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**EDUCATION**

Syracuse University2017

**Ph.D.** **& M.A.** (2012)**, Sociology** Graduate Certificates: Women’s and Gender Studies, South Asian Studies

Furman University 2004

**B.A., English Literature**

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Assistant Professor 2019-present

Sociology Program; Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program

Flagler College

Assistant Professor 2016-2019

Department of Sociology & Anthropology

Nazarbayev University

**MONOGRAPH**

Mount, Liz. *New Women: Trans Women Remaking Inequalities in India* (under contract with Cambridge University Press; final submission February 2023)

**PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES**

Mount, Liz “‘Funding *Does Something* to People’: NGOs Navigating Funding Challenges in India.” *Development in Practice*. 32:1 (2022): 69-81.

Mount, Liz “‘I am Not a Hijra’: Class, Respectability and the Emergence of the ‘New’ Transgender Woman in India.” *Gender & Society*. 34.4 (2020): 620-648.

Mount, Liz. “Behind the Curtain: Strip Clubs and the Management of Competition for Tips.” *The Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*. 46.1 (2018): 60-87.

Mount, Liz. “Teaching in Unfamiliar Terrain: Empowering Student *and* Teacher Learning through a Photography Assignment.” *Teaching Sociology* 46.1 (2018): 54-61.

Mount, Liz. “Saris and Contemporary Indian Womanhood: How Middle-Class Women Navigate the Tradition/Modernity Split.” *Contemporary South Asia* 25.2 (2017): 167-181.

Mount, Liz. “‘Against’ Human Rights: NGOs, Liberal Human Rights and *Hijra* Families in South India” (under review at *World Development*)

Mount, Liz. “Social Movement Aspirations and ‘Happy’ Activists: Navigating the NGO as Social Movement/Service Provider Divide in India” (under review at *The Journal of International Development*)

Mount, Liz. “You’re Just There Because You’re Trans: Identification and Employment Among ‘Community’ NGO Workers in India” (under review at *World Development Perspectives*)

**MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

Mount, Liz. “‘Visibility’ and Rights: Working-class Lesbians and Transgender Men ‘At Risk’ in South India” (article manuscript in progress)

Mount, Liz. “‘Crisis’ Activism: Working-class Lesbians and Transgender Men Mobilizing through Crisis in South India” (article manuscript in progress)

Mount, Liz and Gwen Horton. “Does Integrating Self-Care Techniques Enhance Participation in Online Courses?” (article manuscript in progress; co-written with an undergraduate student)

**PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

Mount, Liz. “[Transgender Women are Finding Some Respect in India, but a Traditional Gender-nonconforming Group—Hijras—Remain Stigmatized](https://theconversation.com/transgender-women-are-finding-some-respect-in-india-but-a-traditional-gender-nonconforming-group-hijras-remains-stigmatized-177197).” *The Conversation*. March 31, 2022.

**GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Innovative Teaching Award, Nazarbayev Univ. School of Humanities & Social Sciences, 2018

Social Research Grant, Nazarbayev Univ., 2017-2018 ($10,000)

Sociology Department Dissertation Fellowship, Syracuse Univ., 2015-2016 ($18,000)

American Institute for Indian Studies (AIIS) Junior Fellowship, 2013-2014 ($25,000)

AIIS Fellowship for Kannada language study, 2012-2013 ($18,000)

Foreign Language/Area Studies Title IX Grant, Kannada language study, 2012 & 2010 ($7,000)

Maxwell School Goekjian Scholar Fellowship, Syracuse University, 2011 ($5,000)

Roscoe-Martin Summer Research Grant, Syracuse Univ., 2010 ($700)

Foreign Language/Area Studies grant for Hindi Language study, 2009 ($7,000)

Best Graduate Student Paper Award, MIT Women’s Studies Consortium, 2008 ($500)

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Against Human Rights?: Liberal Human Rights and Economic Opportunity Among *Hijras* in South India.” International Conference on Globalization and the Emergence of a New World Order. November 2022. Jawarharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India.

“Sex Work Vs. Office Work: Employment and Gender Non-conforming Identity.” April 2022. Ireland India Institute Annual Conference. (Virtual)

“‘I am Not a Hijra’: Gender, Class and the Emergence of Transgender Women in India.” July 2018. International Sociological Association, XIX World Congress. Toronto, Canada.

“NGOs and Shifts in Community and Identity among Gender Non-conforming People in South India.” June 2017. Global Studies Annual Conference, National University of Singapore, Singapore.

“Producing the Sexual Minority Subject: NGOs, Urban Spaces, and Neoliberalism in South

India.” May 2013. “Violence, Insurgencies, Deceptions: Urban Life in South Asia”

International Conference and Workshop, National University of Singapore, Singapore.

