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EDUCATION

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology and Demography, November 2006

Areas of Specialization: International Development, Social Demography, Gender, Labor and Class, Inequality, Globalization, Political Sociology, Social Movements.

Dissertation: "From Work to Welfare: Informal Workers' Organizations and the State in India"

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Boston, MA

Master of Public Policy, concentration in Political and Economic Development, May 1999

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude* with honors in Economics and Government, May 1995

Concentration in International Relations

Oxford University, St. Catherine's College, Oxford, United Kingdom

Junior Year Abroad, concentration in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, 1994

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

2006-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology

- Teach courses on international development, gender, and South Asia. Conduct research on labor and globalization.

Women's World Banking (WWB), New York, NY

1999-2000

Technical Program Associate, Asia Division

- Built credit and savings capacity of microfinance institutions (MFIs) in India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Philippines, and Japan
- Led MFI training sessions on organizational governance and financial forecasting
- Facilitated policy conference with 107 Filipino MFIs and government leaders

Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA), Gujarat, India

1996-1997

Research Consultant, Department of Rural Development. SEWA is an union and cooperative for women in the informal economy

- Led participatory assessment on water resource management in 7 districts of Gujarat; collected data from poor rural women, local government agents, and village leaders through interviews and focus groups
- Analyzed impact of child-care project among salt-farmers
- Facilitated national conferences on microfinance and women in forestry

United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Beijing, China

1995-1996

Research Associate, Division of Energy and Environment

Summer 1994

- Led research team to analyze environmental situation in China; created database on environmental aid in 14 sectors from 1993-1996

United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), Beijing, China

Summer 1995

Communications Assistant, Media Office at UN 4th World Conference on Women

- Wrote and managed press releases on legal education to Chinese rural craftswomen; completed public relations training seminar

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate courses:

Issues in International Development, Johns Hopkins University
Gender and International Development, Johns Hopkins University
Contemporary India: State and Society Relations, Johns Hopkins University
Urban Sociology (Teaching Assistant), Princeton University

Graduate courses:

Seminar on International Development, Johns Hopkins University

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2010. Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship
2009-10. Ford Foundation Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)
2009-10. Association of American University Women American Fellowships Program (alternate, declined)
2005-2006. Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars (full-year support for dissertation writing)
2005. Center for Migration and Development (CMD) Dissertation Award, Princeton University
2004-2005. National Institutes of Health (NIH) Research Fellowship
2004. Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Research Grant
2003-2004. Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship
2002. Sasakawa Foundation Research Abroad Fellowship
2001-2002. National Institutes of Health (NIH) Research Fellowship
2000-2001. Woodrow Wilson School Fellowship, Princeton University
1995. Phi Beta Kappa National Honors Society

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Herring, Ronald and Rina Agarwala (eds.) 2008. *Whatever Happened to Class? Reflections from South Asia*. London: Routledge Press.

Refereed Articles:

- Agarwala, Rina and Emmanuel Tietlebaum. *Forthcoming*. "Trends in Funding for Dissertation Field Research: Why So Little Support for Political Science and Sociology?" *Political Science and Politics*.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2009. "An Economic Sociology of Informal Work: The Case of India." *Research in the Sociology of Work*. Vol 18, pp. 315-342.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2008. "Reshaping the Social Contract: Emerging Relations between the State and Informal Labor in India." *Theory and Society*. Vol. 37, No. 4, pp. 375-408.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2007. "Resistance and Compliance in the Age of Globalization: Indian Women and Labor Organizations," in *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. Vol. 610, March.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2006. "From Work to Welfare: A New Class Movement in India." *Critical Asian Studies*. Vol. 38, No. 4, December, pp. 419-445.
- Herring, Ronald and Rina Agarwala. 2006. "Introduction: Restoring Agency to Class: Puzzles from the Subcontinent." *Critical Asian Studies*. Vol. 38, No. 4, December, pp. 323-357.
- Agarwala, Rina and Scott M. Lynch. June 2006. "Refining the Measurement of Women's Autonomy: an International Application of a Multi-dimensional Construct." *Social Forces*, V. 84, No. 4, pp. 2077-2099.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2002. "Working for Autonomy: Differentiating Women's Work in India." *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, V. 45, No. 4, pp. 1369-1388.

Selected Book Reviews:

- Agarwala, Rina. 2007. "L.A. Story: Immigrant Workers and the Future of the US Labor Movement." (by Ruth Milkman) *Contexts*, Fall V. 6, No.4.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2003. "Occupational Choices, Networks, and Transfers: An Exegesis Based on Micro Data from Delhi Slums." (by Arup Mitra) *Economic and Political Weekly*, V. 39, No. 06.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2003. "Labor Market and Institution in India: 1990s and Beyond." (ed. Shuji Uchikawa) *Economic and Political Weekly*, V. 38, No. 47, pp. 4963-4964.
- Agarwala, Rina. 2003. "The Politics of Labor in a Global Age: Continuity and Change in Late-industrializing and Post-socialist Economies." (eds. Christopher Candland and Rudra Sil) *Economic and Political Weekly*, V. 38, No. 37, pp. 3892-3893.

