van Genugten, eds., Cambridge University Press, 2012).

Law and Hindu Nationalist Movements, in THE CAMBRIDGE HANDBOOK OF LAW AND HINDUISM (Donald R. Davis, Jr., Jayanth Krishnan & Timothy Lubin, eds., Cambridge University Press, 2010).

The Story of Narmada Bachao Andolan: Human Rights in the Global Economy and the Struggle Against the World Bank, in HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY STORIES (Doug Ford, Deena Hurwitz and Margaret Satterthwaite, eds., Foundation Press, 2008).

Criminal Injustice: Impunity for Communal Violence in India, in HUMAN RIGHTS, JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL EMPOWERMENT (K. Chockalingam and C. Raj Kumar, eds., Oxford University Press, 2007).

Discrimination on the Basis of Caste, in DISCRIMINATION BASED ON WORK AND DESCENT (published in Japanese) (Buraku Human Rights Research Institute, 2005).

Caste Discrimination, in CASTE, RACE AND DISCRIMINATION: DISCOURSES IN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT (S. Thorat and Umakant, eds., New Delhi, Rawat Publications, 2004).

BOOK

BROKEN PEOPLE: CASTE VIOLENCE AGAINST INDIA'S "UNTOUCHABLES." (Human Rights Watch, 1999). Award-winning, and translated into Hindi, Gujarati, Marathi, Telugu, and Tamil.

HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS AND BRIEFING PAPERS

The Price of Steel: Human Rights and Forced Evictions in the POSCO-India Project (International Human Rights Clinic (IHRC)/International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR-Net), 2013) (with Francesca Corbacho, Thea Gelbspan, Blake Hovander, and Dominic Renfrey).

Nourishing Change: Fulfilling the Right to Food in the United States (IHRC, 2013) (with Jessica Scholes, Mathew Simon, and Alyson Zureick).

Unheard Voices: The Human Rights Impact of Land Investments on Indigenous Communities in Gambella (Oakland Institute, 2013) (Project director & editor, Wendy Liu, Alex Sinha & Rikki Stern authors).

Every Thirty Minutes: Farmer Suicides, Human Rights, and the Agrarian Crisis in India, (IHRC/Center for Human Rights and Global Justice (CHRGJ), 2011) (with Lauren DeMartini, Colin Gillespie, Jimmy Pan, and Sylwia Wewiora).

Under the Radar: Muslims Deported, Detained, and Denied on Unsubstantiated Terrorism Allegations, (IHRC/CHRGJ, 2011) (with Sameer Ahmed, Amna Akbar, Caroline Burrell, and Kibum Kim).

Targeted and Entrapped: Manufacturing the 'Homegrown Threat' in the United States (IHRC/CHRGJ, 2011) (with Amna Akbar, Christine Chiu, and Times Wang) (translated into Arabic, Bangla, Farsi, Somali, and Urdu).

Foreign Land Deals and Human Rights: Case Studies on Agricultural and Biofuel Investment, (IHRC/CHRGJ, 2010) (with David K. Deng, Andrea Johansson, Lauren DeMartini, Colin Gillespie, Geoffrey Johnson, Sylwia Wewiora, and Ravi Mehta).

Rights Within Reach: Securing Equality and Human Rights in Nepal's New Constitution (IHRC/CHRGJ, 2010) (with Monica Iyer, Beatrice Lindstrom, Nathalie Laureano, and Zoe Salzman) (translated into Nepali).

Recasting Justice: Securing Dalit Rights in Nepal's New Constitution (IHRC/CHRGJ, 2008) (with Neville Dastoor, Tafadzwa Pasipanodya, and Jayne Huckerby) (translated into Nepali).

Americans on Hold: Profiling, Citizenship, and the “War on Terror.” (IHRC/CHRGJ, 2007) (with Jennifer Kim, Naseem Kourosh, Jayne Huckerby, and Kobi Leins).

Hidden Apartheid: Caste Discrimination against India’s Untouchables: A Shadow Report to the U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. (CHRGJ & Human Rights Watch, 2007) (with Stephanie Barbour, Tiasha Palikovic, and Jeena Shah).

Irreversible Consequences: Racial Profiling and Lethal Force in the “War on Terror” (IHRC/CHRGJ, 2006) (with Adrian Friedman, Vrinda Grover, and Jayne Huckerby).

The Missing Piece of the Puzzle: Caste Discrimination and the Conflict in Nepal (IHRC/CHRGJ, 2005) (with Rajeev Goyal and Puja Dhawan).

Compounding Injustice: The Government’s Failure to Redress Massacres in Gujarat (Human Rights Watch, 2003).

