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Current Academic Positions

Assistant Teaching Professor, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences (ISS)

Recipient of the

- 2020-21 University Outstanding Teaching Award for Inclusive Teaching and Mentoring (\$2000 prize)
- 2021 College of Social Science and Public Policy Outstanding Teaching Award

Advising and Admin Responsibilities

- Advise up to 200 ISS majors
- Leading the development of a specialized concentration and certificate in “*Social Inequality in Society*”

Affiliated Faculty, Department of Sociology - Florida State University

Previous Academic Positions

2016 - 2018 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Global Asian Studies - University of Illinois, Chicago

- Selected for 2017 Keynote Address for Asian American Undergraduate Graduation

Education

Ph.D. Sociology, August 2016 – University of Pennsylvania

- 2015 Nominated for the *Penn Graduate Student Teaching Award*

M.A. Sociology, 2011 – University of Pennsylvania

B.A. Sociology with Honors and B.A. in Psychology, May 2005 – Syracuse University

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Modi, Radha and Abigail Sewell. 2021. *Unequal Early Adulthoods: Racial and Ethnic Wealth Disparities During the Great Recession*. The Sociological Quarterly.

(Provisionally Accepted: Ethnic and Racial Studies) Modi, Radha. 2022. *Shifting Legibility: Racial Ambiguity in the US Racial Hierarchy*.

(Under review) Modi, Radha. *Caste Reproduction through Family and Consumption*

(Under review) Modi, Radha. *Yesterday's Youth, Today's Leaders: Civic and Political Engagement Aspirations across Immigrant Generations*.

Book Chapter Publications

2022. Modi, Radha. *Caste and the Diaspora* in Oxford Handbook of Caste in Contemporary Times edited by Surinder S. Jodhka & Jules Naudet

2020. Modi, Radha. *Brown Like Us* in Race and Ethnicity: A Sociological Mindful Approach. Cognella Academic Publishing.

2016. Modi, Radha. *Predatory Lending, Wealth Inequality, and the Great Recession of 2008* in Contemporary Issues for People of Color: Surviving and Thriving in the U.S. Today edited by Pamela Jackson. ABC-CLIO: Santa Barbara.

Public Sociology Publications

2021. Modi, Radha (editor & author). *Identity & Equality* in Our Stories: An Introduction to South Asian America. South Asian American Digital Archives.

2018. Modi, Radha. *Communities on Fire: Confronting Hate Violence and Xenophobic Political Rhetoric*. Community Report with SAALT, National Policy and Advocacy Organization: <https://saalt.org/report-communities-on-fire-confronting-hate-violence-and-xenophobic-political-rhetoric/>

Working Papers

Modi, Radha. *Transnational Processes: Preserving the Link between Color and Caste*.

Modi, Radha. *The Social, Subjective, and Transnational Nature of Skin Color*.

Modi, Radha. *Advising & Mentorship Grounded in Anti-Racism*

Modi, Radha. *Abolition-based Pedagogy*

Book Manuscript in Progress

Modi, Radha. *Model Minority or Terrorist: Racial Fluidity in the U.S.*

Teaching Positions

- 2021- Faculty, *Perspectives on Race and Racism*, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, FSU
(4.9 out of 5 on student evaluations)
- 2019-21 Faculty, *Intersections, Power, & Policy*, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, FSU
(4+ out of 5 on student evaluations)
- 2018-21 Faculty, *Contemporary Social Problems*, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, FSU
(4+ out of 5 on student evaluations)
- 2016-17 Faculty, *Critical Studies of Community Engagement*, Global Asian Studies, UIC
(4.8 out of 5 on student evaluations)
- 2015-16 Instructor, *Racial & Ethnic Relations*, Sociology, Penn (3.5+ out of 4 on student evaluations)
- 2015 Instructor, *Immigrant Experience in the U.S.*, Sociology, Temple University
(4+ out of 5 on student evaluations)
- 2014 Teaching Assistant *Gender & Society*, Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies, Penn
- 2014 Teaching Assistant to Dr. Charles Bosk, *American Society*, Sociology, Penn
- 2011-12 Teaching Assistant to Dr. David Grazian, *Sociology of Popular Culture*, Sociology, Penn
- 2011 Teaching Assistant to Dr. Grace Kao, *Racial and Ethnic Relations*, Sociology, Penn

Academic Advising Positions

Advisor, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, FSU

- Advise and mentor undergraduate ISS majors (current advising list 200), FSU
- Advise Caleb Yeomans on undergraduate thesis and research (2022-), FSU
- Advise Derek Leach's Dissertation in Sociology (2020), FSU
- Member of Ricardo Zamarripa Chavez's Honors Thesis Committee (2019-2020), FSU

Academic Service & Leadership Positions

- 2022- Member of South Asian Media Culture Symposium Organizing Committee
- 2022- Member of College of Social Science Diversity & Inclusion Action Plan Committee, FSU
- 2021-24 Member University Teaching and Advising (Faculty) Awards Committee
- 2021- Liberal Studies Curriculum Reviewer – Diversity and Upper Division Writing, FSU
- 2020-23 Member University Senate Committee on Teaching Evaluations, FSU
- 2019- Organizer for the College Teaching Faculty Group, FSU
- 2019-20 Member of College of Social Science Diversity & Inclusion Action Plan Committee, FSU
- 2020 Discussant paper session for annual conference, ASA
- 2020 Presider paper session for annual conference, ESS
- 2019-20 Member of ASA's Section on Race and Ethnicity Program Committee, ASA
- 2019 Discussant paper session for Summer Meeting, SWS
- 2017 Discussant paper session for annual conference, SSSP
- 2016-18 Participant of the Institute of Race Research and Public Policy Workshop Series, UIC
- 2016-18 Ambassador, Asian American Resource Cultural Center, UIC
- 2016-18 Advisory board member, Arab American Cultural Center, UIC
- 2009-16 Member of the Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Workshop, Penn
- 2009-14 Member of the Education Workshop, Penn
- 2013 Co-organizer for the *Gender and Educational Inequality Mini-Conference*, Penn

