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EMPLOYMENT

- 2020-present Associate Professor, Sociology, Texas A&M University
- 2014–2020 Assistant Professor, Sociology & Women’s and Gender Studies, Texas A&M University
- 2012–2014 Andrew Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Southern California in Gender Studies and the Center for Feminist Research
- 2010–2012 College Fellow, Harvard University in the Committee on Degrees in Studies of Women, Gender and Sexuality

EDUCATION

- University of Wisconsin.* Ph.D. in Sociology. August 2010.
Dissertation: “Governing Sexualities: Biopower, Governmentality and Citizenship in Postcolonial India”
- University of Hyderabad.* M.Phil. in Political Science. July 1998.
Thesis: “Legal Response to Rape: Case Study of a *Mahila* (Women’s) Court”
- University of Hyderabad.* M.A. in Political Science. 1996

BOOKS

- Lakkimsetti, Chaitanya. 2020. *Legalizing Sex: Sexual Minorities, AIDS and Citizenship in India.* New York: NYU Press.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Lakkimsetti, Chaitanya, Vanita Reddy. (forthcoming). “#MeToo and Transnational Gender Justice: An Introduction.” *Feminist Formations* 33(3).
- Lakkimsetti, Chaitanya. (forthcoming). “Stripping Away at Respectability: #Metoo India and the Politics of Dignity.” *Feminist Formations* 33(3).

Lakkimsetti, Chaitanya. 2017. ““Home and Beautiful Things”: Aspirational Politics in Dance Bars in India.” *Sexualities* 20(4): 463-481.

Lakkimsetti, Chaitanya. 2016. “Empowered Criminals and Global Subjects: Gender and the Paradox of Transnational Advocacy in India.” *Qualitative Sociology* 39: 375-396.

Lakkimsetti, Chaitanya. 2016. ““From Dance Bars to the Streets”: Moral Dispossession and Eviction in Mumbai.” *positions: asia critique* 24 (1). 205-230.

Lakkimsetti, Chaitanya. 2014. ““HIV is Our Friend”: Prostitution, Power and State in Postcolonial India.” *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 40 (1): 201-226.

Lakkimsetti, Chaitanya. 1999. “Legal Response to Rape: Case Study of a Women’s Court.” *Indian Journal of Human Rights* III (1&2): 135- 162.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Lakkimsetti, Chaitanya, Vanita Reddy. 2019. “Feminine Vulnerability and Toxic Masculinity: A Comparative Feminist Analysis of #metoo,” *Rejoinder* (4). <https://irw.rutgers.edu/rejoinder>.

Lakkimsetti, Chaitanya. 2017. "Sexual States: Governance and the Struggle against the Antisodomy Law in India's Present" Invited Book Review. *Contemporary Sociology* 46(5): 593-595.

Lakkimsetti, Chaitanya. 2012. “Dangerous Sex, Invisible Labor: Sex Work and the Law in India” Invited Book Review. *Rights Work*.

Book Chapters

Lakkimsetti, Chaitanya (forthcoming) “Traditional Genders, Modern Sexualities: Struggles Around Sexual and Gender Nonconformity in Postcolonial India”. For an edited book volume on *South Asian Sociology* edited by Smitha Radhakrishnan & Gowri Vijayakumar.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

2015-17	National Science Foundation-ADVANCE Scholar Mentor Program, Texas A& M University
2013-14	New Directions in Feminist Research Fellow, Center for Feminist Research USC
2012&2011	Harvard University Certificate of Teaching Excellence
2011	Best Dissertation of the Year Award, Law & Society Association
2010	Young Scholars in Social Movements Workshop Award, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame, South Bend Indiana.
2009	Mellon Fellow, Future of Minority Studies Workshop, Cornell University
2004	A. Eugene Havens Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison

