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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2020- Associate Professor (Tenured), Global Environmental Politics, School of International Service
- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Environment, Community, and Equity
 - Faculty Affiliate, Department of Critical Race, Gender and Culture Studies
 - Faculty Advisor, Antiracist Research and Policy Center (since 2017)
 - Faculty Fellow, Metropolitan Policy Center, School of Public Affairs (since 2015)
- American University, Washington, DC**
- 2020-2021 Interim Faculty Director, Antiracist Research and Policy Center
American University, Washington, DC
- 2013-2020 Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), School of International Service
American University, Washington, DC
- 2011-2013 Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Social Dimensions of Environmental Policy
Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science & Beckman Institute
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

EDUCATION

- 2011 PhD, Energy and Resources Group
- Designated Emphasis in Global Metropolitan Studies
- University of California, Berkeley**
- Doctoral Thesis: *Fluid Hegemony: A Political Ecology of Water, Market Rule, and Insurgency at Bangalore's Frontier*. [Committee: Ananya Roy (Chair; Professor and Luskin Chair in Inequality and Democracy, Luskin School of Public Affairs, UCLA); Isha Ray (Associate Professor, Energy and Resources Group, UC Berkeley); Peter Evans (Professor Emeritus, Sociology, UC Berkeley)]
- 2005 Master of Science, Energy and Resources Group
University of California, Berkeley
- 2001 Bachelor of Arts, Chemistry with a Concentration in Environmental Science
Bard College, NY

SCHOLARLY HIGHLIGHTS

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023 AAG Harold M. Rose Award for Antiracism Research and Practice• Books with Cornell University Press (2023) and Routledge Press (2022)• 20+ peer-reviewed journal articles, including in the discipline's top journals• 2022 AU Morton Bender Prize; 2021 AU Outstanding Contributions to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award; 2020 SIS Award for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; 2018 SIS Scholar-Teacher of the Year Award• Recipient of American Council of Learned Societies-Andrew W. Mellon, Antipode Foundation, National Science Foundation, American Institute of Indian Studies external research grants	Google Scholar Citation Indices	
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Environmental Justice
- Urban Geography
- Political Ecology
- Critical Race + Critical Caste Theory
- Decolonial Theory and Methods
- Ethnographic, Archival & Geospatial Research

EXTERNAL PEER-REVIEWED GRANTS

- 2021-2026 **National Science Foundation [\$15 million]**
 S. Siddiqui, American University, Principal Investigator
 M. Ranganathan, Senior Personnel
- *Multiscale Resilient, Equitable, and Circular Innovations with Partnership and Education Synergies (RECIPES) for Sustainable Food Systems*
- 2018-2019 **Antipode Foundation International Workshop Award [£10,000]**
 M. Ranganathan, Principal Investigator
 Co-Investigators: M. Gergan, Vanderbilt University; S. Smith, UNC Chapel Hill; P. Vasudevan, UT Austin; and J. F. Cháirez-Garza, Manchester University
- *Postcolonial Difference, Strategic Solidarities: Geographies of Race, Caste, and Tribe in South Asia*
- 2017-2018 **American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)-Andrew W. Mellon Collaborative Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences [\$160,784]**
 M. Ranganathan, Principal Investigator
 Co-Investigators: S. Doshi, University of Arizona, Tucson and D. Pike, American University
- *Corruption Plots, Imagined Publics: The Ethics of Space in the Millennial City*
- 2007-2009 **National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Geography and Spatial Sciences Program [\$10,000]**
 M. Ranganathan, Co-Principal Investigator, University of California, Berkeley
 A. Roy (Doctoral Chair), Co-Principal Investigator, University of California, Berkeley
- *Seeing Like a Citizen: Technologies of Governance and Service Delivery in Bangalore*

INTERNAL GRANTS

- 2016-2017 American University Faculty Research Support Grant [\$5,000]
 M. Ranganathan, Principal Investigator
- *Urban Revolution? Anti-Corruption and Environmental Justice in India*
- 2015-2016 American University Metropolitan Policy Center Faculty Research Grant [\$10,000]
 M. Ranganathan, Principal Investigator
 E. Bratman, Franklin & Marshall College, Co-Investigator
- *Tackling Urban Vulnerability: Lessons for Building Community Resilience and Climate Justice in Washington, DC*

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 American Association of Geographers Harold M. Rose Award for Antiracism Research and Practice
- 2022 American University Morton Bender Prize in recognition of achievements post-tenure and “to facilitate the faculty member’s progress towards the rank of full professor”
- 2021 American University Faculty Award for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

2020	SIS Outstanding Contribution to Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award
2018	SIS Scholar-Teacher of the Year Award
2015	Certificate of Outstanding Contribution in Reviewing for <i>Geoforum</i>
2009	Chancellor's Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities and Social Sciences, UC Berkeley
2007	John L. Simpson Fellowship in International and Comparative Studies, UC Berkeley
2007	American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Research Fellowship
2006	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley
2006	Center for South Asian Studies Summer Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2005	Center for Human Rights Summer Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2005	Center for African Studies Summer Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2004	United Nations <i>Bridging the Divide</i> Research Fellowship
2004	E8 Sustainable Energy Development Full Tuition Graduate Scholarship, UC Berkeley
1997	Distinguished Scientist Full Tuition Undergraduate Scholarship, Bard College, NY

BOOKS

Ranganathan, M, D. Pike, and S. Doshi. 2023. *Corruption Plots: Stories, Ethics, and Publics of the Late Capitalist City*. Cornell University Press (Series on Land: New Perspectives on Territory, Environment & Development).

