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**EDUCATION**

**Ph. D. Anthropology, 1996**

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Yale University.

Dissertation: *Forests, Politics, and Governance in Bengal, India, 1794 –1994*. Ann Arbor, MI: University Microfilms Inc., 771 pp.

**M. Phil. Anthropology, 1993.**

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Yale University.

Subfields: political economy; cultural politics/ethnicity; environmental history; and agrarian studies.

**M.E.S. Environmental Studies, 1991.**

School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University.

Major: forest hydrology and watershed management; minor: natural resource policy.

**M. A. History, 1979.** Distinction (Ranked first in class).

School of Social Sciences, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi.

Specialized in economic and social history of modern India.

**B. A. Mathematics with Economics, 1977.**

St. Stephen's College, Delhi.

**EMPLOYMENT**

**1.1.2007-present** – Professor of Anthropology, Yale University; Member, South Asia Council, McMillan Center for International and Area Studies; and Member, Executive Board, Program in Agrarian Studies.

**2005-12.31.2006** – Professor of Anthropology and International Studies, University of Washington; Adjunct Professor of Women Studies; Director, South Asia Center and Chair, South Asia Program; Member, Executive Committee, Program on the Environment.

**2002-2005** – Associate Professor of Anthropology and International Studies, University of Washington; Adjunct Associate Professor of Women Studies; Director, South Asia Center and Chair, South Asia Program; Member, Executive Committee, Program on the Environment.

**1999-2002** – Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Washington; Core Faculty, Environmental Anthropology Program; Affiliated Faculty, Jackson School of International Studies and Program on the Environment, University of Washington.

**1998-99** – Fellow, Environment and Governance, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, United Kingdom.

**1997-98** – Postdoctoral Associate, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University.

**1996-97** - Postdoctoral Fellow, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University.

**1995-96; 1991-1993** – Project Assistant, Program in Agrarian Studies, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University.

**Summer 1991** – Research Assistant, Integrated Hydrologic and Cartographic Modelling Project, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University. I designed and executed data collection and comparative spatial analysis of selected hydrologic parameters for four forested watersheds in New England.

**Summer 1990** – Research Assistant, Program in Belowground Ecology, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University. I created a cartographic model and geographic information system database for a forested watershed in New England.

**1985-89** – Under Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. I helped to set up a major national program for Wastelands Development and was the first Under Secretary of the National Wastelands Development Board, an apex body in the Ministry of Environment and Forests for policy, planning, funding and monitoring of wastelands development and social forestry programs in the country. Specific responsibilities included: perspective planning; project formulation and appraisal for bilateral development assistance and funding by multilateral financial agencies like World Bank; preparation of schemes to enhance public participation in forestry projects; studies of land laws in India to propose changes that would secure more effective local management of rural development forestry programs; a national project for the identification of special types of wastelands through satellite remote sensing and creating integrated cartographic databases. Was the member-secretary of a National Planning Commission Working Group on wastelands development and social forestry for the Eighth Five Year Plan. I researched and wrote significant parts of the report of a sub-committee on science and technology inputs for the program. I coordinated initiation of a technology mission for wastelands development, which was implemented in various locations in India during 1989-92.

**1984-85** – Chief Executive Officer, Zila Parishad, West Dinajpur, West Bengal, India, and District Development Officer. Responsible for supervision and coordination of rural and economic development activity in the district; played a key part in the preparation of the first district plan of West Dinajpur.

**1982-84** – Sub-divisional Officer in New Delhi and Raiganj, West Bengal. I was the head of the civil administration involving both regulatory and development administration, special interest in land use

planning, land administration and rural development banking. I also served as the Chairman and Chief Executive of district land development and cooperative credit banks.

**1980-82** – Entered the Indian Administrative Service; training in the National Academy of Administration and in Assam-Meghalaya (in eastern regions of India). Course work included Public Administration, Economics, Law, Political Science, Business Management, Agriculture, and Rural Sociology.

**1979-80** – M. Phil. Candidate, Center for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

## **TEACHING**

- 1997-98** Political Ecology; Social Theory and the Environment; Protected Areas Management  
**1998-99** Anthropology and Sociology of Development  
**1999-06** Modern South Asia; Anthropology of Development; Political Anthropology and Social Change; South Asian Social Structure; Comparative Historical and Social Ecology of the Tropics; Contemporary Theory in Social Anthropology; Cultural Aspects of International Development, Introduction to Environmental Anthropology; Honors Seminar; Dissertation Writing Seminar; Introduction to the Interdisciplinary Study of South Asia; Social Movements in India.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

- 2007** Grant from McMillan Center for Workshop entitled Comparative Ecological Nationalisms  
**2006** (with Keith Snodgrass) Department of Education Title VI Grant for South Asia National Resource Center at the University of Washington, for 2006-10; and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Grant, for 2006-10.  
**2005** Travel Grant and Stipend from Uppsala University, Sweden, for being a Visiting Professor of Anthropology and delivering a series of lectures entitled 'Postcolonial Nature in the Tropical World' in September 2005.  
**2004** American Council of Learned Societies Senior Fellowship, for 2004-05.  
**2003** Honorable Mention (first runner-up) for *Modern Forests* (1999, rpt. 2002) in the competition for the first ever Julian Steward Prize awarded by the Anthropology and Environment Section of the American Anthropological Association, for the best book in Environmental Anthropology published in the years 1997-2002.  
**2003** Travel Grant from Finnish Academy of Sciences for Workshop at Institute of Development Studies, University of Helsinki, for project entitled 'Interventions, Local Politics and the State' at Lammi, Finland, August 2003.  
**2003** (with Keith Snodgrass) Department of Education Title VI Grant for South Asia National Resource Center at the University of Washington, for 2003-06; and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Grant, for 2003-06.  
**2003** (with Priti Ramamurthy) Grant from Ford Foundation Curriculum Transformation Project, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Washington, for developing a new course on South Asian Social Movements.

