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TEACHING

- 2021 onwards Assistant Professor of Sociology and Peacebuilding
School of Social Sciences and Professions
[Eastern Mennonite University](#)
- 2021-22 [Summer Peacebuilding Institute](#)
Center for Justice and Peacebuilding [Eastern Mennonite University](#)
- 2020-22 Department of Sociology, [Georgetown University](#)
- 2020 Department of Sociology, [Catholic University of America](#)
- 2019 Department of Sociology, [George Washington University](#)

EDUCATION

- 2017 **PhD in Sociology**, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
Dissertation: "The University as a Site for Regional Identity: An Ethnography of Student Movement for Telangana at Osmania University"
- 2011 MPhil, Sociology of Education, JNU
"A Study of Identity Based Student Activism at an Indian University"
- 2009 MA, Sociology, Center for the Study of Social Systems, JNU
- 2007 MA, Public Administration, Kurukshetra University
- 2005 MA, English Literature, Kurukshetra University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Caste and Race, South Asian Diaspora Social Movements, Globalization and Cultural Politics, Leadership, Social Justice; Sociology of Health, Sociology of Higher Education; Qualitative Research Methods (Ethnography)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2024 onwards Director, Center for Interfaith Engagement, EMU

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2022 **Researcher**, Understanding Caste Privilege project at Virginia Tech University, Virginia (with Professor Bonnie Zare)
- 2020-Present **Researcher**, South Asian Diaspora in the United States; (qualitative study of anti-caste activism)
- 2020-Present **Research Associate**, Documentary Project on South Asian American Community, Council on Global Social Issues, Commission on Global Social Work Education (CSWE)
- 2019 **Research Consultant** (with Prof. Brandon Vaidyanathan, P.I.)
[Mental Health Literacy and Support in Congregations](#)
The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
- 2017-Present [Research Associate](#)
Pullias Center for Higher Education, Rossier School of Education
[University of Southern California](#), Los Angeles
- 2018 **Visiting Scholar**, College of Education,
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
- 2016-2017 **Research Assistant** (with Prof. Sushrut Jadhav)
["Discrimination, Distress and Higher Education in India."](#) In collaboration with University College London and Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, India. *Supported by British Academy International Partnership and Mobility Grant, UK ([mindsofcaste.org](#))*
- 2015-2016 **Research Assistant** (with Prof. William G. Tierney)
University of Southern California
["An Ethnography of Campus Culture in Higher Education"](#)
- 2011 **Research Assistant**, Federation for Industrial Chambers of Commerce and Industries in India (FICCI) for book, [Mega Trends of the Emerging Third World Industrial Revolution in India](#) (by Prof. Jeremy Rifkin)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

[The University as a Site of Resistance: Identity and Student Politics](#)
Oxford University Press, New Delhi (Global edition 2018)

Reviews of my book:

[Contemporary Voice of Dalit](#) (2022)
[Contemporary South Asia](#) (2021)
[Theory, Culture and Society](#) (2021)
[Journal of Resistance Studies](#) (2020)

Featured in Media:

[The Hindu](#) (2019)
[The Caravan Reading List](#)
[Higher Education Reading List](#)

ARTICLES (Peer-Reviewed)

2023. Pathania, Gaurav J., Sushrut Jadhav, Amit Thorat, David Mosse, Sumeet Jain. ["Caste Identities and Structures of Threats: Understanding Wellbeing in an Indian University Campus."](#) *CASTE: A Global Journal on Social Exclusion*, 4 (1): 3-23. Brandeis University

2020. ["Cultural Politics of Historically Marginalized Students,"](#) *Critical Times*, 3(3). 534-550 (Duke University Press)

2018. Pathania, Gaurav J. and William G. Tierney. 2018. ["An Ethnography of Caste and Class at an Indian University,"](#) *Tertiary Education and Management*, 24(3): 221-231. [European Higher Education Society]

2016. ["Food Politics and Counter-Hegemonic Assertion among Marginalized Students at Indian Universities,"](#) *South Asia Research*, 36(2): 261-277 .

