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Education:

PhD (2016)
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Graduate Minor in South Asia Studies
The Ohio State University

M.A. (2008)
Geography & Urban Planning
The University of Akron

B.A. (1995)
Sociology (HONS)
Minor: Economics, Political Science
Presidency College. The University of Calcutta

Employment

Assistant Professor
Feminist Studies
University of California, Santa Barbara.
(2020-Present)

Assistant Professor
Department of Geography & Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
University of Connecticut
(2016-2020)

Peer Reviewed Articles

DasGupta, D. 2019. "The Politics of Transgender Asylum and Detention." *Human Geography: A New Radical Journal*. Vol 12:3. Appears at <https://hugeog.com/the-politics-of-transgender-asylum-and-detention/>

DasGupta, D. 2019. "Trauma, Desire, and Trans/Gender Detention Politics in the US." *Women's Studies in Communication*. Vol 41. (3). 324-328.

DasGupta, D. and DasGupta, R.K. 2018. "Being Out of Place: Non-belonging and Queer Racialization in the U.K." *Emotions, Space, and Society*. Vol 27. 31-38.

DasGupta, R.K. and DasGupta, D. 2017. "Intimate Subjects and Virtual Spaces: Rethinking Sexuality as a Category for Intimate Ethnographies" *SEXUALITIES*. Vol 21 (5-6) 932-950.

Di Feliciantonio, C. Gadelha, B. K & DasGupta, D. 2017. "'Queer(y)ing' Methodologies: Doing Fieldwork and Becoming Queer" *Gender, Place, and Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography* (24) 3: 403-412. First published online May, 2017.

Nagar, I & DasGupta, D. 2015. "Public Kothi, and Private Love: Section 377, Religion, Perversity, and Lived Desire." *Contemporary South Asia* 23 (2): 426-441.

DasGupta, D. 2014. "Cartographies of Friendship, Desire, and Home; Notes on Surviving Neoliberal Security Regimes" *Disability Studies Quarterly* 34 (4): 1-21.

DasGupta, D. 2013. "Towards a Politics of Pleasure Knowledge." *Scholar & Feminist Online*. 12 (1-2). Special issue "Activism and the Academy," Fall 2013/Spring 2014. Barnard Center for Research on Women. <http://sfonline.barnard.edu/activism-and-the-academy/towards-a-politics-of-pleasure-knowledge/>

DasGupta, D. 2012. "Queering Immigration: Perspectives on Cross Movement Organizing." *Scholar & Feminist Online* 10 (1-2) Special issue "A New Queer Agenda," Fall 2011/Spring 2012. Barnard Center for Research on Women. <http://sfonline.barnard.edu/a-new-queer-agenda/queering-immigration-perspectives-on-cross-movement-organizing/>

Peer Reviewed Article in Progress

DasGupta, D & Roy, S. "Aparajita and Nishith Chetana: A City of Contested Queer Aesthetics." *Contemporary South Asia*. (Forthcoming).

DasGupta, D. "Trans/Space: Race, Class, and the Differential Politics of Gender Affirmation Procedures." *Society & Space: Environmental Planning*. D. (Forthcoming)

DasGupta, D., Catungal, J.P., Geiseking, J., and Rosenberg, R. "Letters from a Queer Classroom." *ACME: Journal of Radical Geography* (Forthcoming)

DasGupta, D. "Racialization, HIV/AIDS and the Political Potentials of Trauma." *Journal of Homosexuality*. Under Review.

Jain, D & Dasgupta, D. "Law, Gender Identity, and the Uses of Human Rights: The Paradox of Recognition." *Journal of Human Rights*. Under Review.

Encyclopedia Entries

Hijras in the *SAGE Encyclopedia of Trans Studies*. (Under Review)

Book Chapters

DasGupta, D. Siker, J. & Asgar, A. "COVID-19 and the Politics of Transgender Survival in Dhaka, Bangladesh." In *COVID Assemblages: Queer and Feminist ethnographies from South Asia* Edited by Banerjea, N. DasGupta, R.K. & Boyce, P. Routledge Publications. (Under Review)

Edited Books

Banerjea, N. DasGupta, D. DasGupta, R.K. and Grant, J. Eds. *Friendship As Social Justice Activism*. University of Chicago Press.

