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EDUCATION

Syracuse University 2017

Ph.D. & M.A. (2012), Sociology

Graduate Certificates: Women's and Gender Studies, South Asian Studies

Comprehensive Exams: Transnational Feminist Theories; Queer of Color Critique

Furman University 2004

B.A., English Literature

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Practice 2023-present

Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work

Texas Tech University

Assistant Professor 2019-present

Sociology Program; Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program

Flagler College

Assistant Professor 2016-2019

Department of Sociology & Anthropology

Nazarbayev University

MONOGRAPH

Mount, Liz. *New Women: Trans Women Remaking Inequalities in India* (under contract with Cambridge University Press; final submission June 2023)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Mount, Liz. "'Happy' Activists: NGO Staff Navigating the Social Movement/Service Provider Divide in India" (forthcoming at *The Journal of International Development*)

Mount, Liz. "'Funding Does Something to People': NGOs Navigating Funding Challenges in India." *Development in Practice*. 32:1 (2022): 69-81.

Mount, Liz. "'I am Not a Hijra': Class, Respectability and the Emergence of the 'New' Transgender Woman in India." *Gender & Society*. 34.4 (2020): 620-648.

Mount, Liz. "Behind the Curtain: Strip Clubs and the Management of Competition for Tips." *The Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*. 46.1 (2018): 60-87.

Mount, Liz. "Teaching in Unfamiliar Terrain: Empowering Student and Teacher Learning through a Photography Assignment." *Teaching Sociology* 46.1 (2018): 54-61.

Mount, Liz. "Saris and Contemporary Indian Womanhood: How Middle-Class Women Navigate the Tradition/Modernity Split." *Contemporary South Asia* 25.2 (2017): 167-181.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Mount, Liz and Gwen Horton. “Does Integrating Self-Care Techniques Enhance Participation in Online Courses?” (submitted to *Teaching Sociology*; co-written with an undergraduate student)

Mount, Liz. “‘Visibility’ and Rights: Working-class Lesbians and Transgender Men ‘At Risk’ in South India” (article manuscript in progress)

Mount, Liz. “‘Crisis’ Activism: Working-class Lesbians and Transgender Men Mobilizing through Crisis in South India” (article manuscript in progress)

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Mount, Liz. [“Transgender Women are Finding Some Respect in India, but a Traditional Gender-nonconforming Group—Hijras—Remain Stigmatized.”](#) *The Conversation*. March 31, 2022.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Innovative Teaching Award, Nazarbayev Univ. School of Humanities & Social Sciences, 2018

Social Research Grant, Nazarbayev Univ., 2017-2018 (\$10,000)

Sociology Department Dissertation Fellowship, Syracuse Univ., 2015-2016 (\$18,000)

American Institute for Indian Studies (AIIS) Junior Fellowship, 2013-2014 (\$25,000)

AIIS Fellowship for Kannada language study, 2012-2013 (\$18,000)

Foreign Language/Area Studies Title IX Grant, Kannada language study, 2012 & 2010 (\$7,000)

Maxwell School Goekjian Scholar Fellowship, Syracuse University, 2011 (\$5,000)

Roscoe-Martin Summer Research Grant, Syracuse Univ., 2010 (\$700)

Foreign Language/Area Studies grant for Hindi Language study, 2009 (\$7,000)

Best Graduate Student Paper Award, MIT Women’s Studies Consortium, 2008 (\$500)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“‘New’ Trans Women: Reproducing Intersections of Class and Gender in Postcolonial India.” The XX World Congress of Sociology of the International Sociological Association. June 2023. Melbourne, Australia. (Virtual)

“Against Human Rights?: Liberal Human Rights and Economic Opportunity Among *Hijras* in South India.” International Conference on Globalization and the Emergence of a New World Order. November 2022. Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India. (Virtual)

“Sex Work Vs. Office Work: Employment and Gender Non-conforming Identity.” April 2022. Ireland India Institute Annual Conference. (Virtual)

“‘I am Not a Hijra’: Gender, Class and the Emergence of Transgender Women in India.” July 2018. International Sociological Association, XIX World Congress. Toronto, Canada.

“NGOs and Shifts in Community and Identity among Gender Non-conforming People in South India.” June 2017. Global Studies Annual Conference, National University of Singapore, Singapore.

“Producing the Sexual Minority Subject: NGOs, Urban Spaces, and Neoliberalism in South India.” May 2013. “Violence, Insurgencies, Deceptions: Urban Life in South Asia” International Conference and Workshop, National University of Singapore, Singapore.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“New” Women Vs. “Other” Hijras: The Transgender Category and Class Aspiration in Liberalized Urban India.” August 2023. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.