BOOK CHAPTERS

2023. Pathania, Gaurav J. and K. Kalyani. "Contextualizing the Emergence of Dalit Studies in Academia," in Joao M. Paraskeva (ed.) [Critical Perspective on the Denial of Caste in Educational Spaces: Towards a Non-Derivative Curriculum Reason](#), Routledge: NY.

2023. Pathania, Gaurav J. and Nina Asher. "Racialization of Caste: Internal Colonization of Education in South Asia", In J. Scott, M. Bajaj (eds.) [The Yearbook of Education 2023: Racialization and Educational Inequalities in Global Perspective](#), Routledge: USA

2021. [“Regional Movements in Democracy: The Case of Telangana,”](#) in P. D’Souza, H. Ahmed and S. Alam (eds.) *Companion on Indian Democracy: Resilience, Fragility, Ambivalence*, Routledge, UK.

2019. Thakur, Narender and Gaurav J. Pathania. “Privatization and Shrinking Free Space in Education: Challenges for the Inclusive Knowledge Society,” pp. 130-144 in S. Babu G. S. (ed.) [Education and the Public Sphere: Exploring the Structure of Mediation in Post- Colonial India](#), Routledge: Delhi.

2018. “Counter-Hegemonic Assertions of Marginalized Students in University Campuses in India,” pp. 207-231 in G. Wankhede and I. Reid (eds.) [Accessing Higher Education: Footprints of Marginalized Groups](#), Aakar Books: Delhi.

2015. “Middle Class Resistance in Contemporary Urban India: How New are these New Social Movements?” pp. 276-297 in L. Lobo and J. Shah (eds.) [The Trajectory of India’s Middle Class: Economy, Ethics & Etiquette](#), Cambridge Scholars Publishing: UK.

IN PRESS

Research Articles

2024. Zare, Bonnie, Pathania, Gaurav J. and Shajahan, Muhammedshah. *Invisibility of Caste in Everyday Campus Life: Indian American Students and their Understanding of Privileges* [Submitted to *Ethnic and Racial Studies Journal* on June 15]

Book Chapters

2024. Demonizing Religion, Countering Tradition: Analyzing Dalit-OBC Student Activism in India,” In Jean Thomas and Khalil Parker (eds.) *Student Politics from the Lens of South Asia*, Orient BlackSwan. (Accepted. 2024)

Review Articles

With Vivek Kumar. “Ambedkar and the Idea of Social Justice”, *Economic and Political Weekly*. (Invited review article - Forthcoming)

BOOK REVIEWS

Chinnaiah Jangam. Dalits and the Making of Modern India, [CASTE-A Global Journal on Social Exclusion](#), 3(1) : 217-220 April 2022

[Jeremy A. Rinker. Identity, Rights, and Awareness](#), *Peace and Change: A Journal of Peace Research*, 45(4): 616-619, 2017

Leona Rittner; W. Scott Haine and Jeffrey H. Jackson. [The Thinking Space: The Cafe as a Cultural Institution](#), Ashgate: UK. *Cafe Dissensus Everyday*, June 18: 2017

Romila Thapar. [The Public Intellectuals in India](#), Aleph Book Company, New Delhi. *South Asia Research*, 37(2): 232-235, 2015

Gautam Pingle. [The Fall and Rise of Telangana](#), Orient BlackSwan, New Delhi. *South Asia Research*, 34(3): 270-273, 2014

G. B. Nambissan & S. S. Rao (eds.) [Sociology of Education in India](#), Oxford University Press, *Economic and Political Weekly*. XL VIII(50): 29-31, 2013

POPULAR PRESS

'ORIGIN' movie, out in Theaters now, features EMU Professor, *The New Virginian*, January 23. 2024

Who is Gaurav J Pathania? Professor Plays Dr. Ambedkar in Ava DuVernay's ORIGIN , *Statesman*, September 15, 2023

ORIGIN: A Film on Race and Caste Featuring BR Ambedkar makes Waves in Hollywood, *Hindustan Times*, September 14, 2023

The American Dream is Not Possible without Higher Education for All, *Hindustan Times*, September 2. 2023.