“We Have No Orders to Save You”: State Complicity and Participation in Violence in Gujarat. Human Rights Watch, 2002).

Caste Discrimination: A Global Concern (Human Rights Watch, 2001).

Politics by Other Means: Attacks against Christians in India (Human Rights Watch, 1999).

Human Rights Developments in India & Human Rights Developments in Pakistan, in HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH WORLD REPORTS 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003.

SHORT ARTICLES

Foreword: Benchmarking the Draft UN Principles and Guidelines on the Eradication of Discrimination Based on Work and Descent, India Report (National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights, 2014)

“Untouchability”: The Economic Exclusion of Dalits in India (International Council on Human Rights Policy, 2001).

Entrenched Discrimination: The Case of India’s “Untouchables” (International Council on Human Rights Policy, 1999).

“Caste Discrimination,” in *Seminar* (Indian periodical) (Issue No. 508 entitled *Exclusion: A Symposium on Caste, Race and the Dalit Question*, Dec. 2001).

The Linkages Amongst Population, Development, Women & the HIV Epidemic (UNDP Working Paper: Presented at the Intl. Conference on Population & Development in Cairo, Sept. 1994).

COMMENTARY & OPINION

“An Alternative to Industrial Agriculture: Small-scale agriculture is under threat from corporations and states. The United Nations wants to protect them. What is Europe doing?” FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (with Marc Edelman and Hilal Elver). Nov. 19, 2018. Printed in German.

“How to Talk about Food and Why it Matters,” UVM FOOD FEED (Blog), April 28, 2015.

“The Advocate: Smita Narula,” Profiled and interviewed on food rights and food advocacy for the NEW YORK CITY FOOD POLICY CENTER’s May 2015 newsletter.

“The Global Land Rush: Markets, Rights, and the Politics of Food,” MIT DISPLACEMENT RESEARCH & ACTION NETWORK (Blog), Dec. 5, 2014.

“The Right to Food: 10 years on, are we winning or losing the battle?” OXFAM, THE POLITICS OF POVERTY (Blog interview), Oct. 17, 2014.

“A Dream Deferred: The Right to Food in America,” HUFFINGTON POST, Oct. 30, 2013 (with Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.).

“High Tech, Low Pay: Let the Workers Behind Our Electronics Be Heard,” HUFFINGTON POST, Aug. 4, 2011 (with Niko Lusiani).

“Stop Putting Americans on Hold,” HUFFINGTON POST, Apr. 27, 2010.

“Restore India’s Secular Political Culture,” Op-Ed, ASIAN WALL STREET JOURNAL, Feb. 27, 2003.

“India’s Minorities Are Targets of Government-Abetted Violence,” Op-Ed, INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, Mar. 20, 2000.

DOCUMENTARY

AMERICANS ON HOLD: PROFILING, PREJUDICE, AND NATIONAL SECURITY, Documentary film (IHRC/CHRGJ, 2010) (Project Director).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Human Rights Law

Environmental Law, Environmental Justice, and Environmental Movements

Food Systems, Food Sovereignty, and the Right to Food

Equitable and Sustainable Management of Land and Natural Resources

Business and Human Rights

Caste Discrimination

National Security and Human Rights

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

J.D., *cum laude*, 1997

Honors: Morris Wasserstein Public Interest Fellowship, 1995
 Beijing Women’s Conference 1995, selected to represent HLS
 Reginald F. Lewis Fellowship for Human Rights Research, 1996, to support research and writing of *The Making of the Bandit Queen: Gender, Caste & Human Rights in India*

Journal: *Harvard Human Rights Journal*, Editor-in-Chief

Coordinator: United Nations Symposium on Law & Development, 1995
 Forging Forward: Women of Color & the Law, 1996
 Perspectives: Women of Color & Social Change, 1997

BROWN UNIVERSITY

M.A., Development Studies, *magna cum laude*, 1994

B.A., International Relations, *magna cum laude*, 1994

Honors: Albert Arnold Bennett Award for outstanding performance in International Relations

Pembroke Prize for outstanding Master’s thesis related to women’s studies

Brown University Merit Scholarship, presented to less than 3% of undergraduates

M.A. Thesis: “Sexuality, Gender Roles and Women’s HIV Prevention in Zimbabwe”

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.N. SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHT TO FOOD