DasGupta, D & DasGupta. R.K. Eds. *Queering Digital India: Activisms, Intimacies, and Subjectivities*. The University of Edinburgh Press.

Awards, Fellowships and Grants

Junior Fellowship in Transregional Studies: Inter-Asian Contexts & Connections. Social Science Research Council. 2018-2019.

Salzburg Global Fellow. The German Government GZ. 2018-2019.

Global Challenges Research Fund. 2019. UK. Government. "Water Security Across the Gender Continuum."

Scholarship Facilitation Fund. Office of the Vice President for Research. University of Connecticut. Spring 2018.

Dean's Award. College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. Fund for Interdisciplinary Research Endeavors. University of Connecticut. Spring, 2017.

Faculty Research Award. The Human Rights Institute. University of Connecticut. Fall 2017.

Summer Research Award. Women's, Gender, Sexuality Studies Program. University of Connecticut. Spring, 2017.

Distinguished Service Award. Council of Graduate Students. The Ohio State University. 2016.

Dissertation Research Award. The Office of Diversity & Inclusion. The Ohio State University. 2015.

International Travel Award. The Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. The Ohio State University. 2015.

Domestic Travel Award. The Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. The Ohio State University. 2015.

Best Programming for Diversity & Inclusion. Residence Hall Advisory Council. The Ohio State University. 2015.

T.J. Reynolds Travel Award in Disability Studies. Association of American Geographers & The U.S. National Science Foundation 2013.

T.J. Reynolds Award for Best Graduate Student Paper in Disability Studies. Association of American Geographers. 2012. Paper title: "Cartographies of Friendship, Desire, and Home: Notes on Surviving Neo-Liberal Economic Regimes."

International Travel Award. The Royal Geographic Society and the Institute for British Geographers; Space, Sexualities, and Queer Research Group. 2012.

Graduate Research Grant. The College of Arts & Sciences. The Ohio State University. 2012.

Domestic Travel Award. The Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. The Ohio State University. 2012.

Domestic Travel Award. The Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. The Ohio State University. 2011.

The Ford Foundation & Academy for Educational Development. New Voices Fellowship. 2006- 2008.

The University of Akron. Graduate Fellowship. 1996-2000.

Conference and Presentations

DasGupta, D. October 2019. "Trans/Religiosities: Religion and Transgender Recognition in Pakistan and India." Social Science Research Council and the Mellon Foundation. Zentrum Moderner Orient. Berlin.

DasGupta, D. July 2019. "New Frontiers in Cultural Geography: Understanding Feminist Geography." Guest Lecturer. St. Xavier's College, Burdwan.

DasGupta, D. August 2019. "Trans/Childhood." Multiple Childhood Conference, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

DasGupta, D. July 2019. "Rethinking Sexuality, Liberalism, and the Promise of Love." Annual Pride Speech. Goethe Institute and the Community Welfare Development Fund. Colombo, Sri-Lanka.

DasGupta, D. March 2019. "Queering Geopolitics." Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers. Washington, DC

DasGupta, D. March 2019. "Enough! On Queer of Color Geographies." Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers. Washington D.C.

DasGupta, D. January 2019. "Trans/Asian Contexts and Connections." Invited Lecturer. The Jawaharlal Nehru University. Center for Women's Studies.

DasGupta, D. April 2018. "The National Security State and Precarious Trans/Subject." Keynote Speaker. Annual Lecture for the Sexuality & Space Specialty Group. *Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers*. New Orleans, LA.

DasGupta, D. November, 2017. "National Security State and the Precarious Transgender Detainee." *American Studies Association*. Chicago, IL.