Caste Discrimination is Rampant in Indian Higher Education: Study Exposes Deep Rooted Prejudices, *The Mooknayak*, May 22. 2023

Gaurav Pathania: Boston Globe Trotter, *The Weather Wane*, 70 (2), April 2023 [interviewed by Caleb Stoltzfus, EMU]

Why Seattle Banned Caste-Discrimination, *PBS Newshour*, February 28.

Caste Should not be Part of the American Dream, *Boston Globe*, February 17. 2023

Celebration of Ambedkar at EMU Professor Gaurav Pathania, *Peace & Development*, Eastern Mennonite University, April 12, 2022

Black History is more than Slavery, *Peace & Development*, Eastern Mennonite University, February 21, 2022

Telangana Lost its Anti-Caste Doctor: Dr. Kolluri Chiranjeevi (1947-2021), *Dalit Dastak*, March 25, 2021

Missing from National Education Policy, Issues of the Marginalized, *Indian Express*, September 6, 2020

History, Ideology and the Contemporary Student Politics *The Quint*, October 10, 2018

Global Ranking, *The Tribune*, November 21, 2018.

Caste & Class in Indian Universities, *Counterview.org*,

JNU Elections: University and the Politics of Narratives *Cafe Dissensus Everyday*, September 15, 2017.

Reflections on a Dalit Student's Suicide, *Clinically Applied Anthropology*, 3/29, 2017

Telangana Politics: The Saga of Promises and Betrayals, *Kafila*, June 1, 2015

Campus Space in the Age of Clicktivism, *Mainstream*, LI (40): September 28, 2013

Representation or Resistance? *Mainstream*, Vol. LI (32): July 22, 2013

JNU Speaks the Language of Lenin, *Mainstream*, L (40): September 22, 2012

JNU: Something is Left in the Right and Something Right in the Left, *HardNews*, March, 2012

Marx Sipping Tea at Nehru's Dhaba, *Mainstream*, XLIV (47): November, 2011

LITERARY WRITINGS

2024. *My Pen-My Words*, *CASTE: A Global Journal on Social Exclusion*, 5 (2): 332-34

2024. Deceiving Frames, *Phoenix*, 67: Eastern Mennonite University

2021. *Reflection*, *CASTE-A Global Journal on Social Exclusion*, 2(2): 379-380 (Poem in Hindi and English)

2021. "Inverted Question Mark" *The Awakened*, a journal of Boston Study Group. Vol. 1(1) Spring.

2020. "Blackhole" *CASTE-A Global Journal on Social Exclusion*, 1(2): 183-186. (Poem in Hindi and English)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Reviewer, [National Science Foundation](#), USA.
- Assistant Editor, [South Asia Research](#), SOAS, University of London, UK.
- Review Board, *Authors' Lab*, Ambedkar International Center, Maryland
- Chaired a panel "Caste & Institution" in the conference " *Anti-Caste Thought: Theory, Politics and Culture*, University of Wolverhampton, October 29, 2021
- Moderator, Discussion and launch of Five volumes on Dr. Ambedkar, published and organized by the [Oxford University Press](#) April 11, 2021
- Moderator, email listserv and developed academic project website mindsofcaste.org
- Discussant, "Race-Caste Reckoning," National Geographic documentary film [A Lost Tribe of Africa](#), November 7, 2020
- Organized "Race, Resistance & Civil Repair: Black Lives Matter and Beyond" - online discussion with Prof. Jeffrey Alexander and Prof. Kevin Brown, July 25, 2020 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2E7QfOiNlk>
- Organized guest talk by Mark Rudd (Columbia University's Free Speech Movement leader in 1965-1968 and president of Students for Democratic Society) for [From Underground to Cyberspace: Understanding the Future of Student Politics](#), Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, March, 2019
- Reviewer, Comparative & International Education Society Annual Conference, 2018
- Organizing Committee, [International Conference on Caste and Race: Configuring Solidarities](#), College of Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, May 4-6, 2018
- Organizer, Joint Report Launch by the University of Massachusetts and the University of Pune, India, February, 2018
- Participant, Research and Funding Roundtable at the College of Education and Human Development, George Mason University, December 5, 2017
- Presenter, India's Health: A Grand Challenge, organized by *Difficult Dialogues*, Goa, February 10-12, 2017