Legal Advisor

2008 – 2014

- Appointed legal advisor to the U.N. Special Rapporteur on the right to food in 2008, and served in this capacity for the duration of Rapporteur's six-year mandate.
- Undertook and directed in-depth research and advocacy projects to support the Rapporteur's mandate:
 - Directed a 9-month research and documentation project to evaluate: the efficacy of the U.S. government's domestic nutrition assistance programs; the work of state and local food policy councils; and efforts to address the problem of obesity. The research culminated in the publication of a groundbreaking study, *Nourishing Change: Fulfilling the Right to Food in the United States*, which addresses the crisis of food insecurity in the United States in human rights terms.
 - Directed a 14-month research and documentation project and co-authored a set of case studies on the human rights impacts of agricultural and biofuel investments in Africa and Asia. The project supported the work of the Special Rapporteur to promote a set of principles and measures to address the human rights challenges associated with large-scale agricultural land acquisitions.
 - Supervised research to help inform a multi-stakeholder consultation convened by the Special Rapporteur on the role of the agribusiness sector on the realization of the right to food.

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

New York, NY

Senior Research for South Asia

2000 – 2003

India Researcher

1998 – 2000

Sophie Silberberg Fellow

1997 – 1998

- Conducted in-country investigations and wrote and edited reports on human rights abuses in India; monitored human rights developments in both conflict and non-conflict situations; briefed governments and national and international media on human rights findings; supported the capacity of local human rights groups to raise rights-based claims in multiple forums.
- Helped oversee and guide the organization's work on India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal, and coordinated the organization's response to the U.S.-led invasion in Afghanistan, and to post-September 11 hate crimes against South Asian and Muslim community members in the United States. Supervised staff, consultants, and interns, and supported strategic planning and fundraising efforts.
- Researched and authored the award-winning book-length report, *Broken People: Caste Violence Against India's "Untouchables"* (published in 1999 and subsequently translated into several Indian languages). The report helped draw global attention to the plight of Dalits in India.
- Helped found India's National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights, an award-winning grassroots campaign that helps expose 'untouchability' and other grave abuses against India's Dalit population, and advocates for the implementation and enforcement of relevant domestic policies and legislation.

INTERNATIONAL DALIT SOLIDARITY NETWORK - IDSN*Co-founder, Executive Group and Council Member, Research Associate, and Ambassador 2000 – present*

- Co-founded IDSN – a transnational advocacy network that links grassroots movements in Asia and Africa to the UN, EU, and other multilateral institutions to help inform policies and devise strategies to ensure to right to equality for 260 million people affected by caste-based discrimination worldwide.
- Through research and advocacy support, helped establish IDSN as the most comprehensive and reliable source of information on the subject of caste-based discrimination, and helped ensure systematic and in-depth attention to the issue by the E.U. and by U.N. human rights treaty monitoring bodies and special procedures.
- Support the capacity of Dalit rights activists in multiple countries to organize and claim their rights, and nurture and foster alliances and partnerships amongst Dalit rights movements across five South Asian countries.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.N. OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS*Consultant*

May – Oct 2014

- Prepared a Draft Guidance Tool on Caste-based Discrimination in order to identify key challenges, priorities, and strategic approaches for U.N. Country Teams to address this form of discrimination.

DAVIS, POLK AND WARDWELL

New York, NY

Summer Associate

Summer 1996

ACLU REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM PROJECT

New York, NY

Legal Intern

Summer 1995

CAMBRIDGE & SOMERVILLE LEGAL SERVICES

Cambridge, MA

Legal Intern, Asylum & Immigration Unit

Jan. – May 1995

UNITED NATIONS HIV AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

New York, NY

Consultant

Summer 1994

UNICEF

Harare, Zimbabwe

Consultant

Summer 1993

AWARDS & PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Appointed as the inaugural Distinguished Haub Chair in International Law at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University (2018).
- Appointed Legal Advisor to the U.N. SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHT TO FOOD (2008 – 2014); shortlisted by U.N. Human Rights Council for the Special Rapporteur position (2014).
- PUBLIC INTEREST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, North American South Asian Bar Association, 2008
- RAFTO PRIZE to National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (co-founder), 2007 (prestigious European human rights award. Several Rafto laureates have gone on to win the Nobel Peace Prize).
- ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARD, South Asian Bar Association of New York, 2007.
- DALIT LIBERATION EDUCATION TRUST HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD, 1999 (for “outstanding research and writing” of the book *BROKEN PEOPLE: CASTE VIOLENCE AGAINST INDIA’S ‘UNTOUCHABLES,’* presented by former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India).

SELECTED PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Half of Humanity: Defending Peasants' Rights on the Global Stage, Inaugural Conference of the Academy of Food Law and Policy, Harvard Law School. October 2018.