DasGupta, D. June 2017. "Suburban Railway Network and the Precarious Trans/Koti Worker." *7th Annual Nordic Geographers Conference*. The University of Stockholm. June 18th-21st, 2017.

Das Gupta, D. April 2017. "Sexual Progress and Racialized Killing: The Politics of Transgender Detention and Gay Marriage in Post 9/11 USA." *Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers*. Boston, MA.

DasGupta, D. April 2017. *AAG Diversity Ambassadors Panel. Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers*. Boston, MA. (Invited speaker)

DasGupta, D. April 2017. Queer of Color Critique and Queer Spatialities: Keynote response for the Sexuality & Space Specialty Group. *Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers*. Boston, MA.

DasGupta, D. October 2016. "Toward Queer Libertarianism." *Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies*. The City University of New York. New York, NY.

DasGupta, D. November, 2015. "The Ordinary City and Delinquent Subject: Understanding Friendship Networks of Run-Away Young Men in Kolkata, India." *American Anthropological Association*. Denver, CO.

DasGupta, D. November 2015. "The Precarious Trans/Migrant Body" *National Women's Studies Association*. Milwaukee, WI.

DasGupta, D. September 2015. "Disciplining the Delinquent: Situating Bodies and Pleasures within Friendship Networks of Run-Away Young Men in Kolkata" *European Geographies of Sexualities Conference*. The University of Sapienza-Rome.

DasGupta, D. November 2014. "Indefinite Detention and the Precarious Trans-Migrant Body." *The National Women's Studies Association*. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

DasGupta, D. May 2014. "Interstitial Intimacies: Situating bodies and pleasures among friendship networks of runaway boys and young men in Kolkata, India." *South Asia by the Bay: Feminist Interventions on Gender and South Asia*. The University of California, Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz, CA.

DasGupta, D. May 2014. "Viral Friendships, (Dis) embodied Intimacies, and Local Activisms: Situating bodies and pleasures among friendship network of delinquent young men in Kolkata, India." *Queer Places, Practices, and Lives*. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH.

DasGupta, D. 2012. "Queerly Precarious; documenting the politics of survival and place making within queer immigrant collectives in US/global cities" *Royal Geographic Society & Institute of British Geographers Annual Conference*. The University of Edinburgh.

DasGupta, D. April 2012. "Cartographies of Friendship, Desire, and Home." *12th Annual Multiple Perspectives Conference; Disability Experience Understood in Image, Poetry, Narrative and Research*. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH.

DasGupta, D. April 2012. Geographies of Sexualities after the Cultural Turn. *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*. New York, NY.

DasGupta, D. November 2011. "Extraterrestrial Queers Fly Over the Equality Rainbow: Reflections on the Politics of Queerness, Immigration Reform & Radical Love." *National Women's Studies Association*. Atlanta, GA.

DasGupta, D. September 2011. "Un-Plugging the Heart of the Enterprise Society; Notes on Resisting Neo-Liberalism in the Cocoa-Cola Campus" *Activism and the Academy: Celebrating 40 Years of Feminist Scholarship and Action*. The Barnard Center for Research on Women. New York, NY.

DasGupta, D. September 2011. "Illegal Desires: Reflections on the Politics of Queerness and Immigration Reform." *European Geographies of Sexualities Conference*, Hogeschool-Universiteit Brussel. Brussels, Belgium.

Invited Lectures

DasGupta, D. July 2020. "Sexing the Region: Thinking About Transgender Identities in South Asia." School of Liberal Arts & Culture Studies. ADAMAS University, India.

DasGupta, D. March 2020. "Migration, Asylum, and Transgender Lives." Global Citizen Forum-Keynote Speaker. Drake University. Des Moines, Iowa.

