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Research and teaching interests

International security, national identity, nuclear nonproliferation, immigration, and South Asia

Work in progress

"Branding India: Constructing a Reputation for Responsibility in the Nuclear Order," under review

"The Immigrant Challenge: National Identity and Attitudes towards US Foreign Policy among Second-Generation Americans," under review

Higher Education

PhD: "Regimes at Work: The Nonproliferation Order and Indian Nuclear Policy" Department of Government, Cornell University, awarded May 2006

MPhil, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 1999

MA (French), English and Foreign Language University (formerly Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages), Hyderabad, India, 1998

MA (International Politics), School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 1997

Previous Positions

Stanton Nuclear Security Junior Faculty Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2010-11

Senior Lecturer, Government Department, Suffolk University, Boston, Summer 2009

Program Associate, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, 2008-09

Associate, International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2008-09

Postdoctoral Fellow, Simons Centre for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Research, Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, 2006-08

Predoctoral Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University, 2004-05

Affiliations

Affiliate, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University (2009-present)

Teaching

SJSU: United States Foreign Policy, War and Peace, Globalization, Asian Politics, Introduction to International Relations, Senior Seminar on Nuclear Weapons

University of British Columbia: Security Studies (co-taught)

Cornell University: Militaries and Societies in the Modern Age (First Year seminar)

Journal Articles

- "Serbia 'Enters' Europe: International Mobility and the Redrawing of State Boundaries." *Mediterranean Quarterly*, 24, no.2 (2013).
- "Enclave under Siege: International Norms and Challenges to the Indian Nuclear Complex." *Korean Journal of International Studies*, 11, no. 2 (2013).
- "The India-US Nuclear Cooperation Agreement: Explaining the Contentious Indian Debate." *Asian Survey*, 53. No.4 (2013). With Gilles Verniers.
- "The Role of Culture in Understanding Nuclear Organizations." *Annual Review of Political and Military Sociology*, 39 (2011).
- "State Agency in the Time of the Global War on Terror: India and the Counter-Terrorism Regime." *Review of International Studies*, 36, No.3 (2010).
- "Canada (En)Counters Terrorism: US-Canada Relations and Counter-Terrorism Policy." *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 21. No.1 (2009). With Veronica Kitchen.
- "Economic Engagement between India and China: Implications for Stability." *Asian Perspective*, 31, No.4 (2007). With Christopher Rusko.
- "India's Emergence as a "Responsible" Nuclear Power." International Journal, 62, no. 4 (2007).

Book Chapters

"Theorizing India-Pakistan Deterrence Dynamics: A Case for Broadening." In *Nuclearization of South Asia: Implications for India's National Security*, edited by Happymon Jacob and Rajesh Rajagopalan.Forthcoming.

"In Deterrence We Trust: Learning to Play the Nuclear Game in South Asia." In *Does India Think Strategically? Institutions, Strategic Culture, and Security Policies*, edited by Happymon Jacob. New Delhi: Manohar Publishers, 2014.

"Mobility and Identity: India, the United States, and Cross-Border Flows in a Time of Terrorism." In *Security and Insecurity: Community, Citizenship, and the 'War on Terror'* edited by Jef Huysmans and Patricia Noxolo. Basingstoke, Hampshire: Palgrave, 2009.

"Testing Theories of Proliferation: The Case of Nuclear South Asia." In *Inside Nuclear South Asia*, edited by Scott D. Sagan. Stanford CA: Stanford University Press, 2009. With Christopher R. Way.

"Crisis and Opportunity: The 1990 Nuclear Incident in South Asia." In *Nuclear Proliferation in South Asia: Crisis Behaviour and the Bomb* edited by Sumit Ganguly and S. Paul Kapur. London: Routledge, 2008.

"India, the Global Nuclear Order and Canadian Policy Options." In *Canadian Policy on Nuclear Co-Operation with India: Confronting New Dilemmas*, edited by Karthika Sasikumar and Wade Huntley, 137-51. Vancouver BC: Simons Centre for Disarmament and Non-proliferation Research, 2007. With Wade Huntley.

"A World of Risk: The Current Environment for U.S. Nuclear Weapons Policy." In *U.S. Nuclear Weapons Policy: Confronting Today's Threats*, edited by George Bunn and Christopher F. Chyba, 1-33. Washington DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2006. With Christopher Chyba.