- 2002** Travel Grant from the Graduate School, University of Washington, for project entitled 'Nature, Empire and Nation in South Asia' organized in collaboration with colleagues in Uppsala University, Sweden.
- 2001** Grants from the Walter Chapin Simpson Center for the Humanities, Taylor Institute for Transnational Studies, and the Program on the Environment, University of Washington, for an Inter-disciplinary Research Group and Speaker Series: 'Nature and its Publics in the Tropical World'.
- 2001** (with Charles Keyes) Grant from the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Washington, for initiating an international collaborative Graduate Education and Training Program & Network entitled 'New Asian Cultural Ecologies'.
- 2001** Junior Faculty Development Award, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Washington.
- 2001** Research Grant, Royalty Research Fund, University of Washington, for project entitled: 'Regional Displacements: Globalization, Labor Circulation and Livelihood Security in India'.
- 1999** (with David Mosse, School of Oriental and African Studies, London University; and Alan Rew, Center for Development Studies, University of Wales). Grant from Department for International Development, London, for Social Research Capacity Enhancement Projects with Environment and Development NGOs in India. I withdrew from this project, in November 1999, upon moving to University of Washington, Seattle.
- 1998** Best Teacher Prize for 1997-98, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University.
- 1998** (with Robert Harms). Grant from the Edward J and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Fund at Yale University for Conference on 'Globalization, Modernity and Locality in Stories of Development'.
- 1997** (with Arun Agrawal). Grant from the Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University for Conference on 'Agrarian Environments: Resources, Representations, and Rule in India'.
- 1996-98** David Bell Fellow, Center for Population and Development, Harvard University (declined).
- 1996** Travel Grant, British Academy, London, United Kingdom.
- 1995-96** Robert Leylan Prize Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Yale University.
- 1995** Travel Grant, Social Science Research Council, New York.
- 1993-94** Social Science Research Council, New York: Dissertation Fellowship for Area Research. Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, New York: Dissertation Fellowship.
- 1993** Dissertation Research Fellowship, Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University.
- 1992-93** David A. Gimbel Fellow, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Yale University.
- 1992** Andrew K. Mellon Fellowship for pre-dissertation field research, Yale University. Grant for inter-disciplinary research, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University.
- 1992** Travel Grant, Williams Fund, Department of Anthropology, Yale University.
- 1991-93** Sterling Prize Fellowship, Yale University.
- 1991-95** Graduate Fellowship in Anthropology, Yale University.
- 1989-91** Ford Foundation Individual Grant for Advanced Studies in Natural Resource Management.
- 1989-91** Grant-in-aid, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association; American Ethnological Society; American Society for Environmental History; Anthropology and Environment Society; Association for Asian Studies Association for Political and Legal Anthropology; Society for Cultural Anthropology; American Sociological Association; Society for Applied Anthropology; Indian Institute of Public Administration.

## BOOK PROJECTS COMMENCED

*Postcolonial Nature in the Tropical World*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

I received the advance contract in April 2004 based on a detailed proposal approved by the Syndics of the Cambridge University Press and on the recommendation of the academic editors of the Cambridge University Press series entitled: 'New Departures in Anthropology.' I began work on this project in early 2005 and have been reading extensively in the secondary literature on Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Sketches of three chapters and notes for others have been prepared. All going well I expect to finish a draft of the book by late 2008.

*Forest Conservation and Democracy in Twentieth-Century Eastern India: Connected Essays*.

I have been revising five previously published essays for this volume. I expect to write two additional chapters from completed research and will prepare an introduction. Both Stanford University Press and Permanent Black (India) have expressed strong interest in this volume when it is ready. I expect to complete this project by the end of 2009.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

**Under Review.** [edited with Akhil Gupta]. *The State in India after Liberalization: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. London: Routledge. 400 pps.

**Forthcoming (2009).** [edited with Mahesh Rangarajan]. *Environmental History of India: A Reader* (2 volumes). New Delhi: Permanent Black. 600 pps.

**Forthcoming. (2008).** [edited with Devon Pena]. *Environmental Anthropology: An Interdisciplinary Reader*. Seattle: University of Washington Press. 450 pps.

**2006.** (March). [edited with Gunnel Cederlof]. *Ecological Nationalisms: Nature, Livelihoods, and Identities in South Asia*. New Delhi: Permanent Black & Seattle: University of Washington Press. 375 pps.

**2003.** (August). [edited with Arun Agrawal]. *Regional Modernities: Cultural Politics of Development in India*. Stanford: Stanford University Press and Delhi: Oxford University Press. 442 pps.

**2000** (November). [edited with Arun Agrawal]. *Agrarian Environments: Resources, Representations, and Rule in India*. Durham: Duke University Press and Delhi: Oxford University Press. 316 pps.

**1999** (December). *Modern Forests: Statemaking and Environmental Change in Colonial Eastern India*. Stanford: Stanford University Press and Delhi: Oxford University Press in the "Studies in Social Ecology and Environmental History" Series. 341 pps. Paperback edition: Stanford University Press, 2002.

### Special Issues

**2006.** Guest Editor (with Ismael Vaccaro), 'Postindustrial Nature: Hyper-Mobility and Place-attachments in the Twentieth Century', *Social Anthropology* 14(3): 301-90.

**2005.** Guest Editor, 'In Focus: Moral Economies, State Spaces and Categorical Violence: Anthropological Engagements with the Work of James Scott,' *American Anthropologist* 107(3): 321 – 402.

### **Peer-Reviewed Chapters in Books**

**Forthcoming.** [with Devon Pena] 'Environmental Anthropology: An Introduction' in Devon Pena and K. Sivaramakrishnan (eds). *Environmental Anthropology: An Inter-disciplinary Reader*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 20 pps.