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Social Movement Aspirations and ‘Happy’ Activists: How Class Shapes NGO Employment in India” July 2021. Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Conference. (Virtual)

“‘Against’ Hijra Relationships: Differently Marginalized Groups and the ‘Unintended Consequences’ of Human Rights Frameworks.” August 2020. American Sociological Association Annual Conference. (Virtual)

“‘Against’ Hijra Relationships: Differently Marginalized Groups and the ‘Unintended Consequences’ of Human Rights Frameworks.” January 2020. Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.

“‘I am Not a Hijra’: Gender, Class and the Emergence of Transgender Women in India.” October 2017. South Asian Studies Annual Meeting. Madison, WI. (Panel Chair: “Trajectories of the ‘Queer’ in South Asia: Between Sovereignty and Subjection”)

“Human Rights and Hijra Criminalization in South India.” August, 2016. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

“Class and the Professionalization of ‘Community’ Activists in South India.” August, 2016. Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

“Mutual Need and the Re-production of Marginality: NGOs and Working-Class Lesbians and Transmen in South India.” October, 2015. South Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Madison, WI.

“Hierarchy, ‘Human Rights’ and Community Transformation in South India.” August, 2015. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

“Hierarchy, ‘Human Rights’ and Community Transformation in South India.” April, 2015. Yale University Modern South Asia Junior Scholar Workshop, Newhaven, CT.

“Kinship, Hierarchy and NGOs: Transforming *Hijra* Relationships in South India.” October,

2014. South Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Madison, WI.

“Behind the Curtain: Strip Clubs and the Management of Competition for Scarce Resources.” August, 2013. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

**REGIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“NGOs, the State, and the Criminalization of Hijras in South India.” March, 2016. Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Oakland, CA.

“Mutual Need and the Re-production of Marginality: NGOs and Working-Class Lesbian and Transmen in South India.” May, 2015. South Asia By the Bay, UC Berkeley, CA.

“‘Come Out and Do What?’: NGO-led Sexual Rights Activism and Identity Presentation in South India.” May, 2014. “Queering Pride: LGBT Identities and Affects on the Global Stage.*”* Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Professor**  Fall 2019-present

Sociology Program, Department of Behavioral Sciences

Flagler College

*Gender and Sexuality in a Transnational World (online)*

*Global Inequalities: Decolonizing Caste in India (online)*

*Gender and Society (in-person & online)*

*Sociological Research Methods (in-person & online)*

*Classical Sociological Theory (in-person & online)*

*Introduction to Sociology (in-person & online)*

*Gender, Culture and Inequality in India (study abroad cancelled due to covid-19)*

**Assistant Professor**  2016-2019

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Nazarbayev University

*Gender and Sexuality in a Transnational World (in-person)*

*Gender and Society (in-person)*

*Gender, Power and Social Change in South Asia (postgraduate; in-person)*

*Decolonizing Social Theory (in-person)*

*Social Movements (in-person)*

*Global Social Problems (in-person)*

**Adjunct Professor** 2016-2017

Department of Sociology, Syracuse University

*Introduction to Sociology (online)*

**Adjunct Professor** 2016

Sociology Department, De Anza College

*Introduction to Sociology (in-person)*

*Social Problems (in-person)*

**Visiting Assistant Professor** 2015

Anthropology & Sociology Department, Rhodes College

*Social Movements (in-person)*

*Introduction to Sociology (in-person)*

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

International Sociological Association

Research Committee 32-Women in Society, member

Research Committee 09-Global Development, member

National Women’s Studies Association, member

American Sociological Association, member

Transnational Sociology Section, member

Sex and Gender Section, member

Sexualities Section, member

Sociologists for Women in Society, member

International Committee, member

American Association for Asian Studies, member

Southern Sociological Society, member

**SERVICE**

**Peer Reviewer**

*Gender & Society*

*The Journal of Gender Studies*

*GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian & Gay Studies*

*Deviant Behavior*

*Voluntas: International Journal of Non-profit and Voluntary Organizations*

**College & University Service**

Flagler College Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Advisory Board, 2019-present

Flagler College Diversity & Inclusion Committee, 2019-present

Flagler College Adjunct Affairs Committee, 2021-present

Nazarbayev University Gender, Disability and LGBT Inclusion Task Force, 2016-2018

Coordinator, 2017-2018

Nazarbayev University Gender Studies Consortium, 2016-2018

Nazarbayev University Sociology Department Hiring Committee, 2016-2017

Nazarbayev University Writing Across the Curriculum Liaison, 2017-2018

**LANGUAGES**

Advanced speaking and intermediate reading and writing skills in Kannada

Intermediate speaking, reading and writing skills in Hindi

Beginning speaking, reading and writing skills in Russian

**REFERENCES**

Professor Jyoti Puri

Professor of Sociology and Gender/Cultural Studies

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