"Nuclear Cooperation with India: Summary and Conclusions." In *Nuclear Cooperation with India: New Challenges, New Opportunities*, edited by Wade Huntley and Karthika Sasikumar, 67-75. Vancouver BC: Simons Centre for Disarmament and Non-proliferation Research, 2006.

Paradox Compounded: Stability, Instability, and the India-Pakistan Rivalry." In *Terrorism in South Asia*, edited by Dipankar Sengupta and Sudhir K. Singh. New Delhi: Authors' Press, 2004.

Book reviews and other non-peer reviewed publications

"Managing India's Nuclear Forces." *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, 51, no.4 (2013) Review of Verghese Koithara, *Managing India's Nuclear Forces*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2012.

"US Must Separate Religion and Iran Policy." *The Diplomat,* thediplomat.com, June 26, 2013. With Ksenia Bergantz.

"Minding our Language: Indian Accents." Huffington Post, huffingtonpost.com, January 30, 2012.

- "The Failed State Label." The Diplomat, the-diplomat.com, January 23, 2012.
- "The Fractures that Breed Danger." Huffington Post, huffingtonpost.com, May 25, 2011.
- "Views on the Global Future of Nuclear Power After Fukushima." May 16, 2011. http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/publication/21044/views_on_the_global_future_of_nuclear_power_after_fukushima.html
- "Documenting Disarmament." *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*, 17, no.1 (2011) Review of Lawrence S. Wittner, *Confronting the Bomb: A Short History of the World Nuclear Disarmament Movement*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2009.
- "There's still reason to worry about nuclear energy's expansion." *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, December 1, 2009.
- "India's Debated Nuclear Policy: A Review Essay." *India Review*, 8, no.3 (2009). Review of Karsten Frey, *India's Nuclear Bomb and National Security*, Routledge Advances in South Asian Studies; 4. London; New York: Routledge, 2006; and Bharat Karnad, *India's Nuclear Policy*. Westport, Conn.: Praeger Security International, 2008.
- "Apprentice Sorcerers and the March of Folly." *Nonproliferation Review* 15, no. 1 (2008). Review of Richard Rhodes, *Arsenals of Folly: The Making of the Nuclear Arms Race*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2007.
- Siegel, Scott N., Ariel Ahram, Julie Azari, Ashwini Chhatre, Bridget Coggins, Jana Grittersova, Matthew Ingram, Matthew Lieber, Claire Metelits, Tom Pepinsky, Andrew Pieper, Karthika Sasikumar, and Prerna Singh. "Trends in Multi-Method Research: Sailing Ahead, Reckoning with Old Risks and New." *APSA Qualitative Methods Section Newsletter* 5, no. 1 (2007): 24-29.
- "Air India's Lesson for Promoting Security at Home." *Globe and Mail*, May 14, 2007. With Veronica Kitchen.

India and Israel: A Tale of Two Responses. thetyee.ca, July 24, 2006.

- "Leaders and Laggards: When and Why Do Countries Sign the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty?" Montreal: McGill University Research Group in International Security, 2005. With Christopher R. Way.
- "Analogies at War: Iraq and Vietnam." San Jose Mercury News, May 2, 2005. With Lien-Hang Nguyen.
- "Riding the Tiger." *Critical Asian Studies* 36, no. 2 (2004): 316-19.

 Review of Meera Nanda, *Prophets Facing Backward: Postmodern Critiques of Science and Hindu Nationalism in India.* New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 2003.

"South Asia: A Geopolitical Concept? ." *South Asia* 27, no. 3 (2004): 293-94. Review of Graham Chapman, *The Geopolitics of South Asia*. Aldershot, Hampshire: Ashgate, 2003.

"The Global Politics of Power, Justice and Death." *International Studies* 36, no. 3 (1999): 299-302. With Govind Nayak.

Review of Peter J. Anderson, *The Global Politics of Power, Justice and Death.* New York: Routledge, 1996.