**Forthcoming.** 'Thin Nationalism: Nature and Public Intellectualism in India,' in Rajeev Bhargava and Neeladri Bhattacharya (eds.). *Essays in Honor of Sumit Sarkar*. New Delhi: Permanent Black, 45 pps.

**2007.** 'Histories of Colonialism and Forestry in India', in Paolo Squatriti (ed). *Nature's Past: Environment and Human History*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, pp. 103-44.

**2006.** [with Gunnel Cederlöf]. 'Ecological Nationalisms: Claiming Nature for Making History' in Gunnel Cederlöf and K. Sivaramakishnan (eds.). *Ecological Nationalisms: Nature, Livelihoods, and Identities in South Asia*. New Delhi: Permanent Black and Seattle: University of Washington Press, pp. 1-40.

**2004.** 'Postcolonialism, Nature, and the Politics of Difference in India' in David Nugent and Joan Vincent (eds). *A Companion to the Anthropology of Politics*. Oxford: Blackwell, pp. 367-82.

**2003.** 'Scientific Forestry and Genealogies of Development in Bengal' in Paul Greenough and Anna Tsing (eds). *Nature in the Global South: Environmental Projects in South and Southeast Asia*. Durham: Duke University Press & Hyderabad: Orient Longman, pp. 253-85.

**2003.** [with Arun Agrawal]. 'Regional Modernities in Stories and Practices of Development' in K. Sivaramakrishnan and Arun Agrawal (eds.). *Regional Modernities: Cultural Politics of Development in India*, Stanford: Stanford University Press and Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-63.

**2002.** 'Conservation Crossroads: Indian Wildlife at the Intersection of Global Imperatives, Nationalist Anxieties, and Local Assertion.' In Mahesh Rangarajan and Vasant Saberwal (ed.) *Battles over Nature: Science and the Politics of Wildlife Conservation*. New Delhi: Permanent Black, pp. 388 – 417.

**2000.** [with Arun Agrawal]. 'Agrarian Environments: An Introduction.' In Arun Agrawal and K. Sivaramakrishnan (eds.). *Agrarian Environments: Resources, Representations and Rule in India*. Durham: Duke University Press; and Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-22.

**1999.** 'Landlords, Regional Development, and National Forestry Projects: Midnapore, 1930s-1960s. In Roger Jeffery and Nandini Sundar (eds.). *A New Moral Economy for India's Forests? Discourses of Community and Participation*, pp. 71-91. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 71-91.

**1998.** 'Modern Forestry: Trees and Development Spaces in West Bengal.' In Laura Rival, (ed.). *The Social Life of Trees: Anthropological Perspectives on Tree Symbolism*. Paul Gilroy, Michael Herzfeld, and Daniel Miller (eds.). "Materializing Culture" Series. Oxford: Berg, pp. 273-96.

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

**Submitted.** 'Science, Environment, and Empire History: A Comparative Perspective from Forests in Colonial India' *Environment and History*

**2006.** [with Ismael Vaccaro] 'Postindustrial Nature: Hyper-mobility and Place-attachment' *Social Anthropology*, 14 (3): 301-17.

**2005.** 'Editorial Introduction: Moral Economies, State Spaces and Categorical Violence' *American Anthropologist*, 107(3): 321-30.

- 2005.** 'Some Intellectual Genealogies for the Concept of Everyday Resistance' *American Anthropologist*, 107(3): 346-55.
- 2003.** [with Vinay Gidwani] 'Circular Migrants and Rural Cosmopolitanism in India' *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 37(1&2): 339-67.
- 2003.** [with Vinay Gidwani] 'Circular Migration and the Spaces of Cultural Assertion' in *Annals of the American Association of Geographers* 93(1): 199-226.
- 2002.** 'Co-managed Forests as Science and Democracy in West Bengal, India.' *Environmental Values* 11(3): 277-302.
- 2000.** 'Crafting the Public Sphere in the Forests of West Bengal: Democracy, Development and Political Action.' *American Ethnologist* 27(2): 431-61.
- 2000.** 'State Science and Development Histories: Encoding Local Forestry Knowledge in Bengal, India'. *Development and Change* 31(1): 61-89. Republished in Martin Doornbos, Ashwani Saith, and Ben White (editors), *Forests: Nature, People, Power*. Oxford: Blackwell, 2001.
- 1999.** 'Transition Zones: Changing Landscapes and Local Authority in Southwest Bengal, 1880s - 1920s.' *Indian Economic and Social History Review* 36(1): 1-34.
- 1998.** 'Conservation and Production in Private Forests: Bengal, 1864-1914.' *Studies in History* 14,2, n.s.: 237-64. A special issue on "Pastures, Fields, and Forests."
- 1998.** 'Work, Identity, and Statemaking in the Forests of Southern West Bengal.' *Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 21(2): 26-41.
- 1998.** 'Comanaged Forests in West Bengal: Historical Perspectives on Community and Control.' *Journal of Sustainable Forestry* 7(3/4): 23-51.
- 1997.** 'A Limited Forest Conservancy in Southwest Bengal, 1864-1912.' *Journal of Asian Studies* 56(1): 75-112.
- 1996.** 'British Imperium and Forested Zones of Anomaly in Bengal, 1767-1833.' *Indian Economic and Social History Review* 33(3): 243-82.
- 1996.** 'The Politics of Fire and Forest Regeneration in Colonial Bengal.' *Environment and History* 2(2): 145-94.
- 1995.** 'Situating the Subaltern: History and Anthropology in the Subaltern Studies Project.' *Journal of Historical Sociology* 8(4): 395-429. Translated into Japanese by Yutaka Nagahara and Yufu Iguchi, and published as 'Anthropological Discourse and Subaltern Consciousness in the Subaltern Studies Project' in *Africa, Asia, Latin America III*: 76-100, 1996. Reprinted in David Ludden (ed). *Reading Subaltern Studies: Critical History, Contesting Meaning, and the Globalization of South Asia*, New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2001.
- 1995.** 'Colonialism and Forestry in India: Imagining the Past in Present Politics.' *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 37(1): 3-40.
- 1993.** 'Unpacking Colonial Discourse: Using the Anthropology of Tribal India for an Ethnography of the State.' *Yale Graduate Journal of Anthropology* 5: 57-68.
- 1992.** 'Persistent Elites and Social Change: Agrarian Relations in Colonial Bengal, 1750-1950.' *Yale Graduate Journal of Anthropology* 4: 1-15.