The Right to Food: Enhancing Implementation, Enforcement and Accountability, Symposium: Realizing the Right to Food: Challenges and Opportunities in the 21st Century, Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs, UCLA Law School. March 2015.

Conflicts in Land Use and Human Rights Approaches to their Management, Symposium: The Right to Food and Conflicts over Land Use, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights and the Centre for International Environmental Studies of the Graduate Institute Geneva. Presenter. November 2014.

The Right to Food: Progress and Pitfalls, Workshop: Mapping the State of Play on the Global Food Landscape, University of Waterloo. Presenter. September 2014.

Promoting the Right to Food in the United States: Possibilities and Challenges, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College, The Right to Food, Global and Local: A Panel Discussion. Panelist. November 2013.

The Global Land Rush: Markets, Rights and the Politics of Food, International Conference on Global Land Grabbing II. Cornell University. Presenter. October 2012.

The Rights-Based Approach to Intellectual Property and Access to Medicine: Parameters and Pitfalls, NYU School of Law conference: Balancing Wealth and Health: Access to Medicines in Latin America as a Case Study of the Global Administration of Intellectual Property Workshop. May 2011.

The Global Land Rush and Human Rights: Agricultural and Biofuel Investment, Yale Law School Conference: New Directions in Environmental Law: A Climate of Possibility. Presenter. April 2011.

Rights-based Responses to "Land-Grabbing," Princeton University conference: Food, Medicine, Rights: How We Identify, Measure, and Act on the Social Determinants of Health. April 2011.

Equal by Law, Unequal by Caste: the "Untouchable" Condition in Critical Race Perspective, NYU School of Law Culture and Law Colloquium. April 2011.

Reclaiming the Right to Food as a Normative Response to the Global Food Crisis, Yale Law School conference: Developing Food Policy: U.S. & International Perspectives. New Haven, CT. April 2010.

Gender and Caste, Columbia University conference: Caste and Contemporary India. New York, NY. October 2009.

Can Human Rights Norms Act as a Limit the Expansion of Intellectual Property Protection? NYU School of Law conference: Enough is Enough!: Ceilings on Intellectual Property Rights. May 2009.

Equal by Law, Unequal by Caste: the "Untouchable" Condition in Critical Race Perspective, Race and Legal Scholarship Seminar, NYU School of Law. April 2009.

Exceptions to the Rule of Law: National Security, Emergency, and Caste in South Asia, 2008 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Montreal, Canada. May 2008.

Equal by Law, Unequal by Caste: the "Untouchable" Condition in Critical Race Perspective, Sciences-Po, Centre D'Études et de Recherches Internationale (CERI), Paris, France. January 2008.

The Jurisdictional Scope of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Tilburg University (The Netherlands), Expert Meeting on Transnational Human Rights Obligations in the Field of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Tilburg, The Netherlands. January 2008.

Transparency, Accountability and Civil Society in the Governance of Development Projects: The Case of India's Special Economic Zones, NYU School of Law Institute for International Law & Justice/Centre for Policy Research (India) Workshop on Global Regulatory Governance, New Delhi, India. January 2008.

Commonalities and Divergence in Manifestations of Caste-Based Discrimination in South Asian Countries, Indian Institute for Dalit Studies, Regional Seminar on Caste Based Discrimination in South Asia, Kathmandu, Nepal. November 2007.

Caste in Global Context, Thorolf Rafto Foundation for Human Rights, Rafto Symposium 2007, Bergen, Norway. November 2007.

Equal by Law, Unequal by Caste—Can Human Rights Ensure Equality? New York University Anthropology Department, Human Rights and Culture. Lecturer. November 2007.

Hindu Nationalist Movements and the Law, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Law and Hinduism, A Pre-Conference Workshop of the 36th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI. October 2007.

Exceptions to the Rule of Law: National Security, Policing, and Caste in India, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI. October 2007.

Affirmatively Excluded: Dalits and Reservations in India, Columbia Law School African American Policy Forum (ten-day conference on affirmative action) Bellagio, Italy. August 2007.

An Evaluation of Indian Policies for Redressing Caste Discrimination, Harvard Law School-UCLA Interdisciplinary Roundtable on Discrimination & Remedial Measures in Global Perspective, Los Angeles, CA. February 2007.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, & TESTIMONY

PhD defense jury member: *Human rights, Human agency. A study of social innovations' collective agency in the localization of social rights* (thesis presentation by Paula Fernandez-Wulff). Université catholique de Louvain. Belgium. December 2018.

Food Sovereignty and Peasants' Rights. Panelist for event reporting back on progress in the drafting of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas. Human Rights Program, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute, Hunter College. April 2018.