Chairez-Garza, JF, M. Gergan, M. Ranganathan, P. Vasudevan, Eds. 2022. *Rethinking Difference in India Through Racialization: Caste, Tribe, and Hindu Nationalism in Transnational Perspective*. Taylor and Francis: London and New York.

BOOK MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Ranganathan, M. *Global Political Ecologies of Caste and Race: Retelling the Long Climate Crisis*.

Ranganathan, M, *The Urbanization of Caste Power: Land, Labor, and Environmental Justice Politics in Bengaluru*.

JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUES 2020 2-YEAR IMPACT FACTOR

Ranganathan, M and A. Bonds. 2022. "Introduction: Racial Regimes of Property." *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 40 (2) <https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/epda/40/2> IF 6.664.

Gergan, M., J. Chairez-Garza, M. Ranganathan, P. Vasudevan. 2022. "Introduction: Rethinking Difference in India as Racialization," *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 45 (2) <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rers20/45/2> IF 3.211.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES 2020 2-YEAR IMPACT FACTOR

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Ranganathan, M and A. Bonds. 2022. "Racial Regimes of Property: An Introduction," *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 40 (2): 197-207. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/02637758221084101>(published online 7 April 2022) IF 6.664.

Ranganathan, M. 2022. "Political Ecologies of Caste and the City," *Journal of Urban Technology* 29 (1): 135-143. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10630732.2021.2007203> IF 5.465.

- Gergan, M., J. Chairez-Garza, **M. Ranganathan**, P. Vasudevan. 2022. "Introduction to the Special Issue: Rethinking Difference in India as Racialization," *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 45 (2): 193-215.
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- Ranganathan, M.** 2022. "Caste, Racialization and the Making of Environmental Unfreedoms in Urban India," *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 45 (2): 257-277.
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- Anguelovski, I., A.L. Brand, **M. Ranganathan**, and D. Hyra. 2022. "Decolonizing the Green City: From Environmental Privilege to Emancipatory Green Justice." *Environmental Justice* 15 (1): 1-11.
<https://www.liebertpub.com/doi/full/10.1089/env.2021.0014> **IF 1.8**.
- Yam, E., M. Silva, **M. Ranganathan**, J. White, T. Hope, C. Ford. 2021. "Time to take Critical Race Theory seriously: moving beyond a colorblind gender lens in global health", *Lancet Global Health*.
[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/article/PIIS2214-109X\(20\)30536-2/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/article/PIIS2214-109X(20)30536-2/fulltext). **IF 26.763**.
- Ranganathan, M** and E Bratman. 2021. "From Urban Resilience to Abolitionist Climate Justice in Washington, DC", *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography* 53 (1): 115-137.
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/anti.12555?af=R> **IF 3.289**.
- Ranganathan, M.** 2020. "Empire's Infrastructures: Racial Finance Capitalism and Liberal Necropolitics", *Urban Geography* 41 (4): 492-496. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02723638.2019.1659054> **IF 3.567**.
- Doshi, S and **M Ranganathan**. 2019. "Towards a Critical Geography of Corruption and Power in Late Capitalism", *Progress in Human Geography* 43 (3): 436-457.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0309132517753070> **IF 6.576**.
- Ranganathan, M.** 2018. "Rule by Difference: Empire, Liberalism, and the Legacies of Urban 'Improvement'", *Environment and Planning: A (Economy and Society)* 50 (7): 1386-1406.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0308518X18781851> **IF 2.459**.
- Kiefer, K and **M Ranganathan**. 2018. "The Politics of Participation in Cape Town's Slum Upgrading: The Role of Productive Tension", *Journal of Planning Education and Research*. Published online March 21, 2018 and Forthcoming in Print. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0739456X18761119> **IF 2.667**.
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<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10455752.2016.1206583> **IF 1.215**.
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<https://antipodefoundation.org/2015/06/03/storm-drains-as-assemblages/> **IF 3.289**.