### **Other Articles**

- 2006.** 'Afterword: Social Power, Contested Belonging, and the Local Government of Commons' in Chayan Vaddhanaputi and Peter Cuasay (eds). *Commonplaces and Comparisons: Dynamics in Regional Ecopolitics of Asia*. Chiangmai: Regional Center for Sustainable Development, Chiangmai University, pp. 255-60.

- 2005.** Comment on ‘How to Ignore Corruption: Reporting on the Shortcomings of Development in South Africa.’ *Current Anthropology* 46(1): 116.
- 2003.** ‘Nationalism and the Writing of Environmental History’. *Seminar*, 522: 25-30.
- 1999.** (with Arun Agrawal, assisted by Nina Bhatt, Eva Garen and Pamela McElwee). ‘An Annotated Bibliography of Resources on Community-in-Conservation’. New Haven: Yale Center for International and Area Studies, 181 pps.
- 1999.** (with Lyla Mehta, Melissa Leach, Peter Newell and Ian Scoones). ‘Exploring Understandings of Institutions and Uncertainty: New Directions in Natural Resource Management’. *Discussion Paper No. 372*. Brighton: Institute of Development Studies, 48 pps.
- 1998.** ‘Regional Development Regimes and Local Knowledge: The Production of Scientific Forestry in Bengal, 1893 - 1939.’ *Ford Foundation Crossing Borders Initiative, Environment and Development, Working Paper No. 19*, Yale University, New Haven: Center for International and Area Studies.
- 1998.** (with Arun Agrawal). ‘Articulating Regions: Globalization, Modernity, and Locality in Stories of Development’. *Ford Foundation Crossing Borders Initiative, Environment and Development, Working Paper No. 1*, Yale University, New Haven: Center for International and Area Studies.
- 1996.** ‘Participatory Forestry in Bengal: Competing Narratives, Statemaking and Development.’ *Cultural Survival Quarterly* 20(3): 35-39.
- 1996.** ‘Comanagement of Forests: Are we Overly Pre-occupied With Property Rights?’ *Common Property Resources Digest* 37: 6-8.
- 1991.** (with Paul K. Barten). ‘Hydrologic Description of a Forested Watershed using a Geographic Information System.’ *Belowground Ecology*.
- 1991.** ‘Characterization and Analysis of Spatial Variability in Soil Physical and Hydraulic Properties at the Watershed Scale: A Study in Using Geographic Information Systems for Cartographic Modeling.’ Masters Project Report. School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University.
- 1988.** ‘Wastelands Development: A Program With a Difference.’ In *Proceedings of the Ninth International Symposium on Tropical Ecology*. Varanasi: Banares Hindu University.
- 1987.** ‘Forests in Development.’ *Seminar*.

## REVIEWS

Books reviewed, on anthropology, south Asian history, environmental history, political ecology, sustainable development planning, social movements, and participatory natural resource management, for *Africa Today*, *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, *American Historical Review*, *Anthropological Quarterly*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Down to Earth*, *Environment and History*, *Environmental History*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of African and Asian Studies*, *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, *Journal of Japan Studies*, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Progress in Development Studies*, *Studies in History*, *The Statesman*, *The Sunday Observer*, *Times of India*.

Peer reviewer of articles for *Africa Today*, *American Ethnologist*, *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, *Asian Survey*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Conservation and Society*, *Critical Asian Studies*, *Cultural Anthropology*, *Current Anthropology*, *Development and Change*, *Environment and History*, *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, *Human Ecology*, *Human Organization*, *India Review*, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Industrial Ecology*, *Journal of Political Ecology*, *Journal of Sustainable Forestry*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, and *Signs*.

Peer reviewer of book manuscripts for Stanford University Press, Duke University Press, Routledge, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies Press, and University of Washington Press.

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

### *At Yale University*

- Co-Coordinator, Joint PhD Program in Environmental Anthropology, with Michael Dove, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (2007 – present)
- Member, Executive Committee and Advisory Board, Program in Agrarian Studies (2007 – present); Acting Director, Program in Agrarian Studies (Spring 2008)
- Member, South Asia Council, McMillan Center for International and Area Studies (2007 – present)

### *At the University of Washington*

- Member, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Grant Selection Committee, Royalty Research Fund, University of Washington (2005-06)
- Co-Chair, Committee for South Asia Politics Search, Jackson School of International Studies and Department of Political Science, University of Washington (2005-06)
- Member, Review Committee for the Program on Climate Change, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Washington (2005)
- Member, Diversity Research Institute Planning Committee, University of Washington (2004-05)
- Member, Executive Committee, Jackson School of International Studies (2003 – 06)
- Member Search Committee, Geography-South Asia Search, Jackson School of International Studies (2003-04)
- Member, Board of Governors, Program on the Environment (2003 – 06)
- Chair, Curriculum Committee, Program on the Environment (2003 – 04)
- Member, Faculty Senate Committee for Review of Reorganization, Consolidation and Elimination Program for College of Forest Resources, 2003.
- Member Search Committee, Political Islam Search, Jackson School of International Studies (2002-03)
- Director, Center for South Asian Studies; and Chair, South Asia Program, Jackson School of International Studies (2002 – 06)
- Member, FLAS Awards Committee, South Asia Program, Jackson School of International Studies (2002 – 04, 2005 – 06)
- Chair, MA Admissions Committee, South Asia Program, Jackson School of International Studies (2002 – 04, 2005 – 06)
- Member, Teaching Effectiveness Committee, Department of Anthropology (2002 – 04)
- Adjunct Associate Professor of Women Studies (2002 – present)
- Co-Editor, 'Culture, Place and Nature' Series, University of Washington Press (2002 – present)
- Member, Advisory Board, Ford Foundation Curriculum Transformation Project, College of Arts and Sciences (2001-03)
- Member, Social Science Action Team for Woodrow Wilson Initiative, A Responsive Ph.D.,

project convened by Dean of the Graduate School (2001-02)

