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## **EDUCATION**

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Dual-Ph.D., Successfully Defended Dissertation, August, 2008. The Pennsylvania State University, Departments of Political Science and Women's Studies.

Dissertation: *Fictive Images and the Feminist Democratic Imagination*.

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee: Nancy Love (Chair, Political Science), Joan Landes (History/WS), Susan Squier (English/WS), John Christman (Political Science/Philosophy), Mrinalini Sinha (History/WS), P.J. Brendese (Political Science).

M.A., 2004. The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Political Science.

M.A., 2000. Presidency College (India), University of Calcutta, Department of Political Science. First Class.

B.A., 1998. Presidency College (India), University of Calcutta, Department of Political Science. Second Fields: History and Economics. First Class with Distinction.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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"Cartooning Democracy: The Images of R. K. Laxman," *PS: Political Science and Politics*, April 2007, 303-306.

### Book Review:

*The Gender of Democracy* written by Maro Pantelidou Maloutas, Book review for *Politics and Gender*, Volume 3, Number 1, 2007, 135-137.

### WORKS IN PROGRESS:

"Feminist Satiric Cartographies: A Space for Democratic Imagination." Revise and Resubmit, *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*. Resubmitted in June, 2008.

"*Connollizing* Feminist Cartoons." Article manuscript being revised for submission.

"Becoming Animal and Deconstructing Animality: A Feminist Exploration." Article manuscript being revised for submission.

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

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### **Political Science**

History of political thought  
Post-modern theory  
Critical theory  
Democratic theory  
Post-colonial politics

### **Women's Studies**

Introduction to Women's Studies  
Gender and nationalism  
Global feminism/Transnational feminism  
Feminist theory  
Feminist visual theory

## **GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

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**Friedman Teaching Award for Outstanding Student Instructor:** \$500, Department of Political Science, Penn State 2008-2009.

**Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award:** \$500, Department of Women's Studies, Penn State 2008.

**Penn State's Rock Ethics Institute Fellowship:** \$1,000 research stipend, 2007-2008.

**Humanities Initiative Dissertation Release:** teaching release, tuition, and stipend, awarded by the College of The Liberal Arts, Penn State, Fall 2007.

**Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award:** \$500, Department of Women's Studies, Penn State 2007-2008.

**Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award:** \$2,000 research stipend, Department of Political Science, Penn State, 2005-2006.

### **Travel Grants:**

APSA (American Political Science Association) 2008.

Department of Women's Studies (2007, 2008).

Department of Political Science (January 2007, September 2006, Dec 2005, April 2005, May 2004).

NWSA (National Women's Studies Association) 2004.

**Lalchand Mookerjee Foreign Scholarship:** (35,000 rupees) Awarded by the University of Calcutta, India, 2002-2003.

**Award under the National Scholarship Scheme:** Government of India, for B.A. Political Science Honors Examination, 2000.

**Naresh Chandra Chakraborty Memorial Prize:** secured the First position in the Test Examination of Presidency College, India 1998.

**Nirmal kanti Majumdar Memorial Prize** for having secured the First position in the B.A. Annual Examination of Presidency College, India 1997.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- "Specter-cular Democracy." APSA (American Political Science Association) Conference, Boston, August 2008.
- "Cartooning 9/11: An Examination of Art Spiegelman's Visual Politics." APSA (American Political Science Association) Conference 2007, Chicago, September 2007, Poster.
- "Roundtable for Women's Studies Graduate Students," Fifth Annual Meeting of the Cultural Studies Association, Co-Chair, Portland State University, Oregon, April 2007.
- "Art Spiegelman's Animal Cartoons." The Nature of the Beast: The Animal in Art, Culture and Society Conference 2007, University Park, April 2007.
- "Using Neurobiology: Connollizing Feminist Cartoons." APSA (American Political Science Association) Conference 2006, Philadelphia, September 2006.
- "Real-izing Ourselves: Approaching Politics Anew." WSGO (Women's Studies Graduate Organization) Conference 2006, University Park, 2006.
- "*Connollizing Feminist Cartoons.*" Mid-West Political Science Conference, Chicago, April 2005.
- "Feminist Satiric Cartographies: A Space for Democratic Imagination." NWSA 2004 Conference, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2004.

## **ASSISTANTSHIPS**

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### **Research Assistant:**

- Fall 2005-Spring 2006: (Dr. Marie Hojnacki; Dr. Kellie Butler), Duties: Coding data for the Disease Project and coding data on *Governors*.
- Fall 2004-Spring 2005: (Dr. Regina Smyth; Dr. Kellie Butler), Duties: Reading through the manuscript for a book project and coding data on *Governors*.
- Fall 2002-Spring 2003: Lobby Project (Dr. Frank Baumgartner and Dr. Marie Hojnacki), Duties: Coding data from various businesses, political organizations, and lobbyist groups into the Lobby Project database.

### **Teaching Experience:**

- Fall 2008: Selected Works in the History of Political Theory: *Gender in Canonical Political Writings*, Political Science 430W (Instructor)
- Spring 2008: Introduction to Feminist Theory, Women's Studies 001 (Instructor)

**Teaching Experience continued**

Summer 2007: Introduction to Political Theory: Body Politics, Political Science 17W (Instructor)

Spring 2007: Introduction to Feminist Theory, Women's Studies 001 (Instructor)

Fall 2006: Introduction to Feminist Theory, Women's Studies 001 (Instructor)

Summer 2006: Introduction to Political Theory: Body Politics, Political Science 17W (Instructor)

Fall 2005: Contemporary Political Ideologies (Teaching Assistant for Dr. Nancy Love)

Spring 2004: Contemporary Political Ideologies (Teaching Assistant for Dr. Nancy Love)

Fall 2003: Comparative Politics (Teaching Assistant for Dr. Regina Smyth)

Year 2001: Indian Political Thought (Instructor in Presidency College, India)  
Political Ideologies (Instructor in Presidency College, India)

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

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Visualizing Animals (Penn State), President, 2008-2009.

WSGO (Women's Studies Graduate Organization at Penn State), President, 2006-2007.

Department of Women's Studies Graduate Matters Committee, Graduate Student Representative, 2006-2007.

ASAR (Association of South Asia Research at Penn State), Treasurer, 2006-2007.

ASAR (Association of South Asia Research at Penn State), President, 2005-2006.

Graduate Student Association, Political Science Department Representative, 2004-2005.

Graduate Association of Political Science (Penn State), Vice-President, 2004-2005.

Member: ASHA for Education.

Member: American Political Science Association.

Member: National Women's Studies Association.

**Member of Organizing Committee:**

Finding Animals: Toward a Comparative History and Theory of Animals, International Symposium at Penn State (April-May, 2009). Pending.

Memorialization, Community, and Justice Conference at Penn State (April, 2008).

The Nature of the Beast: The Animal in Art, Culture and Society Conference at Penn State (April, 2007).

WSGO (Women's Studies Graduate Organization) Annual Conference (March, 2007).

Annual South Asia Conference at Penn State (May, 2007).

Bhopal Initiative at Penn State: A Response to the Tragedy (Nov-Dec, 2006).

Annual South Asia Conference at Penn State (16th May, 2006).

**REFERENCES (all references: The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802, except\*)**

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