- Ranganathan, M** and C Balazs. 2015. "Water Marginalization at the Urban Fringe: Environmental Justice and Urban Political Ecology Across the North-South Divide", *Urban Geography* 36 (3): 403-423. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02723638.2015.1005414> **IF 3.567**.
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- Ranganathan, M.** 2014. "Mafias in the Waterscape: Urban Informality and Everyday Public Authority in Bangalore", *Water Alternatives* 7 (1): 89-105. <http://www.water-alternatives.org/index.php/volume7/v7issue1/235-a7-1-6> **IF 1.704**.
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- Chaurey, A, **M Ranganathan**, and P Mohanty. 2004. "Electricity Access for Geographically Disadvantaged Rural Communities—Technology and Policy Insights", *Energy Policy* (32) 15: 1693-1705. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0301421503001605> **IF 4.880**.
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- S Doshi and **M Ranganathan**. 2019. "Corruption", pp 68-73 in Antipode Editorial Collective (Eds), *Keywords in Radical Geography: Antipode at 50*. London: Wiley-Blackwell.
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- Ranganathan, M.** 2013. "Financialized and Insurgent: The Dialectics of Participation in Bangalore's Neoliberal Water Reforms", pp 65-88 in K Coelho, L Kamath, and M Vijayabaskar (Eds), *Participolis: Consent and Contention in India's Neoliberal Urban Governance*. Routledge: Abingdon and New Delhi.
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Ranganathan, M. 2017. "Hydraulic Politics in/beyond the World Class City". Review Forum for Bjorkman, L. 2015. *Pipe Politics, Contested Waters: Embedded Infrastructures of Millennial Mumbai*. Duke University Press: Durham. *Dialogues in Human Geography* 7 (3) 349-352. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/2043820617733204>.

Ranganathan, M. 2017. "Endangered City and Hydraulic City". Review Forum for Zeiderman, A. 2016. *Endangered City: The Politics of Security and Risk in Bogotá*, Duke University Press: Durham and Anand, N. 2017. *Hydraulic City: Water and the Infrastructures of Citizenship in Mumbai*, Duke University Press: Durham. **Society + Space**, the open site for the journal *Environment and Planning: D (Society and Space)*. <https://societyandspace.org/2017/11/28/endangered-city-by-austin-zeiderman-and-hydraulic-city-by-nikhil-anand-review-forum-2/>.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Ranganathan, M. 2022. "Urban flooding has everything to do with real estate corruption," *Washington Post*, September 9. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/09/09/flooding-pakistan-india-development/>

Bhattacharya, A. **M. Ranganathan**, R. Narayanan, S. Pati, and J. Tyagi. **2022.** "Fact Finding Report on the Unlawful Termination of Workers at ITI, Bengaluru. <https://aipf.online/2022/03/09/fact-finding-report-on-the-unlawful-termination-of-workers-at-iti-bengaluru/>

Ranganathan, M. 2022. "Opinion: Contract workers in PSUs – marginalised castes, women, main victims of discrimination," *Citizen Matters*. 23 March 2022 <https://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/iti-workers-strike-76262>

Ranganathan, M. 2021. "At Indian Telephone Industries in Bengaluru, Workers Fight a Battle Seen Across the Public Sector," *The Wire*. 11 December 2021. <https://thewire.in/labour/indian-telephone-industries-bengaluru-workers>.

Roy, A, N Paik, and **M Ranganathan**. **2019.** "The City in the Age of Trump: From Sanctuary to Abolition – A Conversation". *Society + Space Open Site*. October 2019. <https://www.societyandspace.org/articles/on-the-city-in-the-age-of-trumpism-a-conversation-with-ananya-roy>

Ranganathan, M. 2019. "Property, Pipes, and Improvement", *e-Flux Architecture*, Temple Hoyne Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture, Columbia University. <https://www.e-flux.com/architecture/liquid-utility/259669/property-pipes-and-improvement/>.

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- Ranganathan, M. 2018.** "Beyond Third World Comparisons: America's Geography of Water, Race, and Poverty", *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, Spotlight Series on "Parched Cities, Parched Citizens". Invited by Liza Weinstein <http://www.ijurr.org/spotlight-on/parched-cities-parched-citizens/beyond-third-world-comparisons-americas-geography-of-water-race-and-poverty/>.
- Ranganathan, M. 2017.** "The Environment as Freedom: A Decolonial Reimagining", Social Science Research Council's *Items: Insights from the Social Sciences* Series on "Just Environments" <http://items.ssrc.org/the-environment-as-freedom-a-decolonial-reimagining/> Reprinted in *Black Perspectives* <https://www.aaihs.org/the-environment-as-freedom-a-decolonial-reimagining/>.
- Ranganathan, M** and S Doshi. 2017. "The Color of Corruption: Whiteness and Populist Narratives", *Society & Space Open Site*, the academic blog for the journal *Environment and Planning: D*. Invited by Natalie Oswin and Kate Derickson <http://societyandspace.org/2017/02/07/the-color-of-corruption-on-the-perverse-morality-of-whiteness/>. *In the top 10 most read *Society + Space Open Site* blog in 2017*
- Ranganathan, M.** December 10, 2015. "Why Bengaluru is not Immune to Floods: It's All About Land (and Money)", *Citizen Matters* <http://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/why-bengaluru-is-not-immune-to-floods-it-s-all-about-land-and-money-17973>.
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KEYNOTE LECTURES & INVITED TALKS