- Member, Program on the Environment Working Group on International Studies (2001-02)
- Member, Faculty Senate (2000-2002)
- Coordinator, Sociocultural Anthropology Program, Department of Anthropology (2000-2002)
- Member, Permanent Interdisciplinary Advisory Committee, Certificate in International Development Policy and Management, Evans School of Public Affairs (2000-2002).
- Graduate Admissions and Sub-faculty Appointments Committee, Department of Anthropology (1999-2000)
- Affiliate Faculty, South Asian Studies Program (1999-2002).
- Advisory Committees of twenty Ph.D. students at University of Washington (Department of Anthropology – 12 [including 5 as Chair, and 3 as Co-Chair], Department of Geography - 3, College of Forest Resources – 2 [including 1 as GSR], Department of Economics – 1, Department of Women Studies – 1, and one student at University of British Columbia.

#### *National/ Professional*

- Member, Research Advisory Committee, South Asian Network of Economic Development Institutes, Global Development Research Capacity Assistance Program, World Bank (2007-09)
- Member, Ananda Coomaraswamy Book Prize Selection Committee, for best book on South Asia, Association for Asian Studies (2006-08)
- Member, Ethics Committee, American Anthropological Association (2007-09).
- Member, South Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies (2003-06).
- Member, Executive Committee, South Asian Summer Language Institute (2003-05).
- Member, Governing Board, South Asian Summer Language Institute (2003-04, 2005-06).
- Member, Program Committee, American Anthropological Association (2002-03).
- Project Evaluator, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, India Studies Program (2002 – present).
- Member, Nominations Committee, American Anthropological Association (2002-05).
- Member, Executive Committee, American Institute of Indian Studies (2002-04).
- Member, Finance Committee, American Institute of Indian Studies (2003-04).
- Member, Grant Selection Committee, American Institute of Indian Studies (2000-04).
- Associate Editor, *Conservation and Society* (2001-present).
- Editorial Board, *Environment and History* (2000-present).
- Trustee, American Institute of Indian Studies (2001 – present).
- Trustee, American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (2002 – present)
- Trustee, American Institute of Sri Lankan Studies (2003 – present)
- Judge, Roy A. Rappaport Prize for Best Student Paper, Anthropology and Environment Section, American Anthropological Association (2000-01).
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Sustainable Forestry* (1998-present).

#### *At Prior Places of Employment*

- Director M.Phil Program, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex (1998-1999).

- Research Advisor, and Steering Committee Member, on a major study of Civil Society and Governance, in twenty-two countries, funded by the Ford Foundation at the Institute of Development Studies (1998-2000).
- Member, South Asia Studies Committee, Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University (1997-98).
- Faculty Advisory Committee, Tropical Resources Institute, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University (1997-98).
- Co-Principal Investigator, Environment and Development Projects, Ford Foundation Crossing Borders Initiative, Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University (1997-99).
- Committees of eight Ph.D Students at the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, and Department of Anthropology, Yale University (1996-98); supervisor of three graduate (masters and Ph.D) students at Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex (1998-99).
- Research proposals peer-review and project evaluations for Economic and Social Research Council, and Department for International Development, U.K.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

**2007.** Discussant for the double panel entitled ‘Keywords: Anthropology for the Twenty-first Century’ at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, November 28 - December 2, 2007.

**2007.** Discussant for the symposium entitled ‘Comparative Ecological Nationalisms’ at the annual meetings of the American Ethnological Society, Toronto, CA, May 9-12, 2007.

**2007.** ‘Forests, Science and Empire in India’s Twentieth Century’ paper presented as part of a Crossing Borders Panel on ‘Forests and Empire in Modern Asia’ at the annual meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston, March 22 – 25, 2007.

**2006.** ‘Judicial Activism and New State Spaces for Environmental Government in India,’ paper presented in the session entitled ‘Race, Space, and Governmentality: Roundtable on Donald Moore’s *Suffering for Territory*’ at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November 15 – 19, 2006.

**2006.** Discussant for the panel entitled ‘Virtue and the Moral Subject of Progress in India’ at the Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 19-22, 2006.

**2006.** Discussant for the panel entitled ‘Rethinking Imperial Science and the Science of Empire’ at the Annual Meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, April 6-9, 2006.

**2006.** Discussant for the panel entitled ‘Telling Tales: Comparative Anthropologies of Youth in South Asia’ at the Annual South Asia Conference, University of California-Berkeley, San Francisco, February 17-19, 2006.

**2005.** Chair and Discussant for the panel entitled ‘National Environments: Nature and the Politics of Belonging in South Asia’ at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., December 1 – 4, 2005.

**2005.** Discussant for the panel entitled ‘Postindustrial Natures: Hyper-mobility and place-attachments after globalization’ at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, April 5-9, 2005.

**2005.** Discussant and Chair for the panel entitled ‘State, Community, and Natural Resources: South Asian Perspectives on Environmental Change’ at the Annual Meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, March 29 – April 3, 2005. This panel is the invited session selected and sponsored

by the South Asia Council.

**2004.** Discussant for the panel entitled 'Postindustrial Natures: Hyper-mobility and place-attachments after globalization' at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 17-21, 2004. This panel is the Invited Session selected by the Anthropology and Environment Section for 2004.

