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CURRENT

Emory University School of Law, *Associate Professor* (June 2023–) (with tenure Nov. 2023–)
India Center for Law and Justice, Seattle University School of Law, *Affiliated Faculty* (2019–)

EDUCATION

The University of Chicago Law School, *JD, 2016 honors*
The University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology, *PhD, 2013; MA, 2009*
Princeton University, Department of Politics, *AB, 2006 magna cum laude*

BOOKS

- THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF INDIA (co-author Deepika Kinhal) (Oxford University Press)
• invited contribution to the *Judicial Systems of the World* series, eds. David Law & Bryant Garth *under contract*
- THE WAR ON TENURE (Cambridge University Press) *in production*
- THE BATTLE FOR SABARIMALA: RELIGION, LAW, AND GENDER IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA (Oxford University Press) 2024
- Editor*, BEYOND THE ALGORITHM: QUALITATIVE INSIGHTS FOR GIG WORK REGULATION (Cambridge University Press) 2021
• *Honorable Mention*, Society for the Anthropology of Work 2021 Book Prize

ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS (* indicates peer review) († indicates invited contribution)

- The Past as a Colonialist Resource*
DUKE LAW JOURNAL 73(7): 1373–1436 2024
• Earlier draft selected for 2020 Stanford/Harvard/Yale Junior Faculty Forum
- The War on Tenure*
TENNESSEE LAW REVIEW 91(1): 1–52 2024
- * † *Deities' Rights?*
JOURNAL OF LAW & RELIGION, 38(3): 450–468 2023
- * *Tenure as a Labor Protection*
EMPLOYEE RIGHTS & EMPLOYMENT POLICY JOURNAL 26(2): 109–143 2023
- * † *From Mythic Saviors to #MeToo at the Indian Supreme Court*
ASIAN JOURNAL OF LAW AND SOCIETY 8(2): 226–254 2021
• 2023 Article Award, AALS Section on Law and South Asia
- Essentializing Labor Before, During, and After the Coronavirus Pandemic*
ARIZONA STATE LAW JOURNAL 52(4): 1091–1141 2021
• Reviewed May 7, 2021, in *JOTWELL: The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)*
- * *Just Hindus*
LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY 45(4): 965–994 2020
- * *Changing the Subject of Sati*
POLITICAL & LEGAL ANTHROPOLOGY REVIEW 43(1): 37–53 2020
• An earlier version won the Roy D. Albert Prize for best M.A. thesis in Anthropology
- † *Data Deficits in Municipal Rideshare Collaborations*
ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY LAW JOURNAL 63(1): 69–92 2019

<i>Unbundling Freedom in the Sharing Economy</i>	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 91(5) 793–838	
	• Featured on Larry Solum’s Legal Theory blog	2018
* † <i>Gods’ Homes, Men’s Courts, Women’s Rights</i>	INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 16(2): 552–73	2018
† <i>Invisible Bosses for Invisible Workers, or Why the Sharing Economy is Actually Minimally Disruptive</i>	UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LEGAL FORUM 2017: 35–61	2018
<i>Sovereignty and Social Change in the Wake of India’s Recent Sodomy Cases</i>	BOSTON COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW REVIEW 40(1): 1–26	2017
* <i>Temples, Courts, and Dynamic Equilibrium in the Indian Constitution</i>	AMERICAN JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW 64(3): 555–82	2016
* <i>Regulating Employment Relationships in the Sharing Economy</i>	EMPLOYEE RIGHTS & EMPLOYMENT POLICY JOURNAL 20(2): 1–35	2016
† <i>Celibate Gods and “Essential Practices” Jurisprudence at Sabarimala, 1991-2011</i>	in FILING RELIGION: STATE, HINDUISM, AND COURTS OF LAW 101 (eds. Daniela Berti et al)	2016
* <i>Divine Sovereignty, Indian Property Law, and the Dispute Over the Padmanabhaswamy Temple</i>	MODERN ASIAN STUDIES 50(3): 841–865	2016
* <i>Secularism in the Indian Context</i>	LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY 38(1): 138–67	2013

SHORT PIECES († indicates invited contribution)