- Confronting Global Political Ecologies of Caste, Climate, and Racial Capitalism. Invited talk at **UT Austin's** Critical Geographies of Race series, February 24, 2023.
- Connecting/Not Connecting in Climate Justice Research. Invited talk at **George Mason University**, November 11, 2022.
- Climate Justice through a Feminist Ethics of Care and Radical Histories of Abolition. Keynote lecture at the **Barcelona Center for Urban Environmental Justice (BCUEJ)**'s Conference on Feminist Research on Urban Environments, Climate Change, and Intersectionality, October 27, 2022
- Global Political Ecologies of Caste, Climate, and Racial Capitalism. Invited speaker for Geography Colloquium, **Indiana University**, September 30, 2022.
- Political Ecologies of Caste and Racial Capitalism: Remapping a Planetary Humanism. Keynote lecture at the Annual Dimensions of Political Ecology (DOPE) conference, **University of Kentucky, Lexington**, March 26, 2022.
- Corruption Plots: Stories, Ethics, and Publics of the Late Capitalist City. Invited speaker for South Asia Studies and African Studies joint seminar, **University of Oxford**, March 9, 2022.
- Outcaste City: Property, Segregation, and Environmental Unfreedoms in Bengaluru. Invited speaker for Geography Colloquium, **Texas A&M University**, April 12, 2021.
- Thinking Abolition and Climate Justice Together at a Historic Juncture. **George Washington University** Sixth Annual Dorn C. McGrath [Keynote Lecture](#) in Urban Planning and Geography, March 26, 2021.
- Environmental and Racial Justice: Deepening Intersection at a Historic Moment. **Mount Mary University** Inclusive Excellence Series [Keynote Lecture](#), March 4, 2021.

- Planning Futures? On Decolonial, Postcolonial and Abolitionist Planning, Invited speaker. **Columbia University**, March 12, 2021.
- Abolitionist and Emancipatory Futures: Anti-Racist Struggles and Climate Justice, [Keynote Lecture](#) delivered at the **University of California, Los Angeles**, January 22, 2021.
- Outcaste City: Property, Segregation, and Environmental Unfreedoms in Bengaluru, **King's College London India** Institute Caste and the City Series, November 12, 2020.
- An Anticaste and Abolitionist Epistemology for Environmental Justice in Urban India. Invited by Aparna Parikh and Nida Rahman to Give the Keynote Lecture at Urban Climates: Power, Development and Environment in South Asia Workshop at **Dartmouth College**, October 12, 2019.
- The Environment as Freedom: Racial Capitalism and Environmental Justice. Invited by Mark Jerng to give the [Keynote Lecture](#) at the *Mellon Research Initiative in Racial Capitalism* Lecture Series. **University of California, Davis**, April 29, 2019.
- Racial Liberalism and Environmental Racism in Flint, MI. Invited speaker for **University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, RacismLab's Series on Cultural Racism in America, March 20, 2019.
- The Environment as Freedom: Decolonizing Property, Reimagining Justice. [Keynote lecture](#) - annual honorary John Treacy Memorial Lecture (voted on as a "pre-tenure scholar with tremendous potential" by Geography graduate students and invited by Ian Baird) at the **University of Wisconsin, Madison**, March 15, 2019.
- Unauthorized Urbanism: Empire and Property in the Ecological Present. Invited speaker at the **University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill's** Political Ecology Speaker Series, November 9, 2018.
- The Infrastructural Turn in Urban Studies and Political Ecology. Invited speaker at **King's College, London**, October 10, 2018.
- Unauthorized Urbanism: Liberal Property-Making and the Coloniality of Rule. Invited speaker at the **London School of Economics and Political Science**, October 9, 2018.
- Unauthorized City: Entanglements of Water, Property, and Rule in Bangalore. [Keynote lecture](#) at the Duke India Initiative Speaker Series; cosponsored by the Nicholas School of the Environment, and the Franklin Humanities Institute at **Duke University**, September 20, 2018.
- From Urban Resilience to Antiracist Climate Justice in Washington, DC. Invited speaker at the Environmental Justice Speaker Series, **University of California, Davis**, June 4, 2018.
- Climate of Dispossession: On the Coloniality of Urban Ecologies. [Keynote lecture](#) at the *Mellon-Sawyer Seminar on the Anthropocene*, **Georgetown University**, Washington, DC, April 5, 2018.
- Dispossession, Liberalism, and the Coloniality of Urban Ecologies. Invited speaker at the Penn Program on Environmental Humanities, **University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, March 15, 2018.
- Situated Ethics of the City: Narrating Corruption and Land in Contemporary Urban India. Invited speaker at the *Urban Mobility Studies Program Speaker Series*, **National Institute for Advanced Studies**, Bangalore, India, February 2, 2018.
- Situated Ethics of the City: Narrating Corruption and Land in Contemporary Urban India. Invited speaker at School of Policy and Governance, **Azim Premji University**, Bangalore, India, February 1, 2018.