**2004.** Chair and Discussant for the panel entitled 'Merely Conventional Signs? Map-Making on South Asian Borders' at the Annual South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 15-17, 2004.

**2004.** 'The Environment and Public Intellectuals in India.' Paper presented as part of special invited session on "Public Sociology in India", as part of the Ford Initiative in International Public Sociology, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 14-17, 2004.

**2004.** 'Major Gods and Minor Deities of Science Anno 2004' Discussion Paper presented in panel entitled "From Landscapes to Genomes: Authoritative Knowledge in Contested Domains" at the Modern South Asia Conference of the European Association for South Asian Studies, Lund, Sweden, July 5-9, 2004.

**2004.** 'Judicial Activism and New State Spaces for Environmental Management.' Paper presented as part of Roundtable on "Knowledge, Nature, Power and States: From Landscapes to Genomes". Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, CA, March 4-7, 2004.

**2003.** 'Ecological Nationalisms in India' paper presented as part of the American Ethnological Society invited session entitled 'Environment/Globalization/Sovereignty' at American Anthropological Association Meetings, Chicago, November 2003.

**2003.** Organizer and Chair of Executive Committee invited session entitled 'Moral Economies, State Spaces, and Categorical Violence: Conversations with James C. Scott' for the American Anthropological Association meetings, Chicago, November 2003.

**2003.** 'Ethnography, Activism, and Political Action: Environmental Public Engagement in India', paper presented as part of a Roundtable on Anthropology and Activism at the American Ethnological Society Meetings, Providence, April 2003.

**2002.** Discussant for Anthropology and Environment Section invited panel entitled 'Towards an Ethnographic Political Ecology' Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November, 2002.

**2002.** Discussant for panel entitled 'Democratic Modernities in South Asia' Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November, 2002.

**2002.** Organizer and Discussant for panel entitled 'Nature, Empire, and Nation in South Asia', Modern South Asia Conference, Heidelberg, September 2002.

**2001.** Discussant for panel entitled 'Policy Makers and Policy Breakers: Ethnographers in the Public Domain' at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 2001.

**2001.** Discussant for a panel entitled 'State, Capital and Community: Transformations from/in South Asia' at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 2001.

**2001.** Organizer and Chair, panel entitled 'Nature and Nation: Perspectives from India and Nepal' Annual South Asian Studies Conference, Madison, Wisconsin, October 2001.

**2001.** Discussant for a panel entitled 'Migrant Identities: Subjectivity and Experience in Rural and Urban Asia' at the Annual Meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, March 2001.

**2000.** Discussant for a panel entitled 'Re-encountering Development' at the Annual Meetings of the

American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 2000.

**1998.** Discussant for a panel entitled 'Environment Locality: Travel, Memory, and Nature' at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December 1998.

**1998.** Organizer and Chair of inter-area comparative panel entitled *New Forms of Labor and Identity in Rural Asia* at annual meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington D.C., March 1998.

**1998.** (with Vinay Gidwani). 'Work, Identity, and Food Security in Dry Land India' paper presented at the annual meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington D.C., March 1998, as part of the panel entitled *New Forms of Labor and Identity in Rural Asia*.

**1997.** 'Wild Landscapes and the Politics of Memory in Southwest Bengal' paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., November 1997, as part of a panel entitled *The Politics of Memory: Identity, Representation and Social Change*.

**1997.** Chaired a double panel entitled *Globalization, Modernity, and Locality in Stories of Development* at the Annual South Asian Studies Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 1997.

**1997.** Co-Organizer and Chair of the panel entitled *Agrarian Change and Local Politics in India* at the Annual Meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, March 1997.

**1997.** 'Work and the Politics of Identity in Southwest Bengal', paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, March 1997.

**1996.** Organizer of a panel entitled *Agrarian Change and Environmental Conflicts in India* at the Annual South Asian Studies Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 1996.

**1996.** 'Agrarian Change and the Shifting Locus of Governance in the Forest-Field Mosaic of Southwest Bengal, 1880s-1920s', paper presented at the Annual South Asian Studies Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 1996.

**1996.** 'British Imperium and Zones of Anomaly in Forest Bengal,' paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu, April 1996, as part of a panel entitled *Environmental Conflicts and the Negotiation of Identities in South and Southeast Asia*.

**1995.** Discussant for the Society of Economic Anthropology panel entitled 'Commodities, Social Relations and Mediation: Comparative Perspectives from Latin America, Africa, Southeast Asia and Melanesia' at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., November 1995.

**1995.** Organizer and Co-Chair of the invited panel entitled *State Making at the Fringes of Development* for the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology, at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., November 1995.

**1995.** 'Changing Laws of the Jungle in Bengal: Development Narratives, Forest Management and Statemaking' paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., November 1995.

**1995.** 'Genealogies of Development: Science and Politics in the History of Managing Forests in Bengal,' paper presented at Annual Meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington D.C., April 1995.

**1992.** 'The Past in Present Politics: Colonialism and Forestry in India' paper presented at the sixth annual South Asia Conference on *Uses of the Past*, University of California, Berkeley.

## **OTHER PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES**

**2008.** Organizer and Chair, Workshop entitled 'Comparative Ecological Nationalisms' at Yale University, McMillan Center and Department of Anthropology, April 26 & 27, 2008.