Presentations

Invited Talks

- "The nuclear deal with Iran," Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley, Los Gatos, May 13, 2015.
- "National Identity and International Norms in Deterrence Analysis," Center for the Advanced Study of India, Annual Indian Security Studies Workshop, Philadelphia, April 10-11, 2015.
- "The Stability-Instability Paradox and its Impact on Indian Policy," Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, March 27, 2015.
- "Learning to love India's bomb," Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, Public Policy and Nuclear Threats Workshop-in-Residence, San Diego, August 16, 2013.
- "The adoption and adaptation of deterrence theories," The Program in Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 11, 2012
- "Towards an active learning classroom," College of Social Sciences Dean's Symposium, SJSU, March 8, 2012
- "Nuclear doctrine and policy in South Asia," Stanton Nuclear Security Fellows Seminar, Washington DC, May 19, 2011.
- "From Target to Designer: Multilateral Export Controls and Safeguards in Indian Nuclear Policy," Managing the Atom Project, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, April 26, 2011.
- "South Asia's security challenges," Introduction to South Asia 2011 Seminar Series, Primary Source, Watertown MA, April 14, 2011.
- "The Future of Asia: Stable Center of the World or Locus of Conflict?" Harvard Project for Asia and International Relations Conference, February 12, 2011.
- "How to Get Others to Stop Worrying and Love your Bomb," International Security Program, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, November 8, 2010.

(with Christopher R. Way), "Paper Tigers or Barriers to Proliferation: What Accessions Reveal about NPT Effectiveness," Seminar, Center for International Security and Co-operation, Stanford University, April 15, 2010.

"Investigating Foreign Policy Attitudes Among Children of Immigrants," Workshop on Immigration, Silicon Valley Center for Global Innovation and Immigration, San José State University, January 29-31, 2010.

"In Deterrence We Trust: Learning to Play the Nuclear Game in South Asia," A Decade of Nuclear Learning: Ten Years after the South Asian Nuclear Tests, Conference organized by the US Naval Postgraduate School, Honolulu, February 12-13, 2009.

"Mobility and Identity: India, the United States, and Cross-border Flows in a Time of Terrorism," Workshop on Aid, Security and Civil Society in the Post-9/11 Context, London School of Economics, London, June 28-29, 2007.

"India Emerging: Implications for Canada," Canadian Institute of International Affairs, Ottawa, December 1, 2006.

"Regimes at Work: India and the Nonproliferation Regime," Social Science Seminar, CISAC, Stanford University, April 7, 2005.

(with Lien-Hang Nguyen), "Lessons from History: Iraq and Vietnam," Palo Alto High School International Week Seminar Series, Palo Alto, CA, March 8, 2005.

(with Christopher R. Way) "Testing Theories of Proliferation: Lessons from South Asia," Conference on South Asia and the Nuclear Future, Stanford University, June 4-5 2004.

"Conducting Elite Interviews in Fieldwork," Government Department Training Colloquium, Cornell University, September 19, 2003.

"Stability, Instability, and the India-Pakistan Rivalry," Seminar on Terrorism in South Asia, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, November 16, 2002.

"India in the War Against Terrorism," Forum on Second-Tier States and the Coalition Against Terrorism, Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, November 2001.

"India's Doctrine of Deterrence," Women in International Security Summer Symposium, Annapolis, MD, June 2001.

Invited participant

Basin Harbor Teacher's Workshop, The Merrill Center for Strategic Studies, June 4-8, 2012.

Simulations and Role Play Track, Conference on Teaching and Learning, American Political Science Association, Washington DC, February 17-19, 2012.

Conference on Controlling Civil Conflict and Nuclear Weapons – Exploring the Connections, Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland, June 29-July 1, 2008.

New Approaches to Co-operative Security Workshop, Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland, June 29-July 1, 2004.

Workshop on Nuclear Stability in South Asia, Social Science Research Council, Washington DC, January 15-17, 2004.

Conference Papers

- "National identity and international norms in deterrence analysis," Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, February 2015.
- "The Construction, Use, and Abuse of Nuclear Expertise in India," Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, February 2014.
- "Constructing a Reputation for Responsibility: India and the Global Nuclear Order," Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, February 2014.
- "The diffusion of nuclear security norms: India, France, and the formation of strategic expertise," Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, February 2013.
- "Enclave under siege: Local and global pressures on the Indian nuclear complex," Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, February 2013.
- "Examining the Dominance of Deterrence Discourse in India," Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, April 2012; Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, September 2012.
- "Political Socialization Patterns among Second-Generation Americans," Immigration Symposium 2011, San Jose State University, San Jose, April 2011. With Melinda Jackson.
- "Doctrinal Developments: Learning to play the nuclear game in South Asia," Fourth Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies-Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis Bilateral Seminar, New Delhi, January 8, 2011
- "Investigating Foreign Policy Attitudes Among Children of Immigrants," National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2011; Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, April 2010. With Melinda Jackson.
- "The Indian Debate over the Civilian Nuclear Agreement with the United States: Premises and Portents," Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia, March 2010. With Melinda Jackson.