- Racial Liberalism and the Coloniality of Urban Ecologies. Invited speaker at the Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality, and Social Justice's *Noted Scholars Series*, **University of British Columbia, Vancouver**, November 2, 2017.
- Qualitative GIS for Critical Urban Geography. Invited panelist at the Geospatial Analysis for Enhancing Research at *Conference for High-Impact Research* organized at **American University**, May 15, 2017.
- Thinking with Flint: Structural Racism in Planning, Pipes and Policy. Invited speaker at the **Boston University's** Environmental Justice Speaker Series, February 23, 2017.
- Antiracist Struggle: Past, Present, and Future. Invited speaker at the teach-in *Teach, Organize, Engage: A Forum on Contemporary Politics and the Future* organized at **American University**, January 18, 2017.
- Water, Space, and the Politics of Urban Citizenship Across the North-South Divide. Invited speaker at the Geography seminar, **University of Maryland, Baltimore County**, November 9, 2016.
- Water, Race, and the Politics of Urban Belonging. Invited by Ruth Wilson Gilmore to speak at Water and Class Struggle Symposium, **State University of New York, Purchase College**, April 22, 2016.
- Race, Class, and the Legacies of Colonial Urban 'Improvement'. Invited by Senior Vice-Provost and Dean of Academic Affairs Mary Clark to speak at AU Workshop on Critical Approaches to Race, Class, and Gender, **American University**, February 24, 2016.
- The Performativity of Urban Anti-Corruption Politics. Invited by Henrik Ernstson and Erik Swyngedouw to speak at Environmental Humanities Laboratory, *Rupturing the Anthro-obscene! The Political Promises of Planetary Urban Ecologies.*, **KTH Royal Institute for Technology**, Stockholm, Sweden, September 16-17, 2015.
- Registering Urban Inequality in the Post-Colony. Invited by Henrik Ernstson and Jia-Ching Chen to speak at *Urban Beyond Measure: Registering Urban Environments in the Global South*, **Stanford University**, May 8-9, 2015.
- Is the Right to the City an Effective Framework for Advancing Environmental Justice? Invited to speak at *Class, Race, and the Environment: Impacts on People of Color and Lower-Income Communities*, Earth Justice Week. Ethics, Peace and Global Affairs Program, **American University**, Washington, DC, April 14, 2015
- Drains of Labor: Filth, Commodification, and Risk in Bangalore's Wetland Assemblage. Invited by Rosalind Fredericks to speak at Infrastructures of Labor Speaker Series, Urban Democracy Lab, **New York University**, December 10, 2014.
- The Everyday Life of Reforms: Urban Struggles for Water, Citizenship, and Sustainability in Millennial Bangalore. Invited by Miriam Greenberg to speak at Sociology Department, **University of California, Santa Cruz**, December 4, 2014.
- (Wet)Land Grabs, Capital Flows, and the Politics of Flood Risk in Millennial Bangalore. Invited to speak at the Center for Health, Risk, and Society, **American University**, November 5, 2014.
- Emancipatory Urban Politics Through the Everyday State: Improvisations and Translations at the Frontlines. Invited by Henrik Ernstson and Edgar Pieterse to speak at *Radical Incrementalism: Theories/Practices of Emancipatory Change*, **African Center for Cities, University of Cape Town**, October 23-24, 2014.
- Beyond the 'Slum': Urban Informality in the Global South. Invited to speak at the International Development Program Student Association, Weekly Colloquium Series, SIS, **American University**, September 22, 2014.
- Stormwater Drains, (Wet)land Grabs, and the Assembling of Flood Risk in Bangalore. Invited by Lalitha Kamath to speak at the School of Habitat Studies, **Tata Institute for Social Sciences**, Mumbai, India, July 21, 2014.

Urban Informality as the New Normal in Millennial Capitalism. Invited by Rashmi Sadana to speak at the *Cities at the Center of the World*, Center for Global Studies, **George Mason University** and **Woodrow Wilson Center**, Washington, DC, April 22, 2014.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

Anticaste Thought: Theory, Politics, Culture (Invited Discussant), University of Wolverhampton, October 30, 2021

Climate Justice: SIS Local to Global (Panelist), School of International Service and Antiracist Research and Policy Center, American University, October 22, 2020.

Anticaste Politics and Environmental Justice (Presenter), Ambedkar Study Center, Bengaluru, September 14, 2020.

Anticaste Ecological Politics (Panelist), organized by Suraj Yengde, Harvard University, May 13, 2020.

Climate Justice East of the Anacostia River (Panelist). Invited to Speak at the Women in Environmental Leadership Summit, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, DC September 12, 2019.

An Ethics of Antiracism, Abolitionism, and Care in Urban Climate Justice (Presenter), Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, April 26, 2019.