“Migrating in Times of ‘Crisis’: NGO Interventions with Working-Class Lesbians and Transgender Men In India.” January 2023. Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

“*Hijra* Families Today: Social Change and “Choice” for “New” Women.” October 2022. The Annual Conference on South Asia. Madison, WI. (Virtual)

“Social Movement Aspirations and ‘Happy’ Activists: How Class Shapes NGO Employment in India” July 2021. Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Conference. (Virtual)

“‘Against’ *Hijra* Relationships: Differently Marginalized Groups and the ‘Unintended Consequences’ of Human Rights Frameworks.” August 2020. American Sociological Association Annual Conference. (Virtual)

“‘Against’ *Hijra* Relationships: Differently Marginalized Groups and the ‘Unintended Consequences’ of Human Rights Frameworks.” January 2020. Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.

“I am Not a *Hijra*’: Gender, Class and the Emergence of Transgender Women in India.” October 2017. South Asian Studies Annual Meeting. Madison, WI. (Panel Chair: “Trajectories of the ‘Queer’ in South Asia: Between Sovereignty and Subjection”)

“Human Rights and *Hijra* Criminalization in South India.” August, 2016. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

“Social Class and the Professionalization of ‘Community’ Activists in South India.” August, 2016. Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

“Mutual Need and the Re-production of Marginality: NGOs and Working-Class Lesbians and Transmen in South India.” October, 2015. South Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Madison, WI.

“Hierarchy, ‘Human Rights’ and Community Transformation in South India.” August, 2015. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

“Hierarchy, ‘Human Rights’ and Community Transformation in South India.” April, 2015. Yale University Modern South Asia Junior Scholar Workshop, Newhaven, CT.

“Kinship, Hierarchy and NGOs: Transforming *Hijra* Relationships in South India.” October, 2014. South Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Madison, WI.

“Behind the Curtain: Strip Clubs and the Management of Competition for Scarce Resources.”
August, 2013. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Paid Activism and ‘Happy’ Activists: Pathways of Professionalization for Working-Class NGO Employees.” April 2021. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. (Virtual)

“NGOs, the State, and the Criminalization of Hijras in South India.” March, 2016. Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Oakland, CA.

“Mutual Need and the Re-production of Marginality: NGOs and Working-Class Lesbian and Transmen in South India.” May, 2015. South Asia By the Bay, UC Berkeley, CA.

“Come Out and Do What?": NGO-led Sexual Rights Activism and Identity Presentation in South India.” May, 2014. “Queering Pride: LGBT Identities and Affects on the Global Stage.” Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Practice Fall 2023-present

Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work
Texas Tech University

Gendered Lives

Sexuality, Intimate Relations and Family Life

Family Violence

Theories of Globalization

Social Research Methods

Contemporary Social Problems

Assistant Professor Fall 2019-present

Sociology Program, Department of Behavioral Sciences
Flagler College

Gender and Sexuality in a Transnational World (in-person & online)

Gender and Society (in-person & online)

Sociological Research Methods (in-person & online)

Classical Sociological Theory (in-person & online)

Introduction to Sociology (in-person & online)

Gender, Culture and Inequality in India (study abroad cancelled due to covid-19)

Assistant Professor 2016-2019

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Nazarbayev University

Gender and Sexuality in a Transnational World (in-person)

Gender and Society (in-person)

Gender, Power and Social Change in South Asia (graduate-level; in-person)

Decolonizing Social Theory (in-person)

Social Movements (in-person)

Global Social Problems (in-person)

Adjunct Professor 2016-2017

Department of Sociology, Syracuse University

Introduction to Sociology (online)

Adjunct Professor

2016

Sociology Department, De Anza College

Introduction to Sociology (in-person)

Social Problems (in-person)

Visiting Assistant Professor

2015

Anthropology & Sociology Department, Rhodes College

Social Movements (in-person)

Introduction to Sociology (in-person)

SERVICE

College & University Service

Flagler College Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Advisory Board, 2019-present

Flagler College Diversity & Inclusion Committee, 2019-present

Flagler College Adjunct Affairs Committee, 2021-present

Nazarbayev University Gender, Disability and LGBT Inclusion Task Force, 2016-2018

Coordinator, 2017-2018

Nazarbayev University Gender Studies Consortium, 2016-2018

Nazarbayev University Sociology Department Hiring Committee, 2016-2017

Nazarbayev University Writing Across the Curriculum Liaison, 2017-2018

Peer Reviewer

Gender & Society

The Journal of Gender Studies

GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian & Gay Studies

Deviant Behavior

Voluntas: International Journal of Non-profit and Voluntary Organizations

Culture, Health and Society

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

International Sociological Association

Research Committee 32-Women in Society, member

Research Committee 09-Global Development, member

National Women's Studies Association, member

American Sociological Association, member

Transnational Sociology Section, member

Sex and Gender Section, member

Sexualities Section, member

Sociologists for Women in Society, member

International Committee, member

American Association for Asian Studies, member

Southern Sociological Society, member

LANGUAGES

Advanced speaking and intermediate reading and writing skills in Kannada

Intermediate speaking, reading and writing skills in Hindi

Beginning speaking, reading and writing skills in Russian

REFERENCES

Professor Jyoti Puri

Professor of Sociology and Gender/Cultural Studies

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Professor Ted Gerber

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Dr. Lorna Bracewell

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