- Discussant, *BRICS Higher Education Summit* jointly organized by the Times Higher Education Ranking and Jindal Global University at the India Habitat Center, Delhi, December, 2015
- Invited Professor Werner Menski (Emeritus Law Professor at SOAS, University of London) for a talk, *Niti as Patangbazi: The Need for Plural Navigation in Law and Governance*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, February, 2015
- Organized panel discussion on *Women' Education and Patriarchy: Debating the Role of Khap Panchayats*, JNU, October, 2013
- Member, Organizing Committee, Annual Conference of *Comparative Education Society of India*, 2010-2012

Journal Reviews

- *Contemporary Education Dialogue* (Sage, India)
- *CASTE: A Global Journal of Social Exclusion* (Brandeis University, USA)
- *Critical Asian Studies* (Taylor & Francis, USA)
- *Contemporary South Asia* (Taylor & Francis, UK)
- *Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory* (Germany)
- *Higher Education*, (Springer, USA)
- *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education* (USA)
- *Left History*, York University, Toronto
- *Modern Asian Studies*, (Cambridge University Press, UK)
- *Oxford University Press* (Delhi, India)
- *Peace and Change: A Journal of Peace Research* (Wiley-Blackwell, USA)
- *SAMAJ-South Asia Multidisciplinary Academic Journal* (France)
- *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* (Taylor and Francis, Australia)
- *The Social Science Journal* (Elsevier, USA)

INVITED TALKS /CHAired SESSION

2023

- [Political Power is the Key to Dalit Emancipation](#), 133rd Birthday Celebration of Dr. Ambedkar, Ambedkar International Mission, Brampton, Canada.
- Guest speaker at [NAIMUN LXII](#). February 13-16, Washington DC
- Race & Caste Intersectionality in Global Higher Education, *World Learning*. February 28
- Segregation and Environmental Justice in India, Center on Global Energy Policy, [Columbia University](#).
- Eating in Public: Food Preferences and Difference across Cultures, South Asian Studies, [University of Pennsylvania](#). February 7
- Keynote address, *Machik* fest at George Washington University, organized by Tibetan Group, November 10-12
- "Dalits and Human Rights", [Parliament on Worlds' Religion](#), Chicago. August 17,
- Reclaiming Spaces-Challenging Narrative, organized by the SOAS Student Union, University of London, UK, May 17
- "Caste Discrimination: A Global Perspective," University of Calgary. May 6
- Moderated a session: "American Caste" organized by the Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, [Columbia University](#). April 15.
- Plenary Speaker, [Dalit Conference](#), Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, April 13-14
- "Caste & Race Interconnected; yet Distinct Systems of Oppression", [University of North Carolina-Greensboro](#). January 19. 2023
- Keynote Speaker, on a conference: "Ambedkar and the Nation-Building" Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University, Jind, Haryana