Other Publications:

- Agarwala, Rina. 1997. "Report on National Forestry Conference." SEWA, Ahmedabad.
- Agarwala, Rina. 1997. "Policy Impacts of Local Advocacy Needs" Foundation for Public Interest and SEWA, Ahmedabad.
- Agarwala, Rina. 1997. "Child-Care for Salt Farmers" SEWA, Ahmedabad.

Agarwala, Rina. 1996. *Managing Water for the People by the People: A Participatory Assessment on SEWA's Rural Water Resource Management in Gujarat*. SEWA, Ahmedabad.

Agarwala, Rina. 1996. "Shifting Capital Markets and Increased Market Access to Microcredit." SEWA, Ahmedabad.

UNDP. 1996. *China Environment and Sustainable Development Resource Book: A Compendium of Donor Activities*, UNDP, Beijing (Report authored by Rina Agarwala).

CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

"Informality and Gender in India." Brown Summer Institute in Development and Inequality in the Global South. Providence, RI, June 10, 2009. Invited plenary speaker.

"India beyond the IT Boom." Central and South Asia Symposium at Georgia Perimeter College. Clarkston, GA, September 27, 2008. Invited Key-note speaker.

"Funding for Dissertation Field Research: Why So Little Support for Political Science and Sociology?" American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting. Boston, MA, August 2008. Panel organizer and paper presentation.

"Labor Movements and Globalization." American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. Boston, MA, August 2008. Invited presentation on thematic panel.

"Gender, Informal Economy and Political Action." ASA Annual Meeting. Boston, MA, August 2008. Invited presentation on thematic panel.

"Dignifying Discontent: Informal Workers' Movements in India." Labor Unions and Democracy in a Globalizing Asia Conference at SUNY-Binghamton. Binghamton, NY, October 5-6, 2007. Invited paper presentation.

"Indian Labor and Globalization." Johns Hopkins Knowledge for the World Tour. Atlanta, GA, September 23, 2007, Invited presentation.

"The Future of the Labor Movement." ASA Annual Meeting. New York, NY, August 2007. Invited presentation on thematic panel.

"Dignifying Discontent: Informal Workers and the State in India." Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Meeting. Copenhagen, Denmark, July 2007. Paper presentation.

"From Work to Welfare: Informal Workers' Organizations and the State in India." ASA Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada, August 2006. Paper presentation.

"Recovering Class: Reflections from the Subcontinent." Committee for South Asian Studies Conference at Princeton University. Princeton, NJ, May 8, 2006. Conference organizer and paper presentation.

"Whatever Happened to Class in South Asia?" Annual Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, April 2006. Panel organizer and paper presentation.

- “Resistance and Compliance among Indian Workers.” NAFTA and Beyond: Alternative Disciplinary Perspectives in the Study of Global Trade and Development Conference at Princeton University. Princeton, NJ, December 2-3, 2005. Invited presentation.
- “The Political Economy of Informal Workers in India.” University Seminar on Globalization: Labor and Popular Struggles Seminar at Columbia University. New York, NY, October 2005. Invited presentation.
- “Bringing Class Back into South Asia.” Annual Conference on South Asia at University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, WI, October 2005. Panel organizer and paper presentation.
- “Struggling with Informality: A New Class Movement in India.” ASA Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, August 2005. Paper presentation.
- “Informal Workers and the State in India.” Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, March 2005. Poster presentation.
- “Child Labor in the Global South.” University Seminar on Globalization: Labor and Popular Struggles at Columbia University. New York, NY, February 2005. Invited discussant.
- “From Work to Welfare: Informal Workers and the State in India.” APSA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, September 2004. Paper presentation.
- “A New Social Movement: India’s Informal Workers.” ASA Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, August 2004. Poster presentation.
- “Refining the Measurement of Women’s Autonomy.” PAA Annual Meeting. Boston, MA, April 2004. Paper presentation.
- “Liberalization and Labor in India.” Mumbai University, Department of Politics. Mumbai, India, December 2003. Invited class lecture.
- “Measuring Women’s Work in India.” Indian Society of Labour Economics Annual Meeting. Amritsar, India, December 2002. Invited presentation.
- “What Do You Do? Estimating the Effect of Women’s Work on Autonomy.” ASA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, August 2002.
- “Child and Youth Well-being in Developing Countries.” PAA Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA, May 2002. Invited discussant.
- “Power and Social Movements.” Out of the Shadows: Political Action and the Informal Economy Conference at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, November 2001. Invited presentation.