Environmental Justice: New & Renewed Visions. Panelist. Public Policy Program and Human Rights Program, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute, Hunter College. March 2018.

Legislating Better Health Through Food Policy. Panelist. NYC Food Policy Center and Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College. March 2018.

Closed Consultation on the Right to Food and Nutrition. Participant and workshop facilitator for side event to the 62nd Session of the U.N. Committee on the Status of Women. Organized by FIAN International and WhyHunger. March 2018.

Book discussion: *On Tyranny, Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century*. Discussant with author Timothy Snyder. Carnegie Council on Ethics in International Affairs and the Bard Globalization and International Affairs Program, February 2018.

The Right to Food in the US – A Conversation with Smita Narula, Featured Speaker at the Pace-NRDC (National Resources Defense Council) Food Law Initiative Annual Event, co-sponsored by GrowNYC. New York, February 2018.

The Right to Food: Shifting Systems, Policies, and Narratives that Ignore the Root Causes of Hunger, panelist at the COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS CONFERENCE 2017. Boston, MA, December 2017.

Why Food Law?: Serving Justice, Sustainability and Health, panelist at HLS IN THE WORLD: HARVARD LAW SCHOOL'S BICENTENNIAL SUMMIT. Cambridge, MA, October 2017.

Strategies to Address Discrimination Based on Work and Descent, moderator of roundtable discussion organized by the Asian Dalit Rights Forum. New York, July 2017.

Big Hunger: The Unholy Alliance Between Corporate America and Anti-Hunger Groups, discussant at release of book by Andy Fisher. New York, May 2017.

Religion, Dalits and Social Justice in Global Context, roundtable participant. India China Institute at the New School. New York, May 2017.

Making the Case for the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas, featured speaker and workshop facilitator at the *Global Congress on Peasants' Rights*. Schwabisch Hall, Germany, March 2017.

Caste and Democracy in South Asia, invited presenter and participant at a roundtable of the National Endowment for Democracy. Washington, D.C., November 2016.

The Right to Food in the United States: The unspoken reality of widespread hunger and how to move forward to ensure the right to healthy food for all, presenter at World Social Forum roundtable organized by Why Hunger and La Via Campesina. Montreal, August 2016.

Serving Justice, presentation at the MAD Yale Leadership Summit: a gathering of chefs, activists, farmers and academics at Yale University to stimulate thinking on the ways in which chefs can effect social change inside and outside the kitchen. June 2016.

Featured speaker, "Smita Narula in conversation with Danny Meyer" at the MAD Yale Leadership Summit. June 2016

Keynote Address at the Vermont Hunger Action Conference 2016. May 2016.

Workshop facilitator: "Empowering ourselves and the communities we work with." Vermont Hunger Action Conference 2016. May 2016.

Human Rights Violations Against Dalits in the Indian Justice System, presentation at a conference on the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Columbia University. April 2016

Keynote Address at *Just Food? Forum on Land Use, Rights and Ecology*, a collaboration of the Harvard Food Law Society and Food Literacy Project at Harvard. March 2016

The Right to Food in the 21st Century: Power, Policy and the Politics of Food Production, United Nations International School's Global Voices Lecture Series, featured speaker. March 2016

Guest Speaker at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies' graduate seminar on Global Food Systems. March 2016.

Featured speaker, 'Q&A with Smita Narula on the Right to Food', public discussion co-sponsored by the Yale Sustainable Food Program and the Yale Food Law Society. March 2016.

Moderator, *Celebrating 125 Years of Ambedkar's Legacy*, Symposium held at Columbia University, featuring South Asian parliamentarians and activists, and organized by the Asia Dalit Rights Forum. October 2015.

Keynote Address at the 2015 UVM Food Systems Summit, *The Injustice of Hunger and Our Shared Struggle for the Right to Food*. June 2015.

Guest speaker, *Global Food Security* class, Vermont Law School. June 2015.

Presenter: *Food Futures: Critical Perspectives*, CUNY Graduate Center, Anthropology Colloquium Series. March 2015

Building Movements to Defend Dalit Rights: Three Critical Questions, presentation at Global Conference on Defending Dalit Rights. Washington, D.C. March 2015.

Introductory Address, *Realizing the Right to Food: Challenges and Opportunities in the 21st Century*, Symposium of the Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs at UCLA Law School. March 2015.

Securing the Right to Food in the United States, Hunter College, Public Policy Capstone class. Guest speaker. November 2014; April 2015; March 2016; September 2016; March 2017.