FELLOWSHIP AND GRANTS

- 2021 “Effective Communication Strategies During COVID-19,” T-3 Grant, Texas A&M University (PI: Chaitanya Lakkimsetti, CO-PIs: Defne Over and Joseph Sharkey)
- 2020 “Effective Communication Strategies During COVID-19”, Innovation X Grant, Texas A&M University (PI: Chaitanya Lakkimsetti, Co-PIs: Emilce Santana, Defne Over, Ernesto Amaral, Maria Perez-Patron, Ceyhun Eksin and Jennifer Mercieca)
- 2019 “Towards Fairness in Deep Neural Networks with Learning Interpretation,” National Science Foundation (PI: Dr. Xia Hu, Co-PIs: James Caverlee, Na Zou, Chaitanya Lakkimsetti)
- 2019 “#MeToo and the Transnational Politics of Social Media Feminism Social Media Feminism, Glasscock Three-Year Seminar Grant (with Vanita Reddy)
- 2019 “Devotional Practices and Sexuality in Contemporary India.” Arts & Humanities Fellowship, Texas A&M University
- 2019 “LGBTQ Social Movements and Law In India.” Glasscock Center Faculty Fellowship, Texas A&M University
- 2017 Buttrill Ethics Grant, Glasscock Center for the Humanities
- 2016 Collaborative Grant, Glasscock Center for the Humanities (with Vanita Reddy, English and Jyotsna Vaid, Psychology)
- 2015 “Transgender: Localization of a Global Category.” Glasscock Center Faculty Fellowship, Texas A& M University
- 2008 “Governing Sexualities: Law, Biopower, and Citizenship in Postcolonial India.” National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant
- 2008 Vilas Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2007 Martin P. Levin Memorial Dissertation Fellowship, American Sociological Association
- 2006 Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison,
- 2005 Scott Kloock-Jenson International Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant, Global Studies University of Wisconsin-Madison

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “Female Vulnerability and Toxic Masculinity: Comparative Feminist Analysis of the #MeToo Movement.” National Women’s Studies Association, San Francisco.
- “Subaltern Perspectives on Violence.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York.
- 2016 “Aspirational Politics, Pleasure and desire in Sexuality Studies.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle.

- “Transnational Conversations on Social Justice”. Invited Panel. Sociologist for Women in Society Meeting, Memphis.
- 2014 “Home and Beautiful Things: Aspirational Politics of Sex in Dance Bars in India.” National Women’s Studies Association Meeting, San Juan. Puerto Rico.
- 2013 “Empowered Criminals and Paper Subjects: Gender and the Paradox of Transnational Advocacy in India.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York City.
- 2011 “Thinking Beyond Civil Society: A Postcolonial Approach to Sexuality Research. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.
- “Modernity’s Traditions in the age of Globalization: Anti-sodomy laws, and Citizenship in Postcolonial India.” Selected for Transnational Sexuality and Gender pre-conference at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA
- “Sexual Citizenship! Mobilizing for Sex Workers’ and Homosexual Rights in India. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- 2010 “HIV is our Friend:” Biopower and Citizenship in Postcolonial India.” Selected for Young Scholars in Social Movements Conference, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana.
- 2009 “Protecting Passive Women from Perverse Men’: Struggles around Sexuality and Rearticulation of the Nation in Contemporary India.” Selected for Annual South Asian Studies Conference, Madison. Wisconsin.
- “Prostitution, Sexuality and Biopower in Postcolonial India.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California.
- 2008 “From Contagious Diseases to HIV: Prostitution, Biopower and Sexuality in India.” Selected for Annual South Asian Studies Conference, Madison. Wisconsin.
- “How Should I Know That My Ass Belongs to the State: Globalization, Anti-sodomy law, and the discursive struggles around homosexuality in Postcolonial India.” Selected presentation, Queer Studies Conference, UCLA, Los Angeles CA.

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 “Legalizing Sex: Sexual Minorities, AIDS, and Citizenship in India”, for the Social Reproduction Project, King’s College, London.
- “Caravanning Morality”: Anti-trafficking campaigns in India and sexual politics,” for the Social Reproduction Project, King’s College, London.

- 2018 “From AIDS to Rights: Using Biopower to Achieve Citizenship in India ”, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- 2015 “Sex work, State and Law,” Department of Sociology Colloquium, University of Texas, Austin.
- 2013 “From Dance Bars to Streets”: Understanding the Boundaries of Intimate Labor in India.” Intimate Industries in Asia Workshop. Pomona College, Pomona CA.
- “HIV is our Friend: Sex Work and State Regulation in India.” For the Presidential Panel on Sex work and Trafficking. Pacific Sociology Association Annual Meeting, Reno NV.
- 2012 “Empowered Criminals and Paper Subjects: Gender and the Paradox of Transnational Advocacy in India.” Sociology Department & Committee on Degrees on Women Gender and Sexuality. Harvard University.
- 2011 “HIV is Our Friend: Prostitution, Biopower and State in Postcolonial India,” Mahindra Humanities Center: Gender and Sexuality Lecture Series. Harvard University.
- “Sexual Politics and State in Contemporary India”, Department of Government. Harvard University.
- 2010 “Sexing Security: Globalization, Biopolitics, and Law in Postcolonial India.” New Perspectives on Gender and Human Security Workshop, Madison.
- 2006 “Colonialism, Social Reform and the Question of the Child Widow in Colonial India.” Invited Presentation, Gender, Genre, and Political Transformations: Interdisciplinary Conference on Transnational Gender Research. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

