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OBJECTIVE: A career in research and teaching

EDUCATION:

University of Southern California, Los Angeles

- Candidate for Ph D in Political Science 2007
Major in Law and Public Policy, Human Rights, and Comparative Politics
GPA: 3.78
Dissertation Chair: Prof. Alison D. Renteln
Dissertation Topic “*Greening Human Rights: Socio-Legal Discourse on Environmental Human Rights in India*”
My dissertation will examine the internalization of environmental human rights norms in the socio-legal discourse in India. Through three landmark cases on air and water pollution and conservation, my dissertation will show how social and cultural context influence the implementation of human rights.
- Master of Arts in Political Science 2003
Major in Law and Public Policy

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

- M Phil in Political Studies 1998
Dissertation Topic ‘Secularism and the Judiciary’
- Master of Arts in Political Studies 1995

Lady Shriram College, New Delhi, India

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science 1993

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

University of Southern California, Los Angeles

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science

Taught courses:

- Law and Public Policy Fall 2000
- Sex Power and Politics Spring 2001
- International Law Fall 2001
- Law and Public Policy Spring 2004
- Politics of Peace Fall 2004

Gargi College, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India

Lecturer, Department of Education, August 1999 - June 2000

Taught courses

- New issues in Political science

- Political theory & Concepts

National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi, India

Lecturer, October 1999 - March 2000

Taught Social Sciences to graduate students

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, Taipei, Taiwan

Researcher, 2005 – current

I am presently working on a web project to build a one stop social science portal for researchers on democracy and human rights in the region. As part of this I have been conducting research and writing reports on Southeast Asian and South Asian countries. I also edit their English publications. My reports can be found at:

<http://www.apdrc.org.tw/apdrc/index.htm>

Judicial Reform Foundation, Taipei, Taiwan

Research on Trial Court Reform, April 2005 – October 2006

I conducted a comparative study of Judicial Reform process, at the trial court level, in U.S, European Union and Latin America.

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

Junior Research Fellow, various, 1996 – 1999

- Research on *Secularism and the Indian Supreme Court*. M Phil dissertation, submitted in 1997, CPS, JNU.
- Fieldwork in the North Indian State of Punjab to study *Decentralization and Political Participation*, a Jawaharlal Nehru University Project.
- Fieldwork in the “Chipko” region of Uttaranchal to study *Social Capital in Segmented Societies*, a SIDA project. I designed and conducted surveys in villages in Garhwal.
- Research on *Tribal Rights*, as a Junior Research Fellow
- Participated in a *Folklore Workshop* in the tribal district of Kalahandi, India.

PAPERS:

- Presented Paper-*Conservation and Livelihood: A Study of Godavarman Litigation in India* at the Annual Law and Society Association Meeting, Baltimore, 2006.
- Presented paper - *Secularism and Justice: A Case Study of Indian Supreme Court Judgments* at the Mid-West Political Science Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois 2004.
- Presented a paper on *Displacement and Rehabilitation of Tribals*, in a youth forum organized by the Conflict Resolution Forum, 2000.
- Won the N.N Agarwaal Trophy for paper presentation on *Economic Liberalization in Mexico*, New Delhi 1992
- Participated in Seminars on South East Asia and South Asia, Lady Shriram College, New Delhi 1992.

PUBLICATIONS:

- *Secularism and Justice: A Case Study of Indian Supreme Court Judgments*, Economic and Political Weekly, November 20, 2004
- *Secularism and Justice: A Case Study of Indian Supreme Court Judgments*. To be reprinted in a forthcoming volume on Judiciary and Politics in India.
- *Caste and International Human Rights Discourse*, to be published in the Indian Journal of International Law.

AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS:

- Dissertation Fellowship, University of Southern California.
- International Student Academic Achievement Award, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 2003
- Junior Research Fellowship and the National Eligibility Test for University Teaching in Political Science by the University Grants Commission, Government of India, December 1995

MEMBERSHIPS:

- American Political Science Association.
- Law and Society Association.
- American Society of International Law.
- South Asia Forum, University of Southern California.

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

- English, Hindi (India) and Oriya(India) - Read, write and speak
- Bengali (India) - speak

OTHER:

- Founding member and Vice President, South Asia Forum, University of Southern California.
- Nominated for Commonwealth Fellowship by Ministry of Education, Government of India 1999
- Active participant of Photography Club, JNU.
- Involved with a student group 'Sandhya', dedicated to teaching street-children.
- Tutored poor students for no fee.
- Active member of Women's Development Cell and Environmental Forum at Lady Shriram College, India 1995
- Volunteered at Blind School, New Delhi, India as a part of National Service Scheme.