Selected Presentations

- 2022 Presentation/Presider: *Abolitionists Practices in Teaching the Sociology of Race and Ethnic Relations* at the Southern Sociological Society (SSS) meeting
- 2021 Presentation: *Challenging Anti-Blackness* at the Social Change Symposium, FSU
- 2020 Presentation: *Shifting Legibility: Localized Racialization in the US Racial Hierarchy* at the

- Sociology Department Brown Bag Lecture Series, FSU
- 2020 Presentation: *Utilizing Interdisciplinary Perspectives to Teach Intersectionality Theory and Social Inequality during the Pandemic* at Association for Interdisciplinary Studies
- 2020 Accepted to present: *Managing the Racial Divide: How Second Generation South Asians Understand and Perform Race* at Southern Sociological Society (SSS) meeting – canceled due to Covid-19
- 2020 Accepted to present: “*Howdy Modi: Indian Americans Negotiating Race and Belonging during the time of Trump and Modi*” at the Association of Asian American Studies (AAAS) meeting – canceled due to Covid-19
- 2019 Presentation of paper: *Gendered Management of the Racial Hierarchy*, at the Society of Women Sociologists (SWS) meeting
- 2019 Presentation of paper at regular session: *Transnational Processes: Preserving the Link between Color and Caste* at the Southern Sociological Society (SSS) and American Sociological Association (ASA) meetings
- 2018/19 Invited lecture on *South Asian Migration History and Current Racialization* for American Studies course at Notre Dame
- 2018 Invited lecture on *Racial Ambiguity and Contemporary Race Relations* for Sociology course at California State University, Sacramento
- 2018 Presentation of paper at regular session: *Caste Reproduction through Family and Consumption* at the Asian American Studies Association (AAAS) Meeting
- 2017 Presentation: *Ethics of Data Collection in Communities* for multiple community organizations in Washington D.C.
- 2017 Presentation of paper at regular session: *Shifting Legibility: Localized Racialization in the US Racial Hierarchy* at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting
- 2017 Presentation of paper at regular session: *How are Color and Caste Connected?* at the Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Meeting; Society of the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Meeting
- 2015 Presentation of paper at economic sociology regular session: *Wealth Disparities among Young Adults during the Great Recession* at the Research Committee on Social Stratification (RC28) Meeting, Society of the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Meeting, and American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting
- 2015 Presentation of paper at regular session: *Managing the Racial Middle: The Role of Skin Color and Gender in the Racialization of South Asians* at the annual Asian American Studies Association Meeting (AAAS), American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting, and Society of the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Meeting
- 2014 Presentation of paper at round table: *South Asians and the Racial Ethnic Divide* at American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting; Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Meeting
- 2013 Presentation of paper at regular session: *A Lack of Intimacy: Quality of Immigrant Parent School-based Social Capital and its Impact on Immigrant Student Educational Outcomes* at the Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Meeting
- 2012 Presentation of paper at regular session: *Changes in Civic and Political Engagement across Immigrant Generations* at the Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism Series at Penn; American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting; and Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Meeting
- 2011 Co-presentation of paper with Grace Kao at regular session on Immigrant Youth: *Generational Differences in Immigrant Adolescent Friendship Choices and Attitudes about Diversity* at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting

Honors & Awards

- 2021 Recipient of the Office of Distance Learning Intern Support, FSU
- 2021 Nominated for Outstanding Teaching Award at the College Level, FSU
- 2021 Nominated for Inclusive Teaching and Mentoring Award at the University Level, FSU
- 2021 Nominated for Outstanding Teaching in Major Award at the University Level, FSU

2020 Selected for Keynote Address, PeaceJam Southeast, FSU
2020 Received Online Teaching Development Funds (\$500), FSU
2014/15 Pollak Summer Research Fellowship (\$5000), Penn
2014 Teece Dissertation Research Fellow (\$5000), Penn
2011 Presidential Prize Fellowship Summer (\$4000), Penn
2009-14 Benjamin Franklin Doctoral Fellowship (annual stipend and tuition), Penn

Community & Professional Work

2015- Member of Academic Council, SAADA (South Asian American Digital Archive)
2015-18 Policy Research Advisor, SAALT (South Asian Americans Leading Together),
Washington, D.C.
2014-17 Board Member, QSANN (Queer South Asian National Network)
2014-16 Board Member, SALGA (South Asian LGBTQI group), New York, NY
2012-13 Managing Instructor, Nationalities Service Center, Philadelphia, PA
2007-09 Talent Recruitment, Teach For America
2005-07 Elementary School Teacher, New York City

Professional Membership

American Sociological Association (Sub-section Membership: Race and Ethnicity Section; Youth &
Adolescents; International Migration Section; and Asians and Asian Americans)
Association for Asian American Studies
Society of the Study of Social Problems
Southern Sociological Society
Sociologists for Women in Society

List of References

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