2022

- Caste and Pedagogy at the [Asia Qualitative Inquiry Association](#), Pusan National University, Seoul, South Korea.
- “University and Civil Sphere” at “Civil Sphere in South Asia”- a conference organized by Professor Jeffrey Alexander (cultural sociologist) at Yale. October 22-23.
- Speaker, Annual Beitzel Symposium, [Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Non-Violence](#), James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA. September 22.
- Speaker, “Higher Education and Youth Solidarities”, *International Youth Day*, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, August 12.
- Speaker, *M.S. Gore Memorial Seminar*, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.
- Chair at “*Theorizing Casteism*” Conference, Presidency University, Kolkata. June 7 & 8.
- Chair, *Anti-Caste Thought Conference: Theory, Politics & Culture*, University of Wolverhampton, October 29
- Chief Guest, Valedictory Talk: “Law, Language and Literature” [Symbiosis Law University](#), Hyderabad. April 30
- Inaugural address, *131st Ambedkar Birth Anniversary celebration* at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Odisha. April 14th.
- Panelist at the Roundtable: Queering Solidarities: Race, Caste and Gender, Organized by [Cornell-Syracuse South Asia Consortium](#) at Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University. March 25
- Guest lecture on “Race for Caste” at Professor Florina Xavier’s Class at the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University, VA. Sept 14, 2022
- “Qualitative Research and Data Analysis” at the Social Work course in Pacific University, Oregon. April 22.

2021

- “Hinduism and Caste”- guest lecture in Professor Mary Sprunger’s History 101 Class at Eastern Mennonite University, VA. September 24, 2021
- Guest lecture on “Ethnography” at Professor Jayne Docherty’s Research Method class of Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University, VA. September 14, 2021

- “In Search of a New Identity: Anti-Caste Activism among Dalit Diaspora in the United States” selected for Junior Theorist Symposium, ***American Sociological Association*** (ASA-Theory Section) August 5&6
- “The Social Justice Legacy of Dr. Ambedkar” at Women’s Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WICCI), West Bengal.
- “Dailt Feminism” in Prof. Michele Berger’s class on Gender, **University of North Carolina**, Chapel Hill. March 23.
- “Introduction to Sociology,” in Prof. Tamer Solyer’s Global Inequalities course, **Humboldt University**, Germany, February 2
- “Cultural Politics of Historically Marginalized Students in Indian Universities,” Department of Political Science, Indraprastha College for Women, *University of Delhi*, January 22

2020

- [Critical Analysis of National Education Policy](#), Organized by the National Foundation for India, November 21
- Speaker, [Machik Fest](#) (The annual festival of Tibetans in the US)
- “COVID-19 and India Diaspora in the USA,” Organisation for Diaspora Initiatives (ODI India) and Diaspora and International Migration Programme (DIMP), CAS-School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, September 12
- “Cultural Resistance among Dalit-Bahujan Students,” organized by [Ambedkar-King Study Circle](#), August 28
- “Gender Resistance in India,” in Introduction to Sociology course of Prof. Kathleen Guidroz, Georgetown University, August 3
- The Role of Dalit Literature in Globalizing Phule-Ambedkarite Movement, in [ThoughtPodium](#), organized by the Ambedkar International Mission, Calgary, Canada, June 27
- “Universities in the time of Crisis” at [SGR Knowledge foundation](#).
- “Ethnography and Cultural Studies” in Research Methodology Workshop, organized by Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, May 26

- “Covid-19 and the Changing Landscape of the Indian and the U.S. Higher Education” organized by Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, May 24

2019

- *The University as a Site of Resistance*, at Ahmedabad University, Gujrat, November 27
- [Dismantling Casteism & Racism](#) organized by Ambedkar Association of North America at University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. October 12
- *Beyond the Cover: Authors Who Inspire*, [Indiaspora Global Forum](#), Tarrytown Estate on the Hudson, New York, September 15
- *Gender Violence, Power and Politics in South Asia*, to Prof. Kathleen Guidroz’s Sociology of Gender at the Department of Sociology, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, June 27
- [What’s Up with Student Activism Now in India and the US](#), discussion with Mark Rudd (1968 Columbia Student Activist of Free Speech Movement), organized by Sigur Center for Asian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, Washington, DC
- [Aaj Kal Ki Ladkiyan](#) (Today’s Girls) - a talk on gender issues organized by the South Asian Student Association, George Washington University, Washington, DC, April