**2008.** Distinguished Annual Lecture, Program on Indian Studies, Indiana University, April 2008.

- 2006.** 'Forests and the Environmental History of Modern India' paper presented at the Conference "China and India: Towards the Twentieth Century in Asia", University of California-Irvine, May 12-14, 2006.
- 2006.** 'Thin Nationalisms: Nature and Public Intellectualism in India.' Paper presented at the Department of Anthropology, Yale University, March 20, 2006.
- 2005.** 'Thin Nationalisms: Nature and Public Intellectualism in India.' Paper presented at the Department of History, Uppsala University, Sweden, September 22, 2005.
- 2005.** 'Postcolonial Nature.' A series of three lectures delivered at the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University, Sweden, September 13 – 28, 2005.
- 2005.** 'Thin Nationalisms: Nature and Public Intellectualism in India.' Paper presented at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, India, July 12, 2005.
- 2004.** 'Forest and Wildlife Policy in India.' A presentation to the Summer Institute on International Environmental Challenges for Seattle-area School teachers organized by the Outreach Coordinators of the National Resource Centers for Area Studies, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, June 30, 2004.
- 2004.** Discussant-at-large, Wenner-Gren Foundation International Conference on "Domestication: Where the Wild Things are Now", Tucson, AZ, March 13-17, 2004.
- 2003.** 'Colonialism and Forests in India' paper presented at the Nature's Past: Comparative Perspectives on Environmental Change Conference, University of Michigan, October 2003.
- 2003.** 'Ethnographic Approaches to the State' paper presented at the Graduate Research and Training Workshop on Interventions, Local Politics and the State at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Helsinki, August, 2003.
- 2003.** Organizer and Chair of Session on 'Social Power, Contested Belonging, and the Local Government of Commons: A Comparative Discussion across South and Southeast Asia' at the Politics of the Commons Conference, Regional Center for Sustainable Development, Chiang Mai University, Thailand, July 2003.
- 2003.** 'Postcolonialism, Nationalism and Nature in India', paper presented at the Interrogating Modernity and Postcoloniality Workshop, Humanities Center, Stanford University, May 2003.
- 2003.** 'Circular Migrants as Rural Cosmopolitans in South India' paper presented at the South Asia Colloquium, Duke University, March 2003.
- 2002.** 'Nature, Nation and Region in the Politics of Wildlife Conservation in India' Paper presented to the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology Seminar on Political Ecology, Uppsala University, Sweden, September 2002.
- 2002.** 'Cosmopolitan Migrants: The Politics of Work and Identity in South India' paper presented to the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, April 2002.
- 2001.** 'Circular Migration and Rural Cosmopolitanism in India' paper presented to the Weekly Colloquium, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University, November 2001.
- 2001.** 'The Importance of Local History', invited lecture delivered (in Tamil) at the Department of History, Government Arts College, Tiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu, India, July 2001.
- 2001.** 'Conservation and Democracy in India', invited lecture delivered at the International Sustainable Development Program, Regional Center for Sustainable Development, Chiang Mai University, Thailand, June 2001.
- 2001.** 'The Cultural Politics of Wildlife Policy in India' presentation for Jackson School of International Studies Outreach Program, "International Updates 2001: Trends and Transitions in Your World", University of Washington, May 2001.
- 2000.** 'Conservation, Development, and Democracy: Exploring the Articulations in Tropical

Contexts' presentation to the Workshop on Development and Environment, MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability and Justice, University of Minnesota, December 2000.

**2000.** 'Geographies of Empire: Wild Places in Nineteenth Century Eastern India'. Paper presented to the Geography Department Colloquium, University of Washington, April 2000.

**2000.** 'Joint Management of Agroforestry Systems in West Bengal, India'. Lecture delivered in the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University, March 2000.

**2000.** 'Transitions from Colonialism to Democracy in Hunting Regulation, Wildlife Conservation, and the Politics of Difference in India'. Paper presented to the Rethinking Environment and Development Workshops, Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, March 2000.

**2000.** 'Body Politics; Circular Migration and Subaltern Identity in India'. Paper presented at the SACPAN Conference, University of Washington, February 2000.

**1999.** 'Wildness, Hunting Regulation, and Social Difference: From Colonialism to Democracy in Bengal.' Paper given at the Environmental Politics Seminar, University of California-Berkeley, December 1999.

**1999.** 'Regional Modernities in Stories and Practices of Development.' Paper presented at the annual meeting of the South Asian Anthropologists Group, School of Oriental and African Studies, London University, September 1999.

**1999.** 'Alternate Approaches to Ethnographies of the Indian State.' Commentary presented at the Conference on Ethnographies of the Indian State, Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics, May 1999.

**1999.** 'Forest Co-Management in West Bengal: Technology and Democracy as Practice.' Paper presented to the Faculty Seminar in Social Anthropology, University of Sussex, May 1999.

**1999.** 'Environment, Governance and Livelihood Security.' Lecture delivered at the School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, March 1999.

**1999.** 'Crafting the Public Sphere in the Forests of West Bengal: Democracy, Development and Political Action.' Paper Presented at the Departments of Anthropology, Wellesley College, University of Washington, and Boston University, March 1999.

**1999.** 'From "Wild" to Domesticated Landscapes in Nineteenth Century Bengal'. Paper presented to the Faculty Seminar in History, University of Sussex, February 1999.

**1998.** 'Regional Histories of Joint Forest Management in Bengal.' Paper presented to the Ecological Economics Group, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, December 1998.

**1998.** 'Changing Regional Landscapes and Local Authority in Southwest Bengal, 1890s – 1920s' paper presented at the South Asia History Seminar, School of Oriental and African Studies, London University, October 1998.

**1998.** 'Crafting the Public Sphere in the Forests of West Bengal: Development, Democracy, and Public Action' paper presented at the Autumn Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, School of Oriental and African Studies, London University, September 1998.

**1998.** 'Regional Modernities, Decentralization and Community-Based Conservation: An Agenda for Comparative Research' paper presented to a workshop of the Sangha River Network, International Forest Studies Program, University of Orléans, September 1998.

**1998.** 'India's Environmental Future' lecture delivered at the Corporate Environmental Leadership Seminar, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University, June 1998.

**1998.** 'Authority and Nature Viewed through the Lenses of Wildness and Regional Culture in West Bengal' paper presented at the Workshop on *Nature and Governance*, Center for International Studies, Cornell University, April 1998.