<i>Peopling Constitutional Law: Revisiting ‘Constitutional Ethnography’ in the Twenty-First Century, I-CONnect</i>	I-CONnect (blog of the <i>International Journal of Constitutional Law</i>)	2023
	• introduction to symposium, ed. Deepa Das Acevedo	
† <i>Disciplinary Deities and How to Please Them</i>	LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY 47(4): 1291–1311 (reviewing THE RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON MODERN LEGAL REALISM and THE ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF LAW AND SOCIETY)	2023
<i>What’s Law Got To Do With It?: Anthropological Engagement with Legal Scholarship</i>	LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY 48(1): 1–13	2023
	• introduction to special issue, ed. Deepa Das Acevedo	
<i>Sweet Old-fashioned Notions: Legal Engagement with Anthropological Scholarship</i>	ALABAMA LAW REVIEW 73(4): 719–732	2022
	• introduction to special issue, ed. Deepa Das Acevedo	
† <i>On the Familiar Pleasures of Estrangement</i>	BUDDHISM AND COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 345–353 (eds. Tom Ginsburg & Benjamin Schonthal)	2022
† <i>Freedom at Work Inside and Outside the Gig Economy</i>	in THE ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF LABOR 233–42 (eds. Sharryn Kasmir & Lesley Gill)	2022
<i>Autocratic Legalism in India: a Roundtable</i>	JINDAL GLOBAL LAW REVIEW, doi: https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s41020-022-00171-y	2022
<i>(Im)mutable Race?</i>	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW ONLINE 116: 88–119	2021
	• Reviewed October 28, 2021, in JOTWELL: <i>The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)</i>	

<i>A Tale of Two Courts</i>	2020
CORNELL LAW REVIEW ONLINE 105: 67–80	
<i>Essentializing Labor Before, During, and After COVID-19</i>	2020
EXERTIONS: SOCIETY FOR THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF WORK	
† <i>Lumpy Work</i>	2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW ONLINE	
<i>Introduction, Innovation in Legal Anthropology: an LSR Retrospective</i> (with Anna C. Offit)	2020
LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW, https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1111/(ISSN)1540-5893.innovation-in-legal-anthropology	
† <i>Who Are Gig Workers?</i>	2019
THE REGULATORY REVIEW	
• One of the REVIEW's top-20 essays in 2019	
<i>Addressing the Retirement Crisis With Shadow 401(k)s</i>	2016
NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW ONLINE 92: 38–54	
• Alvin D. Lurie Memorial Award, 2016, American College of Employee Benefits Counsel	
† <i>Secularism and Religion-State Relations in Modern India</i>	2015
in BRILL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HINDUISM, VOL. VI, 50–56 (ed. Knut Axel Jacobsen)	
<i>Developments in Hindu Law From the Colonial to the Present</i>	2013
RELIGION COMPASS 7(7): 252–62	

MEDIA PUBLICATIONS († indicates invited contribution)

<i>The Extraordinariness of Extramural Absolutism</i>	Nov. 5, 2024
INSIDEHIGHERED	
<i>In the Battle for Tenure, Words Matter</i>	May 15, 2023
INSIDEHIGHERED	
† <i>India turns 75: Fast facts about the unusual constitution guiding the world's most populous democracy</i>	Aug. 12, 2022
THE CONVERSATION	
<i>Hijab ban: How courts have weaponised the Essential Religious Practices doctrine</i>	Feb. 28, 2022
SCROLL	
† <i>The Unique Goals and Challenges of Indian Secularism</i>	Jan. 29, 2020
THE HINDUSTAN TIMES	
† <i>The Battle for Sabarimala</i>	Apr. 4, 2019
FOREIGN AFFAIRS	
† <i>Pause for Thought: Supreme Court's Verdict on Sabarimala</i>	Oct. 27, 2018
ECONOMIC & POLITICAL WEEKLY 53(43): 12–15	

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

<i>An Inter-Asian Approach to Religion-State Relations?</i>	<i>in production</i>
Invited contribution to INTER-ASIAN LAW (eds. Matthew Eric & Ching-Fu Lin)	
<i>Cultivating Attentiveness to Law in India</i>	<i>in review</i>
Invited contribution to Socio-Legal Review (co-authored with Jahnavi Chamarthi, Emory '25)	
<i>Transformative Temple Entry Jurisprudence?</i>	<i>in draft</i>
Invited contribution to EXPLORING SOVEREIGNTY AND CHARISMA: ENGAGEMENTS, CONTESTATIONS AND FABULATIONS FROM THE GLOBAL SOUTH (eds. Filippo Osella, R. Santhosh, J. Devika)	
<i>Ethnography and the Legal Imagination</i>	<i>in draft</i>

GRANTS

Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellowship <i>Princeton University Center for Human Values</i>	2024-25
<i>*My employer, Emory Law, did not grant me permission to accept this fellowship</i>	
Public Scholarship Advancement Grant <i>Emory University Center for Faculty Development and Excellence</i>	2023-24
Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship <i>U.S. Department of State</i>	2023-24
Luce/ACLS Program in Religion, Journalism, and International Affairs <i>American Council of Learned Societies</i>	2020-21
Senior Fellowship (5 months) <i>M.S. Merian-R. Tagore International Centre of Advanced Studies</i>	2020-21
Franklin Research Grant <i>American Philosophical Society</i>	2019-20
Research Grants Committee Small Grant <i>University of Alabama</i>	2019-21
Social Sciences Dissertation-Year Fellowship <i>Mellon Foundation</i>	2012-13
<i>*This grant required me to relinquish all other grants for AY2012-13, including the three immediately below</i>	
Martin Marty Center Junior Fellowship <i>UChicago, Divinity School</i>	2012-13
Dissertation Fellowship <i>UChicago, Committee on Southern Asian Studies</i>	2012-13
Graduate Fellowship <i>UChicago, Nicholson Center for British Studies</i>	2012
Dissertation Fellowship <i>UChicago, Committee on Southern Asian Studies</i>	2011
International Dissertation Research Fellowship <i>Social Science Research Council</i>	2010-11
Doctoral Student Research Fellowship <i>Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (declined)</i>	2010-11
Graduate Aid Initiative Award <i>UChicago, Social Sciences Division</i>	2007-12