2018

- “Indian Universities and Intellectuals” - Guest lecture at [Race, Caste and the University: B. R. Ambedkar](#) [BC3825/ GR 6998] at Barnard College, Columbia University
- Online presentation “Reservation, Representation and Resistance: Understanding Student Activism,” in a conference *Reservation, Representation and Social Justice*, organized by ICSSR and the Department of Higher Education at Osmania University, Hyderabad, March 23
- [“Ethnography and the Challenges of the Field,”](#) Invited as a resource person for a day-long faculty development program on research methods at the Symbiosis University, Hyderabad, December 14
- [“Caste Identity in Academics and Dr. Ambedkar's Global Perspective,”](#) at the Department of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Studies and Ambedkar Chair (Adhyasan) at Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, Maharashtra, November 24

- “[University and Student Resistance](#),” at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT-Gandhinagar, Gujarat, November 22
- “[Sustainable Higher Education: The Social Responsibility of Universities](#),” In *Promoting a Culture of Excellence in Universities: Role of Ranking and Benchmarking*, at the Jindal Global University, Sonapat, November 18
- “[The Social Responsibilities of the University](#),” at the Central University of Punjab, Department of Sociology, Bhatinda (Punjab), November 20
- “[University, Knowledge Economy and Inclusive Development in India](#),” at Dev Samaj Post-Graduate College for Women, Ferozepur, Punjab, November 17
- “The University as a Site of Resistance”, at the Center for Policy Research in Higher Education, at the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi, November 15
- *Exploring Dalit-OBC Student Activism at Indian Universities*, Annual South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October, 11-14
- *Epistemology of Dalit-OBC Student Politics*, 70th Anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Fukuoka, Japan, September 23
<https://www.thewire.in/caste/at-japan-convention-dalit-and-burakumin-people-forge-solidarity>
- *University Education and Inclusive Development*, organized by the Department of Geography, Kalindi College, University of Delhi, February 20

2017

- “Role of Caste and Social Movements in National-Building,” symposium organized by the ICSSR-Southern Region and Osmania University, Hyderabad, July 19
- “Changing Epistemology of Dalit-OBC Student Activism,” Dalit Movements in North India: Theory, Praxis and Challenges, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, November 26-28
- “An Ethnography of Caste and Class,” 4th Annual Conference on The Unfinished Legacy of Dr. Ambedkar: Reconfiguring Caste and Race Solidarities, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, May 5

2017

- “Demonising Religion, Countering Tradition: Exploring Identity Formation among Dalit-OBC Students in India,” Annual Meeting of South Asian Anthropology Group (SAAG), University of Edinburgh, September 8

- "Demonising Religion, Countering Tradition: Indian Student Activism in Contemporary Democracy," 3rd International conference on Dr. Ambedkar, *Re-Imagining Religion, Caste and Social Justice in South Asia*, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, April 28-30.
 - "Being a Student Researcher and an Outsider Studying Student Movements," *Voicing Experience: The 4th British Conference of Autoethnography*, Department of Sociology, University of Sussex, June 15-16
 - "Contemporary Student Movements: Understanding Ambedkarian and Gramscian Perspective," organized by the Ambedkar Chair, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, April 30
- 2016
- *Discrimination, Distress and Higher Education in India*, workshop organized by University College London, British Council, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, September 12-17
 - "Socio-Economic Dynamics in Indian Higher Education: Towards Public Education and a Knowledge Society," National Seminar - *Education and Public Sphere*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, March 17-18
 - "Sub-Regionalism in Democracy," Rajni Kothari Memorial Seminar: *The Question is Democracy*, at the Center for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi, March 14-16
- 2015
- "Identity Networks and the Emergence of the New Student Movement," *Graduate Seminar*, Zakir Husain Center for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, September 15-16.
- 2014
- "University as a Site of Critical Thinking: Understanding Contemporary Student Politics and its Critique to Dominant Culture," International conference: *Education, Politics and Social Change*, Comparative Education Society of India (CESI) at the University of Delhi, October 17-20.
 - "Counter-Hegemonic Assertion of Marginalized Students on University Campuses in India," National Seminar: *Higher Education in India and the Marginalized: A Critique of Access, Equity and Quality in Global Context*, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and ICSSR, March 3-4
- 2013
- "Middle Class Resistance and New Social Movements," Tracking the Growth of Middle Class," Center for Culture and Development National Conference, Vadodara, Gujarat, November 27-29