Keynote Discussant on *Urban Geography* Plenary Lecture delivered by Deborah Cowen. Invited by David Wilson to speak at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 7, 2019

Organizing in Chocolate City: Race, Planning, and Social Justice in Washington, DC (Panelist), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 7, 2019.

Author Meets Comrades: Rosalind Fredericks' *Garbage Citizenship* (Panelist), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 6, 2019 (Invited by Rosalind Fredericks).

Racial Capitalism 3: A Methodological Discussion (Panelist), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 6, 2019.

Critiquing Empire from Within: Undisciplined Pedagogies for Our Times (Organizer and Panelist), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 5, 2019.

Racial Regimes of Property I, II, III, and IV (Organizer with Anne Bonds and Introducer), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 4, 2019.

Urban Land Grabs as the New-Old Frontier of Capitalist Accumulation and Racial Violence (Presenter), Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, June 22, 2018.

Pedagogies of Race and Racialization (Panelist), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 14, 2018.

The Political Ecology of Flood Risk and Management Across the North and South (Organizer, Discussant), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 13, 2018.

From Urban Resilience to Abolitionist Climate Justice in Washington, DC, Abolition Ecologies Paper Session, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 13, 2018 (Presenter, Invited by Nik Heynen and Megan Ybarra).

Water and Climate Justice (Panelist), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 11, 2018 (Invited by Farhana Sultana).

- Racial Finance Capitalism (Panelist), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 10, 2018.
- Land Justice in the City (Discussant). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 10, 2018 (Invited by Sara Safransky).
- Corruption Plots, Imagined Publics: The Ethics of Space in the Millennial City (Presenter). School of International Service Research Roundtable, American University, September 27, 2017
- An Authors-Meet-Critics Panel on *Hydraulic City* by Nikhil Anand (Duke University Press) and *Endangered City* by Austin Zeiderman (Duke University Press) (Panelist), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April 5, 2017 (Invited by D Asher Ghertner).
- An Authors-Meet-Critics Panel on *Encountering Poverty* by Ananya Roy (UC Press) (Panelist), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April 7, 2017 (Invited by Ananya Roy).
- Radical Crosscurrents: EJ, Political Ecology, and Traveling Theory (Co-organizer with Garth Myers and Laura Pulido, introducer, and panelist), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 1, 2016.
- Infrastructural Engagements and Urban Re-Imaginations in the Global South 2, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 1, 2016.
- Middle Class Cities of the Global South? 3: Inhabiting the Middle, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March 30, 2016 (Invited by Ryan Centner).
- Urban India's New Anti-Corruption Politics: Unsettling State, Capital, and Land in Bangalore, Methodological Innovation in Urban Political Research in the Developing World, American University, October 30, 2015.
- Contesting (Wet)Land Grabs: The Politics of "Elite" Urban Informality and Anti-Corruption Discourse in Bangalore, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 23, 2015.
- Conjuring Land from Water: Law, Materiality, and Discursive Politics in Urban Wetland Redevelopment (paper competitively selected). *Land Fictions: The Commodification of Land in City and Country*, The 8th Biennial McGrann Conference, Rutgers University, Department of Geography, May 1-2, 2015.
- Assembling Flood Risk in Postcolonial Bangalore. *STS and Urban Infrastructure in the Global South*, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 24, 2015.
- Doing Urban Political Ecology: Fieldwork Methods and Ethical Concerns, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 23, 2015.
- The Ethical City? Critical Geographies of Corruption and Accountability in Urban India (Panel co-organizer and co-presenter with Sapana Doshi), *Critical Geographies of Corruption and Accountability*, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Tampa, April 8-12, 2014.
- Pluralizing 'the State' in Urban Political Ecology: State Formation and Water Politics in Bangalore, India, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, February 27-29, 2014.
- Mafias in the Waterscape: Public Authority and Informality in Bangalore (paper competitively selected). *Informal Space in the Urban Waterscape*, UNESCO Conference Delft, December 4-6, 2012.
- The Production of Everyday Flood Risk and the Politics of Blame at the Urban Periphery. Initiative for Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences (ICARUS) Annual Conference Columbia University, New York City, May 16-19, 2012.

A Spatial History of Bangalore's Waters. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, April 13-15, 2012.

Prone to Floods: A Political Ecology of Everyday Risk at the Urban Frontier. *Risky Endeavors*, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York City, February 24, 2012.

Peri-Urban Flood Vulnerability: Evolving a Political Ecological Agenda through Insights from Bangalore. *Climate Vulnerability and Adaptation: Marginal Peoples and Environments*, ICARUS Annual Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, May 6, 2011.

Banking on Water: Debt, Discipline, and the Financialization of Policy Expertise in Bangalore. (Co-organizer). *Politics of Expertise in Urban and Regional Development*, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Seattle, April 16, 2011.

Capitalizing on Water: The Techno-Politics of Greater Bangalore's Piped Water Supply Project. *Water Resource Technologies and Politics*, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington DC, April 18, 2010.