"India and Iran in the Global Nuclear Order," Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, February 2010.

- "India and Iran in the Global Nuclear Order," International Security Studies Section Conference, Monterey, October 2009.
- "Blasts from the Past: Discourses on Nuclear Power over Six Decades," Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New York City, February 2009. With Hisham Zerriffi.
- "Weapons of the Weak(er): Deploying Norms in International Relations," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 2008.
- "Paper Tigers or Barriers to Proliferation: What Accessions Reveal about NPT Effectiveness," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 2007. With Christopher R. Way.
- "State Agency in the Time of the Global War on Terror: India and the Counter-Terrorism Regime," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 2007.
- "The Exception that Proves the Rule? India and the Nonproliferation Regime," Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Chicago, March 2007.
- "Leaders and Laggards: When and Why do Countries Sign the NPT?," Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Chicago, February 2007. With Christopher R. Way.
- "Economic Diplomacy and Hard Security Issues: Canada and South Asian Nuclear Policy," 14th Annual Conference of the Canadian Consortium on Asia Pacific Security, Toronto, December 2006.
- "Dangerous Debris: The Politics and Technology of a Space Traffic Control Regime," Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Diego, March 2006. With Matija Cuk.
- "A Tale of Two Nations: India, the United States, and Cross-Border Flows in a Time of Terrorism," Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Diego, March 2006.
- "Regimes at Work: A Comparative Analysis of the International Nonproliferation and Counter-Terrorism Regimes," Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Honolulu, March 2005.
- "Restructuring the Economy, Revisioning India," 33rd Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 2004.
- "The Political Economy of Revisionism: India and the Nonproliferation Regime," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2005.
- "India's Efforts in Counter-terrorism and Nonproliferation," Annual Conference of the New York State Political Science Association, Binghamton, NY, April 2004.

"Structure and Agency in the 'Coalition of the Willing': India and the Evolving International Counter-terrorism Regime," First Annual South Asia Graduate Conference, Cornell University, March 2004.

<u>Service</u>

Chair, Political Science Department Curriculum Committee, Fall 2015-

Speaker at the Graduate Student Orientation, SJSU, January 2015

Member of the CIES Dean Search Committee Spring 2014

Chair, Political Science Department Recruitment Committee for Comparative Politics, Fall 2014

External reviewer on a tenure review committee for a faculty member at a US SLAC, Summer 2014

Organized a panel discussion (November 2012) on Pakistani nuclear policy at SJSU (open to the public)

Chair, International Programs and Students Committee (2011-14)

Member, Political Science Department Curriculum and Scholarship Committees (2009-present)

Fellowships and Awards

Stanton Junior Faculty Nuclear Security Fellowship, 2010-11

College of Social Sciences-SJSU Research Foundation Grant, 2009

Dean's Travel Grant Award, San José State University, 2009 and 2011

Junior Research Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies, 2002-03

Research Grants from the Einaudi Center, the Graduate School, and the Peace Studies Program, Cornell University, 2002

Kahin Prize for Outstanding Achievement, Government Department, Cornell University, 2002

Mellon Fellowship, Cornell University, 1999, 2000 and 2004

Junior Research Fellowship, Government of India, 1997-99

Fellowship for International Studies, Ford Foundation, New Delhi, 1995-96

Special Merit Scholarship for French, Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad, India, 1995-98

Other professional activities

Member, Lean In book discussion group, SJSU, Summer 2015

Reviewer of textbooks for California Open Educational Resources Council, Summer 2015

Reviewer for Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Journal of Asian and African Studies, Review of International Studies, International Journal, International Relations, International Security, International Studies Perspectives, Nonproliferation Review, Security Dialogue, Terrorism and Political Violence

External Reviewer for Tenure, for a faculty member at a US SLAC in Summer 2014.

Basin Harbor Summer Workshop on the Teaching of Strategy, Johns Hopkins University, 2012

Program development and implementation, Simons Centre for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Research, University of British Columbia. Experience in project administration, conference organization, grant writing, supervising researchers, and publishing reports, 2005-07

Institute on Qualitative Research Methods, Arizona State University, 2002

Summer Workshop on Military Operations and Strategy, 2001

Summer Symposium, Women in International Security, 2001