The Right to Food in the United States: Contemporary Issues and Historic Struggles, Hunter Human Rights Program, Brown Bag presentation. September 2014.

Organizer and moderator: *Social Justice and Dalits in South Asia*, New School, India China Institute. New York. October 2014.

Presenter: *Beyond Toilets: Ending Manual Scavenging in India*, Human Rights Watch. Washington, D.C., September 2014.

Discussant: *India's New Rights Agenda: Genesis, Promises, Risks* (paper presentation by Prof. Sanjay Ruparelia). New School. March 2014.

Justice, Equity, and Legal Empowerment in South Asia: How Should Grassroots Perspectives Shape the Global Agenda? Council on Foreign Relations, International Institutions and Global Governance Program, Opportunity and Exclusion in the Global Economy Roundtable series. May 2014.

Keynote Address: St. Louis Area Foodbank Agency Conference 2014. St. Louis. April 2014.

Addressing Caste Discrimination in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights Panel Discussion: Exploring Intersectionalities and Development Paradigms in South Asia context. Panelist. February 2014.

Promoting the Right to Food in the United States: Possibilities and Challenges. Annual Board Meeting, MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. Presenter. Los Angeles. January 2014.

Addressing Food Insecurity in the United States as a Human Rights Issue, NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development seminar: Nutritional Epidemiology. Guest speaker. November 2013.

Obstacles to Education in India, Stanford Law School seminar: Law and Social Change. Guest Speaker. October 2013.

Keynote Address: Hunger Action Network of New York State, Annual Fundraiser. December 2013.

A Rights-Based Approach to Addressing Hunger in the United States, Hunger Action Network of New York State Annual Meeting, Food Justice Workshop. Workshop Leader. September 2013.

- Resisting Development-led Displacement: The Case of the POSCO-India Project*, NYU Department of Anthropology course: Human Rights and Culture. Guest Speaker. December 2012.
- Gujarat Massacre 10 Years On*, South Asia Solidarity Initiative Panel Discussion. Panelist. April 2012.
- Unheard Voices of 9/11*, Community Hearing on the Impact of 9/11 on the Rights and Liberties of Arabs, Muslims, Sikhs and South Asians. Speaker. August 2011.
- India Untouched*, Documentary Screening. Stony Brook University. Commentator. October 2010.
- Affirmative Action for Dalits in India and Nepal*, NYU School of Law seminar: Affirmative Action Today. Guest speaker. April 2010.
- Convening of Anti-Profiling Advocates*, National Security and Human Rights Campaign. Participant. March 2010.
- Globalizing the 'Private University in the Public Interest': Respecting workers' rights at NYU-Abu Dhabi*. The Coalition for Fair Labor at NYU. Panelist. February 2010.
- Crude World: The Violent Twilight of Oil*. Institute of International Law & Justice/Center for Human Rights & Global Justice. Panelist. November 2009.
- Commentator: *Global Structures, A Challenge for Human Rights* (paper presentation by Visiting Doctoral Researcher Conway Black). NYU School of Law JSD Forum. April 2008.
- Driving while Black, flying while brown, and spying while yellow: Racial profiling in the post-9/11 era*, NYU All-ALSA Symposium. Presenter. March 2008.
- Dalits and Human Rights*, Second Annual Ambedkar Memorial Lecture, Ahmedabad, India. Keynote Address (delivered in Hindi). November 2007.
- 'Untouchables': The Plight of Dalit Women*, Testimony before the U.S. Congressional Human Rights Caucus, Washington, D.C. May 2007.
- Commentator: *Does the Fight Against "Human Trafficking" Really Make Sense?* (paper presentation by Prof. James Hathaway). International Law & Justice Colloquium. NYU School of Law. March 2007.
- Hidden Apartheid: Caste Discrimination against India's "Untouchables,"* Testimony before the U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Geneva. February 2007.
- Tackling Manual Scavenging through Technology, Law, and Development*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Human Rights & Sanitation Conference, Boston, MA. Presenter. December 2006.
- Working with International NGOs and Inter-governmental organizations*, PILC Peer Mentor Program. Panelist. November 2006.
- The Role of Caste Discrimination in the Conflict in Nepal*, Columbia University School of International Public Affairs Conference, New York, NY. Panelist. March 2006.
- Human Rights and Governmental Obligations in the Wake of Natural Disasters*, NYU Law Students for Human Rights Annual Symposium. Panelist. February 2006.
- The Promise and Perils of Globalization for India's 'Untouchables,'* University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, Toronto. Lecturer. October 2005.
- The Missing Piece of the Puzzle: Caste Discrimination and the Conflict in Nepal*, Testimony before the U.N. Sub-commission on the Promotion & Protection of Human Rights, Geneva. August 2005.