The Right to Water as the Right to the City. Right to Water Conference, Syracuse University, March 9, 2010.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS & RECORDED PODCASTS

2021	"Environmental Casteism." Race & Health Podcast. https://anchor.fm/raceandhealth/episodes/Environmental-Casteism-e1amqgh
2021	"For years, Detroit and Johannesburg have withheld water from Black residents who can't pay." <i>Slate</i> . https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2021/01/water-shutoffs-detroit-south-africa.html
2021	"Why Access to Safe, Clean Water is a Wellness Issue." <i>Well + Good</i> . https://www.wellandgood.com/unsafe-drinking-water/
2020	"What it Means to be Antiracist." <i>Vox</i> . https://www.vox.com/2020/6/3/21278245/antiracist-racism-race-books-resources-antiracism
2019	"Marginalized Communities in D.C. Are Already Struggling. Climate Change Will Make That Worse", NPR WAMU 88.5 Kojo Nnamdi Show Interview with Malini Ranganathan, Kevin Bush, and Jacob Fenston, https://thekojonnamdishow.org/shows/2019-09-17/marginalized-communities-in-d-c-are-already-struggling-climate-change-will-make-that-worse
2019	"The Fight for Environmental Justice in America's Segregated Cities", https://geographical.co.uk/people/development/item/3360-abolitionist-climate
2019	"Decolonizing Infrastructure in India and the US": A Conversation with Malini Ranganathan, https://edgeeffects.net/malini-ranganathan/
2019	"SIS Breaks it Down: Climate Justice in Washington, DC", Interview with Malini Ranganathan, American University, https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=EqZ6KZzXcMk
2019	"Bangaluru Needs To Look To Its Past To Solve Its Severe Water Crisis",

https://www.huffingtonpost.in/entry/bengaluru-needs-to-look-to-its-past-to-solve-its-severe-water-crisis_in_5ca98465e4b0a00f6d40bab4

- 2015 "Obama's visit to India Includes Climate Change Talks" by David Jackson, *USA Today*, <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/01/22/obama-india-narendra-modi-taj-mahal/22154027/>
- 2014 "Bribe the valveman to cut water supply, and make money selling water", <http://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/water-mafia-operation-on-bangalore-outskirts-6764>
- 2014 "Africa's Population Will Quadruple by 2100. What Does That Mean for its Cities?" by Sam Sturgis, *Atlantic Cities*, <https://www.citylab.com/design/2014/09/africas-population-will-quadruple-by-2100-what-does-that-mean-for-its-cities/380507/>
- 2014 "Improv Cities: Urban Peripheries and the Future", American University TEDx Talk by Malini Ranganathan, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nlfBxWo1SqY>

CONSULTING

2009	Consultant	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat
2005	Intern	Urban Sustainability Initiative, Berkeley Institute for the Environment
2005	Intern	China Energy Group, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
2005	Intern	Programme Energie, ENDA-Tiers Monde, Dakar
2004	Intern	Low Income Energy Programs, California Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco
2001-2003	Research Associate	Renewable Energy Technology Applications, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi

STUDENT ADVISING

2021	Capstone Advisor for Dhanya Rao, BA in International Studies, School of International Service, "Rapping Resistance: Dalit and Black Hip-Hop Genres in Transnational Perspective"
2020	Substantial Research Paper Advisor for Natalie Covill, MA in Global Environmental Politics, School of International Service, "Just Clean or Just and Clean: (Dis)Connections Between Equity and Climate in Low-Carbon Transportation Planning"
2018-current	Doctoral Dissertation Committee Chair for Julie Radomski, PhD in International Relations, School of International Service: "Reassembling Development in Latin America" (winner of Wenner-Gren and Fulbright Dissertation research grants)
2018-present	Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member for Delande Justinvil, PhD Anthropology, American University: "Exhuming the Ex-Human: A Biocultural Anthropology of Black Remains"
2018-current	Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member for Veronica Limeberry, PhD in International

Relations: "Farmer-Peasant-Colonizer: Identity and the Territorial Turn in Land-Based Concessions"