DasGupta, D. January 2020. "Transgender Migrations and Inter-Asian Connections." Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

DasGupta, D. May 2018. "Teaching Controversial Topics in the Geography Classroom." *Department of Geography, York University, Toronto.*

DasGupta, D. December 2017. "Toward a Geography of Transgender Rights in India." *Department of Geography, Presidency University, Kolkata.*

DasGupta, D. December 2017. "Mapping Gender Based Violence and Transgender Activism in India." *Women's Studies Resource Center, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai.*

DasGupta, D. August 2017. "Toward an Economy of Bodies & Pleasures" *Department of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.* (Invited as Guest Lecturer for the Post-Graduate Course in Post-Colonial Sexuality Studies).

DasGupta, D. April 2017. "Transgender Detention & the Geography of Human Rights." Department of Sociology & Douglas Women's College. *Department of English, Rutgers University.*

DasGupta, D. March 2017. "Trans/Governance, Human Rights and Transnationalism." *Department of Philosophy, COMPASS Conference, The Ohio State University.*

DasGupta, D. February 2017. "Municipal Politics, Detention Centers and the Precarious Transgender Detainee." Spring Colloquium Speaker. Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences. *The Graduate Center, CUNY.*

DasGupta, D. March 2017. "Perverse Borders: Sexual Regulation & National Security Politics." Keynote Speaker. Rainbow Week. *Office of Diversity and Title IX Compliance, Hamline University.*

DasGupta, D. January 2017. "The Geopolitics of Transgender Rights." *Department of Geography, The Delhi School of Economics.* (Invited as Key Speaker for the Human Geography Research Cluster)

DasGupta, D. January 2017. "Non-Representational Approaches to Post-Colonial Sexuality Studies." *Department of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.* (Invited as Guest Lecturer for the Post-Graduate Course in Post-Colonial Sexuality Studies).

University Service

University of California, Santa Barbara. Member of Masculinities Project. (2020 onward)

University of Connecticut Co-Op Legacy Fellow Committee. The University of Connecticut. (2017-onward)

Course & Curriculum Committee. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. The University of Connecticut. (2018-onward)

Alumni Relations, Outreach, Development, and Honors Committee. The Department of Geography. University of Connecticut. (2017-present).

Course & Curriculum Committee. The Department of Geography. University of Connecticut. (2016-2017)

Undergraduate Course Review Ad-Hoc Committee. Women's, Gender, Sexuality Studies Program. University of Connecticut. (2016-2017)

Pre-Tenure Review & Merit Review Ad-Hoc Committee. The Department of Geography. University of Connecticut. (2016-2017)

Chair, Diversity & Inclusion Committee. The Council of Graduate Students. The Ohio State University. (2015-2016)

Member, Advisory Committee. Work Place Gender Norms Research Project. The Kirwan Institute for Research on Race & Ethnicity. The Ohio State University. (2015-2016)

Academic Service

Board Co-Chair, The Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies. *CLAGS at the City University of New York*. (2017-Present)

National Taskforce Member. Sexual Assault and Anti-Bullying Taskforce. Association of American Geographers. (2018-Present)

Diversity Ambassador. American Association of Geographers. (2017-Present)

Editorial Board Member (Political Geography). *Geography Compass*. (2017-Present)

Board Member. American Association of Geographers. Ethnic Geography Specialty Group. (2018-Present)

Board Member. American Association of Geographers. Disability Studies Specialty Group. (2012-2014)

Reviewer

Emotions, Space, and Society

Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers

Transgender Studies Quarterly

Political Geography

GeoForum

GeoJournal

Social & Cultural Geography

Society & Space (Environment & Planning D)

ACME: A Journal of Radical Geography

Disability Studies Quarterly

Gender, Place & Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography

Journal of South Asian Development

Professional Memberships

American Association of Geographers

International Studies Association

National Women's Studies Association

National Council of Public History

Language Skills

Bengali, Hindi, and Sanskrit (Elementary)

Professional References

1) Dr. Nancy Naples. Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. University of Connecticut. nancy.naples@uconn.edu

2) Dr. Jason Chang. Director of Asian and Asian American Studies & Associate Professor of History. University of Connecticut. jason.o.chang@uconn.edu

3) Dr. Lorraine Dowler. Professor of Geography & Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Penn State University. lx17@psu.edu