International Consultation on Caste-based Discrimination, International Dalit Solidarity Network, Kathmandu, Nepal, Conference co-convener and participant. December 2004.

Reactions to Genocide in the 21st Century, NYU Law Students for Human Rights. Moderator and discussant. October 2004.

Caste and Racial Discrimination: Global Struggles for Justice, Yale University South Asian Conference Council, panelist and workshop leader. April 2004.

World Social Forum 2004, NYU Law Students for Human Rights/South Asian Law Students Association Brown Bag. Main speaker. March 2004.

An International and Comparative Perspective on the Legacy of Brown, NYU Review of Law & Social Change Colloquium. Panelist. February 2004.

World Social Forum 2004, Mumbai, India. Presenter. January 2004.

Human Rights and Impunity: Towards Accountability in India, Harvard School of Public Health, Cambridge, MA. November 2003.

Global Caste Discrimination, Buraku Human Rights and Research Institute, series of lectures. Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto, Japan. February – March 2002.

World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance, 2001, Durban, South Africa. Participant and presenter. August – September 2001.

Human Rights & the Indian Judiciary's Constitutional Jurisprudence, Harvard Law School Symposium. April 2000.

SELECTED CONFERENCES, EVENTS AND BRIEFINGS ORGANIZED

- *Reimagining the Four Freedoms*, Public Policy Program and Human Rights Program, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute, Hunter College. May 2018.
- *Food Sovereignty & Peasants' Rights*, Human Rights Program, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute, Hunter College. April 2018.
- *Environmental Justice: New & Renewed Visions*, Public Policy Program and Human Rights Program, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute, Hunter College. March 2018.
- *Engaging #MeToo: Marginalized Voices in the Campaign to End Sexual Harassment and Violence*, Human Rights Program, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute & the Women and Gender Studies Department, Hunter College. March 2018.
- *Torture, Mass Surveillance and Discrimination: Protecting Human Rights in the "War on Terror,"* Human Rights Program, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College. March 2018.
- *The Human Rights Impacts of Climate Change and the Struggle for Climate Justice in Puerto Rico*, Human Rights Program, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College. November 2017.
- *The Rohingya Refugee Crisis & the Global Call to Action*, Human Rights Program, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College. October 2017.
- *Anti-Democratic Trends & the University Space: Free to Think 2017 Report Launch Event*, co-sponsored by Scholars and Risk and the Human Rights Program, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College. September 2017.