2018-present	Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member for Ben Rubin, PhD in Geography, CUNY: "A Wall of Crude: The Physical and Social Settler Infrastructures and Imaginaries of the Texas Fracking Boom"
2018-2019	Independent Studies Supervisor for Nandini Maya Krishnan, BA in International Studies: "Dalit Feminism against Caste Supremacy: Intersectional Feminism, Transnational Parallels, and the Imperative of Allyship"
2017-2018	Substantial Research Paper Advisor for Wendy Atieno, MA in Global Environmental Policy: "Urban Risk in Nairobi: Slums, Floods, and the Role of the State"
2016-2017	Substantial Research Paper Advisor for Kathryn Strelevitz, MA in Global Environmental Policy: "Inundation and Resettlement: From Dam Projects to Sea Level Rise"
2016-2017	Substantial Research Paper Advisor for William Gee, MA in Global Environmental Policy: "Land-Use Policy and Racial Discrimination in Washington, DC"
2016-2017	Substantial Research Paper Advisor for Attiya Saed, MA in Global Environmental Policy: "Trapped in Temporary Permanence: The Challenges of Multi-Level Water and Sanitation Governance in Jordan's Refugee Camps"
2014-2018	Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member for Anne Kantel, PhD in International Relations: "Situating Legitimacy: Encounters between State-Based and Local Fisheries Lifeworlds in Uganda"
2014-2018	Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member for Abby Lindsay, PhD in International Relations: "Multiscalar Complexities of Urban Water Politics: The role of scientific and technical knowledge"
2015-2016	Thesis Advisor for Tayeba Batool, MA in International Affairs: "Remodeling Identity in Lahore"
2015-2016	Honors Capstone Research Project Advisor for Christine Chipko, BA in International Studies: "Unmasking the Gendered Approach to Conditional Cash Transfers"
2014-15	Substantial Research Paper Advisor for Karly Kiefer, MA in Global Environmental Policy: "Partnership in Tension: Negotiating Citizen-State Engagement in Cape Town's Slum Upgrading"
2013-14	Honors Capstone Project Advisor for Evan Anderson, BA in International Studies: "Tarlabasi's Renewal: A Case of Urban Transformation in 21st Century Turkey"
2013-14	Thesis Advisor for Brianna Suarez, MA in International Affairs: "The Struggle Continues: Mexico's Neoliberal Policies and Rural Indigenous Water Rights"
2013-14	Substantial Research Paper Advisor for Averelle Talbott, MA in Global Environmental Policy: "Race, Public Housing, and Rooftop Farming in New York City"
2013-14	Substantial Research Paper Advisor for Jackson Stubbs, MA in Global Environmental Policy: "Achieving Zero Waste in Washington, DC"

JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARDS

2019-present	Editorial Board Member, <i>Antipode: A Journal of Radical Geography</i> IF 5.041
2019-present	Editorial Board, Member, <i>Environment and Planning: D (Society and Space)</i> IF 6.664
2016-present	Editorial Board Member, <i>Annals of the American Association of Geographers</i> IF 4.683
2015-2019	Editorial Board Member, <i>Geography Compass</i> IF 2.053

OTHER EXTERNAL SERVICE

Ongoing	Invited peer reviewer for the following university presses and peer-reviewed journals: <i>MIT Press, University of Minnesota Press, Cambridge University Press, University of Georgia Press, Oxford University Press, Journal of Urban Affairs, Progress in Human Geography, Environmental Politics, Annals of the American Association of Geographers, International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, Urban Geography, Environmental History; Geography Compass, Antipode: A Journal of Radical Geography, Geoforum, Climate and Development, Environment and Planning: A (Economy and Space), Environment and Planning: C (Politics and Space); Environment and Planning: D (Society and Space), Environment and Planning: E (Nature and Space), Journal of Material Culture</i>
2015-2017	Elected Officer-at-Large, Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
2015-2017	Elected Board Member, Urban Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
2014	Peer Reviewer for National Science Foundation CAREER Proposal
2013	Peer Reviewer for National Science Foundation Geography and Spatial Sciences Program Proposal

INTERNAL SERVICE

2022-23	Member, SIS Awards Committee
2022-23	Member, AU Awards Committee
2022-23	Chair, 3PC Tenure and Promotion Committee for Professor Jordanna Matlon
2022-23	Chair, Global Environment Concentration, SIS PhD Committee
2022-23	Member, SIS PhD Admissions Committee
2022-23	Chair, Search Committee for Changemaker Postdoctoral Fellowship, AU
2022-23	Member, Search Committee for Sociology Tenure Track Position in Racialization, AU
2020-21	Member, Search Committee for Permanent Executive Director, Antiracist Research and Policy Center, AU
2020-21	Interim Faculty Director, Antiracist Research and Policy Center, AU

Fall 2019	Olson Scholar Mentor, SIS
Fall 2019	Member, Search Committee for Director of Research Partnerships, Antiracist Research and Policy Center, AU
2019-2021	Member, Dean's Council on Diversity and Inclusion, SIS
2018-2020	Member, President's Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, AU
2017-2018	Member, Faculty Senate Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, AU
Fall 2017	Planning Committee Member, Faculty and Staff Retreat "Enabling Our Future Leadership", SIS
2016-2017	Interview Committee Member, Target of Opportunity Hire, AU
2016-2017	Elected Pre-Tenure Faculty Member, Faculty Actions Committee, SIS
2015-2016	Elected Member, Task Force on Restructuring of MA Programs, SIS
2013-2015	Undergraduate Thematic Area Coordinator, Environmental Sustainability and Global Health, SIS
Fall 2014	Undergraduate Mentor, SIS
Fall 2014	Member, Search Committee for Tenure Track Assistant Professor in Global Urban Studies, SIS
Fall 2013	Member, Search Committee for Tenure Track Assistant Professor in Quantitative Methods, SIS