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

<i>Associate Professor</i> (pre-tenure), University of Alabama School of Law	August 2022–May 2023
<i>Assistant Professor</i> (pre-tenure), University of Alabama School of Law	July 2018–July 2022
<i>Visiting Fellow</i> , American Bar Foundation	2020-21
<i>Visiting Fellow</i> , Centre for Policy Research (New Delhi)	Summer 2019
<i>Sharswood Fellow</i> , Penn Law	2016-18
<i>Starr Prize Lecturer</i> , UChicago, Anthropology	2012
<i>Lecturer</i> , UChicago, College	2010-12
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , UChicago, College; UChicago, CSRPC	2008-10

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

<i>Summer Associate</i> , Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (Los Angeles)	2015
<i>Summer Associate</i> , Reed Smith (Chicago)	2014, '15
<i>Student Ombudsperson</i> , The University of Chicago (Chicago)	2014-16

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Service

Political and Legal Anthropology Review (Editor-in-Chief 2024–); *Law & Society Review* (Associate Editor 2021–22; Advisory Board 2023–; 2020–21); *Law & Social Inquiry* (Editorial Advisory Board 2021–24); *JOTWELL-Work Law Section* (Contributing Editor 2020–)

Peer Reviewer

Cambridge University Press; *Wolters Kluwer*; *Law and Society Review*; *Law & Social Inquiry*; *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*; *Current Anthropology*; *American Ethnologist*; *Journal of Law and Religion*; *Asian Journal of Law and Society*; *Journal of Religion, Law and State*; *Indian Journal of Constitutional and Administrative Law*; *Religions*; *Interdisciplinary Journal for Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society*; *Direito GV Law Review*; *International Journal of Human Resource Management*; *Canadian Labour & Employment Law Journal*

Committee Service

Emory Law (Member, Teaching Awards Committee 2024–25; Member, AI Appointments 2023-24); *Hong Kong University Centre for Interdisciplinary Legal Studies* (Member, Advisory Board); *Alabama Law* (Member, Appointments 2021-22; Member, Curriculum 2019-21; Member, Colloquium, 2018-19); *Law and Society Association* (Member, Board of Trustees, 2021-24; Chair, Budget & Finance, 2022-23; Member, Budget & Finance, 2024-25; Member, International Research Collaboratives, 2020-21; Member, International Activities, 2019-21; Conference Ombudsperson, 2019-23; Co-chair, CRN 8: Labor Rights, 2018-21); *American Anthropological Association* (Conference First Responder, 2024; Labor seat, Members Programmatic, Advisory, Advocacy Committee, 2021-24); *Association for Political and Legal Anthropology* (Member, Governing Board, 2022-24; Member, Graduate Student Paper Prize, 2022-24; Member, Events, 2022; Member, Nominations, 2022); *Association of American Law Schools* (Chair, Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation Section, 2021-22; Secretary, Law and South Asia Section, 2021-22; Chair, Law & Anthropology Section, 2020-21; Secretary, Scholarship Section, 2020-21)

FIELDWORK

Bengaluru, India	4 months	2023-24
New Delhi, India	5 weeks	2019
Philadelphia, USA	6 weeks	2017
Philadelphia, USA	4 months	2016
Kerala, India	8 months	2010
Kerala, India	6 weeks	2009

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, American Bar Foundation, American Society of Comparative Law Annual Meeting, Annual Conference on South Asia (UW-Madison), Association for Political and Legal Anthropology, Colloquium on Scholarship in Employment and Labor Law (COSELL), Columbia University Law School, Cornell India Law Center, Emory University Ethnographic Forum, Emory University School of Law, IntLawGrrls!, Kannur University Department of Anthropology, Labor Law Research Network (LLRN) Conference, Law and Social Science Network (LASSNET), Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Marco Biagi Conference, Michigan Young Scholars' Conference, National University of Singapore, New York University Law School, Philadelphia Bar Institute, Princeton University, Seton Hall University School of Law, Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS), St Louis University Law School, The University of Chicago Law School, University of Alabama Law School, University of Southern California Gould School of Law, University of Toronto CrimSL, University of Virginia Law School, Wake Forest Law School, Washington & Lee University

MEMBERSHIPS

Association of American Law Schools, Law & Society Association, American Anthropological Association, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology, American Society of Comparative Law