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UNIVERSITY ADDRESS

Department of Political Science
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Purdue University, August 2007

Dissertation: " Dynamics of Dissent: A Study of Inclusion and Solidarity in the Transnational Women's Movement."

Areas of specialization: International Relations, Public Policy, Women's Studies, Quantitative Methodology

M.A., Political Science, Purdue University, USA, 2002

LL.B., Government Law College, India, 1999

B.A., English Literature, Sophia College for Women, India, 1996

ICPSR Summer Course in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan, 2001

Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Workshop on Qualitative Methods, June 2006

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Purdue University, Spring 2007

Instructor, Kingston College, Toronto, 2005-2006

Independent Instructor, Purdue University, 2003-2004

Statistical Consultant, Purdue University, 2002-2003

Teaching Assistant, Purdue University, 2000-2003

Courses taught at Kingston College:

PBUSI 594, Business Organization, Winter 2005, Spring 2006

PBUSI 172, Business Law, Fall 2005

POL 2010, Introduction to International Politics, Summer 2005

Courses taught at Purdue University:

POL 130, Introduction to International Relations, Spring 2003; Fall 2003; Spring 2004

Teaching Assistant at Purdue University:

POL 130, Introduction to International Relations

POL 435/H, International Law

POL 432/H, Selected Problems in World Order: Human Transformations

POL 300, Introduction to Political Analysis

POL 101, Introduction to American Politics and Government

Teaching Interests: Women and politics, gender and international relations, international politics, international law and human rights

INSTRUCTIONAL TRAINING

POL 603, Teaching Political Science

Centre for Instructional Excellence Seminar “Questioning in the Classroom”

Centre for Instructional Excellence Seminar “Lecturing Skills”

Centre for Instructional Excellence Seminar “Designing Instruction”

Centre for Instructional Excellence Seminar “Assessing Papers, Projects and Performances”

Centre for Instructional Excellence Seminar “Motivation in the Classroom”

RESEARCH

Scholarly Interests: Transnational women’s movements, gender and international relations, global civil society, international law, human rights

Research Skills: Qualitative interviews and methods, Regression Analysis, some Game Theory.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Legal Assistant, Mulla & Mulla & Craigie Blunt & Caroe, India, 1998-1999

Legal Intern, Mulla & Mulla & Craigie Blunt & Caroe, India, 1996-1998

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Member of the Advisory Board of American Undergraduate Journal of Politics & Government, Purdue University, 2002-2004

Editor of annual college magazine, Sophia College for Women, 1993-1996

AWARDS AND HONORS

‘Outstanding Teaching Assistant’ Award, Purdue University, 2003

‘Rotary Best Student of the Year’ Award, Sophia College, 1996

Wilfred Pereira Prize for the best article in the college magazine, Sophia College, 1996

GRANTS

Purdue Research Foundation Summer Grant (\$4200), Purdue University, Summer 2004

Purdue Graduate Student Government Travel Grant (\$300), Purdue University, Fall 2007

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Paper titled “Safe Space: Transnational Conferences as Strategic Spaces for Inclusive Solidarity” presented at Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences 2007 Congress (Canadian Women Studies Association)

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS (ELECTED)

President of Political Science Graduate Student Association, Purdue University, 2001-2002

Ad-hoc member of the Student Council, Government Law College, 1998-1999

Secretary of Sophia Press and Radio Action Group, Sophia College for Women, 1995-1996

Executive Member of College Union Committee, Sophia College for Women, 1995-1996

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Statistical Assistance, Dye, Thomas R. and Harmon Zeigler. 2002. *Irony of Democracy: An Uncommon Introduction to American Politics*. Wadsworth Publishing.

Radio Broadcast, WBAA Behind the News “Garment Sweatshops and Women’s Human Rights” <http://www.polsci.purdue.edu/Docs/wbaanews.html>

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Canadian Political Science Association

Canadian Women’s Studies Association

International Studies Association

American Political Science Association

LIST OF REFERENCES

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