COURSES TAUGHT

Sociology & Women’s and Gender Studies, Texas A&M University

SOCI/WGST 661: Feminist Theory and Practice (graduate course, Fall 2020)

WGST/SOCI 689: Sexualities and Genders in Transnational Perspective (graduate course, Spring 2017)

WGST 200: Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies (Fall 2018, Spring 2017)

SOCI/WGST: 207: Introduction to Gender and Society (Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2015, 2014)

SOCI/WGST 316: Sociology of Gender (Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Fall 2016, Spring 2016)

Gender Studies Program, University of Southern California

Political Economy of Sex Work (graduate course, Spring 2014)
Intimate Lives Intimate Work (Spring 2013)
Gender, Social Inequalities and Social Justice (Fall 2013, Fall 2012)

Studies of Women, Gender and Sexuality, Harvard University

Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary South Asia (Spring 2012)
Political Economy of Sex Work (Fall 2011)
Transnational Feminist Theory (Spring 2011)
Queer Transnational Studies (Spring 2011)
Cultures of Sexuality in Global Perspective (Fall 2010)

Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Introduction to Race and Ethnicity (Summer 2008)

Teaching Assistantships, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Sociological Perspectives on American Families (Spring 2010)
Women & Their Bodies in Health and Disease (Fall 2009)
Women Social Institutions Social Change (Fall 2008, Spring 2009)
Introduction to LGBT Studies (Spring 2008)
Introduction to Global Cultures (Fall 2003)

SERVICE

Texas A&M University (2014-present)

Sociology Department

Faculty and Staff Awards Committee (2020-2021)
Graduate Retention Committee (2020-2021)
Executive Council (2019-2021)
Interim Head Search Committee (2018)
Graduate Student Award Committee (2014-2020)

Women's and Gender Studies

Dissertation Research Award Committee (2021)
Jameson Prize Committee (2020)
Program Review Committee (2015-2018)
Ad-hoc Awards Committee (Fall 2018)

College Level Service

Co-chair, Task Force to create LGBTQ minor (2020-2021)

Co-coordinator of the South Asia Working Group, Glasscock Center for the Humanities (2018-2019)

Co-Director “MeToo and the Transnational Politics of Social Media Feminisms”, Glasscock Center for the Humanities (2019-2022)

University Level Service

College of Liberal Arts strategic planning committee (2021)

Arts & Humanities Fellowship reviewer (2020)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Council Member, Sexuality Section, American Sociology Association, 2021-2024.

Session Organizer for *American Sociology Association Annual Meeting* session: #MeToo and Transnational Gender Justice, 2021.

Sexualities Early Career Award Committee for Sexualities Section, *American Sociology Association*, 2020-2021.

Chair, Reading List Committee for Sexualities Section, American Sociology Association, 2020.

Session Organizer for *American Sociology Association Annual Meeting* session: Session on Gender, San Francisco. 2020.

Plenary Presider “Methodologies in Sexualities” Sexualities Pre-conference. *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia. 2018.

Session Organizer for *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting* session: “Transnational Sexualities”, Montreal, CA, 2017.

Best Article Award Committee for Sex & Gender Section, *American Sociology Association*, 2015.

Session Organizer for *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*: “Gender and Sexual Politics: The States of Neoliberalism”, San Francisco, CA, 2015.

Session Organizer (with Katie Hassan) for *National Women’s Studies Association*: “Technologies of Intimacy,” San Jose, Puerto Rico, 2014.

OCCASIONAL REVIEWER FOR FOLLOWING JOURNALS & UNIVERSITY PRESSES

American Sociological Review 2015

Contemporary Sociology 2016

Feminist Formations 2020

Gender and Society 2009 2010 2011 2013 2019

Sexualities 2015

Social Politics 2021

Sociological Focus 2014

Stanford University Press 2020

Rutgers University Press 2021