- *Hate Speech and Human Rights*, Human Rights Program, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College. September 2017
- *Meeting to Explore and Build: Right to Food in the United States*, co-organized with WhyHunger, FIAN International, and human rights scholars. July 2017.
- *The Human Rights Implications of the Global Rush for African Land*, African Law Association, International Law Society, and Center for Human Rights and Global Justice panel discussion. Panelist. April 2013.
- Website Launch: The Business and Human Rights Documentation Project. Center for Human Rights and Global Justice and ESCR-Net. Presenter. June 2011.
- “The Dilemmas of Human Rights Fact Finding,” The Fifth Annual Emilio Mignone Lecture on Transitional Justice. A Conversation with Hon. Richard Goldstone and Radhika Coomaraswamy. Introduction. November 2010.
- The Business and Human Rights Documentation Project, Website Preview Event. Center for Human Rights and Global Justice & ESCR-Net. Geneva. Organizer & presenter. Oct. 2010.
- Report Launch: *Foreign Land Deals and Human Rights: Case Studies on Agricultural and Biofuel Investment*. Presenter. October 2010.
- CHRJ Litigating Human Rights Series: *Demanding Justice for Business Abuses against the Western Shoshone Tribe*. Organizer and Moderator. April 2010.
- Documentary Launch: *Americans on Hold: Profiling, Prejudice, and National Security*. Presenter. April 2010.
- *Policing Sexuality: Law, Society, and Homosexuality in sub-Saharan Africa*, Dean’s Series on LGBT Rights.
- CHRJ Litigating Human Rights Series: *The Task and Implications of Decriminalizing Homosexual Sex in India*. Moderator. October 2009.
- *Transnational Corporations and the Right to Food*. Center for Human Rights and Global Justice. Moderator and discussant. April 2009.
- International Human Rights Funders Group, Annual Conference. 2010, 2011.
- National Conference of International Human Rights Clinicians. 2005, 2008.
- Report Launch: *Recasting Justice: Securing Dalit Rights in Nepal’s New Constitution*. April 2008.
- Report Launch: *On the Margins of Profit: Rights at Risk in the Global Economy*. February 2008.
- *Can the U.N. Do Anything About Human Rights Disasters?*, NYU Alumni Reunion Weekend. Moderator. May 2007.
- Briefing: *Hidden Apartheid: Caste Discrimination against India’s Untouchables*. April 2007.
- Report Launch: *Americans on Hold: Profiling, Citizenship, and the “War on Terror.”* April 2007.
- Briefing: *The Missing Piece of the Puzzle: Caste Discrimination & the Conflict in Nepal*. Nov. 2005.
- *International Law from Below: Social Movements and the Transformation of World Order*, NYU Center for Human Rights and Global Justice Lecture. Discussant. March 2005.
- Conference: Human Rights and Development: Towards Mutual Reinforcement, NYU Center for Human Rights and Global Justice. Organizer. March 2004.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- *NYU Journal of International Law and Politics*, Advisory Board Member, 2011 – 2014.
- *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, Reviewer, 2005 – 2009.
- *South Asian Research Consortium on Caste Discrimination*, Member and Reviewer, 2006 – 2009.
- Co-Founder and Co-Director, BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS DOCUMENTATION PROJECT, an online research & advocacy portal that includes a searchable database of human rights reports on business activities, and tools and strategies for corporate accountability advocates, 2008 – 2014.
- Gallatin Global Fellowship in Human Rights, Gallatin School of Individualized Study: Advisory Council Member, 2013 – 2014.
- Corporate Accountability Working Group, International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Member, 2008 – present.
- ETO Consortium (a network of academics and activists working to elaborate and promote a set of principles on States' extraterritorial obligations in relation to economic, social and cultural rights): Member, 2007 – present.
- ENSAAF (an NGO committed to ending impunity for mass state crimes in India): Member, Board of Advisors, 2006 – present.
- MIT Displacement Research Action Network: Member, 2013 – present.
- National Security & Human Rights Campaign: Member, Anti-Profilng Working Group, 2010 – 2013.
- RFK Memorial Center for Human Rights: Member, Advisory Committee, 2005 – 2007.
- Legal Access Network for South Asians (for greater access to multilingual legal services for indigent South Asians in the NYC area): Co-founder and Board Member, 2003 – 2005.
- Furnished expert reports on socio-cultural impacts of indebtedness in India for major human trafficking trial, 2014 – 2015.
- Furnished expert affidavits on country conditions in Nepal to support asylum applicants, 2006 – 2008.

U.N. EXPERT CONSULTATIONS, INVITED PARTICIPANT

- *Side Event on the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas*, 73rd U.N. General Assembly Session, New York. November 2018.
- *5th Session of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas*, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva. April 2018.
- *Technical Consultation on Discrimination Based on Work and Descent*, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva. October 2015.
- *Technical Dialogue on 10 Years of the Implementation of the Right to Food Guidelines*, U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization. Key presenter. Rome. July 2014.
- *2nd South-Asia Regional Consultation on Caste-Based Discrimination*, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Kathmandu. December 2013.

- *Consultation on the Implementation of the “Protect, Respect and Remedy” Framework*, U.N. Secretary-General’s Special Representative on Business and Human Rights, Geneva. October 2010.
- *Systemic Discrimination and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, University of Mannheim, & University of Oslo, Expert Workshop on Discrimination and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Berlin, Germany. September 2008.
- *Ethnicity and Exclusion*, World Bank Meeting on Sustainable and Inclusive Globalization, Washington, D.C. February 2008.
- *The Human Rights Obligations of Creditor States and International Financial Institutions*, U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Experts Meeting, Geneva. July 2007.
- *Examining the Possibility of the Development of a Racial Equality Index*, U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Experts Meeting, Geneva. November 2005.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Admitted to practice in the State of New York.

Member: New York State Bar Association; North American South Asian Bar Association.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Multiple appearances in national and international media outlets, including: the *New York Times*; BBC News; the *International Herald Tribune*; the *Financial Times*; the *Asian Wall Street Journal*; *The Huffington Post*; National Public Radio; Democracy Now!; Dan Rather Reports; National Geographic; the Associated Press; Reuters; Agence-France Presse; Fox News; Canadian Broadcasting Company; Australian Broadcasting Company; Keep Hope Alive Radio; CBS Radio; the *Times of India*; the *Hindu*; *Indian Express*; *Outlook Magazine*; as well as national media outlets in Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa, South Sudan, and Sri Lanka.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Hindi and Urdu (speaking). Proficient in French and Spanish.