- “Identity Based Networks and the Emergence of New Student Movements on University Campuses: Analysing JNU and Osmania,” *Higher Education in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities*, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, April 4-5

2012

- “Collective Identities and Contentious Politics: Analyzing Caste Networks in Jawaharlal Nehru University,” in Annual International Conference of Comparative Education Society of India, *Education for a Changing World*, University of Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir, October 10-12
- “Role of Literature and Movement: Analysing Indian Student Movement,” Online presentation - *Humanism, Democracy and Culture: Post-Colonial Discourse*, Department of Higher Education and RKSD College, Kaithal, Haryana, March 20-21
- “Debating Honor Killings in India,” at ITT Technical Institute, Orange, California, February 26

2011

- “University as a Site of Struggle for Social Justice: An Identity Based Student Activism in JNU,” ‘*South Asia In Transition*’ Department of Sociology, University of Oxford and Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), London, UK, November 25-26
- “Caste Based Student Networks in a University Campus,” *Comparative Education Society of India (CESI): Rethinking Education Policy*, University of Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, November 16-19
- “Reservation and Identity Consciousness: A Study of Identity Based Student Activism in Indian Universities,” National Conference on *Movement for Equity in Reservations*, Center for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, February 21-22

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- [Why Seattle Banned Caste-Discrimination](#), *PBS Newshour*, February 28
- [Saffron Scissors](#), *Frontline*, August 14, 2020
- [Dalit Dastak](#), *Joothan* (Poetry Recitation), May 2, 2020
- [Dalit Dastak](#), *BlackHole* (Poetry Recitation), April 13, 2020

- [Pehchaan](#) students' magazine, Ahmedabad University, February 2020
- Is Campus Activism Losing its Sting, *Open Magazine*, November 29, 2019
<https://openthemagazine.com/features/is-campus-activism-losing-its-sting/>
- [Resistance Studies Initiative](#), October 30, 2019
- [Dalit Diaspora in the United States](#), interview with *Dalit Dastak*, a YouTube Channel, December 19, 2018
- Higher Education in India is design to exacerbate tensions of Caste and Class, [Counterview.org](#) [November 18]
- [Massachusetts University Honors Ambedkar](#), *The Quint*, June 9, 2018
- [Dalit Spring in India](#), *Sputnik Radio*, Washington, DC, April 11, 2018
- [Caste Prejudice Still Alienates College Students in India](#), *Pullias Center for Higher Education*, February 28, 2018

COMMUNITY WORK

Public Speaker: [Belongg.net](#)

Annual membership:

[Ambedkar International Center, Maryland](#)

Ambedkar International Mission

Ambedkar Association of North America

Mentor @ Authors' Lab ([Ambedkar International Center, Maryland](#))

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Comparative International Education Society (CIES)- Annual
- American Sociological Association (ASA)- Annual
- Southern Sociological Society (SSS)- Annual
- D.C. Sociological Society (DCSS)- Annual
- Asian Qualitative Inquiry Association - Annual
- Comparative Education Society of India (CESI)- Life-time