**1998.** ‘The Practice of Comanagement: Statemaking in the Forests of West Bengal’ paper presented in the Department of Anthropology, University of California - Santa Cruz, March 1998.

**1997.** ‘Landlords, Regional Development, and National Forestry Projects in Midnapore (West Bengal), India, 1930s - 1960s’ paper presented at the *Rediscovering South Asia* Symposium, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, October 1997.

**1997.** ‘Environmental Change and Cultures of Power in Bengal’ presented to the Environment Group, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, U.K., July 1997.

**1997.** ‘Comanaged Forests in Southwest Bengal: Historical Perspectives on Community and Control’, presented to the Study Group on Institutionalism, Madras Institute of Development Studies, June 1997.

**1997.** ‘Re-Formed Landscapes and Local Authority in the Forests of Southwest Bengal, 1880s-1920s’, presented at the Conference on *Rethinking South Asian History, Re-Visioning South Asia’s Future*, Tufts University, May 1997.

**1997.** Co-Organiser of the Conference “Agrarian Environments: Resources, Representations, and Rule in India”, held at Yale University, May 1997.

**1997.** ‘The Practice of Comanagement: Learning from Forestry Regimes in Southwest Bengal, India’ presented at the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University, April 1997.

**1997.** ‘Statemaking in Forest Bengal: Democracy, Expertise, and Political Action’ presented at the Weekly Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, February, 1997.

**1997.** ‘Agrarian Change, Forest Rights and Local Authority in Southwest Bengal, 1880s-1920s’, presented at the Weekly Colloquium, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University, January 1997.

**1996.** ‘CoManagement as Science and Practice: A View from Forest Bengal’, presented at a workshop on *Science Development and Democracy*, Department of Science and Technology Studies, Cornell University, November 1996.

**1996.** ‘Geographies of Local Control in the Forests of Southwest Bengal, 1880s-1930s’, presented to the South Asian Studies Council, Cornell University, November 1996.

**1996.** Discussant for ‘Contra Ricardo: The Macro-economics of Pre-industrial Agrarian Economics’, paper presented by George Grantham at the weekly colloquium, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University, September 1996.

**1996.** ‘Joint Forest Management: The Politics of Representation in West Bengal’, paper presented at the Workshop entitled *Participation and the Micropolitics of Development Encounters*, Institute of International Development, Harvard University, May 1996.

**1996.** ‘Subaltern Studies and Doing Social History’, lecture delivered to a graduate seminar on Latin American History, Yale University, February 1996.

**1996.** ‘Forest Politics: Symbolic Narratives and Joint Forest Management in Bengal,’ paper presented at a Wenner-Gren Foundation and British Academy sponsored conference on *Trees and Woods as Social Symbols*, organised by the University of Canterbury, at Wye College, Kent, UK, January 1996.

**1995.** ‘The Making and Unmaking of Scientific Forestry in Bengal,’ paper presented to a Social Science Research Council conference on *Environmental Discourses and Human Welfare in South and Southeast Asia*, at Hilo-Hawaii, December 1995.

**1995.** Chair for session entitled ‘Overviews of the System: Structure and the Long Duree’ in the International Symposium on *Trade and Agrarian Change in the Indian Ocean Region*, Yale University, December 1995.

**1995.** Discussant for ‘Dukes, Earls and Ersatz Eden in Africa,’ paper presented by Roderick Neumann at the weekly colloquium, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University, March 1995.

**1994.** ‘Changing Laws of the Jungle in Bengal,’ paper presented to the *Cultural Studies Seminar*, Center for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India, May 1994

**1993.** Discussant for ‘From Devil Pacts to Drug Deals: Commerce, Unnatural Accumulation and Moral Community in Modern Peru,’ paper presented by David Nugent at the weekly colloquium, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University, April 1993.

**1993.** ‘On the Concept of Sustainable Development,’ lecture delivered in a Yale College Seminar on *Development and Underdevelopment*, Yale University, February, 1993.

**1992.** ‘Colonialism and Forestry in India: Imagining the Past in Discourses of Rule and Protest,’ paper presented to the South Asia Studies Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, March, 1992.

**1992.** ‘Institutional Innovations for Social Forestry in India: Is the State Receding or Looming Larger?’ paper presented at the Social Forestry seminar, Department of Forestry and Resource Management, University of California, Berkeley, February, 1992.

### **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

*English* – Language of instruction from elementary school onwards and in all college education and beyond. Have excellent skills in speech, reading and writing.

*Hindi* – Studied at advanced level from middle school on through college. Have native fluency in speech. Excellent reading and writing skills acquired in course of elective study of Hindi literature.

*Tamil* – Mother tongue. Have native fluency in speech. Very good reading and writing skills acquired through six years private tuition during middle and high school years.

*Bengali* – Language acquired as professional requirement. I have passed proficiency examinations as part of confirmation process in the Indian Administrative Service. Used extensively at work in Assam and West Bengal during service career, and also in five years of research in West Bengal. Have native fluency in speech. Very good reading and writing skills acquired in the course of performing official duties.

*Sanskrit* – Studied for four years in middle and high school. I also studied it further, both as a child and during college years, with my father who is a Sanskrit Pandit. I have excellent reading skills, but limited skills in speech and writing.

### **FIELD WORK**

**June - August, 1992 & September 1993 - June 1994** in Midnapore District, West Bengal, India.

**June - July 1997** in Calcutta, West Bengal and Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu, India.

**December 1998** in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.

**May - June 1999** in Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu, and New Delhi, India.

**July 2001** in Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu, India.

**July 2003** in Tiruvannamalai District and Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.

**July 2004** in New Delhi, India

**September 2006** in New Delhi, India

**ARCHIVAL RESEARCH: June-August 1993; July-December 1994; September-November 1998, August-September 1999, August 2003, August 2004,** in India, England and the USA.