

Dr. Debanuj DasGupta
Assistant Professor
Department of Geography & Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
University of Connecticut
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Education:

PhD (2016)

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Graduate Minor in South Asia Studies

The Ohio State University

Dissertation Title: *Racial Regulations and Queer Claims to Livable Lives.*

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Shannon Winnubst (Adviser/Chair), Dr. Mary Thomas, Dr. Lynn Itagaki (Co-Chair), Dr. Jennifer Suchland.

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

Research Interests: *Feminist Geography, Geographies of Sexuality, Migration Studies, Human Rights & Refugee Studies, Queer of Color Critique, Transgender Studies, Transnational Feminism and Sexuality Studies, South Asia & Caribbean Studies, Critical Trauma Studies.*

Employment

Assistant Professor

Department of Geography & Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

University of Connecticut (2016-Present)

Courses Taught: GEOG 2200: Introduction to Human Geography; GEOG 1100: Introduction to Geography; WGGG 2124: Gender & Globalization.

Affiliated Faculty

Human Rights Institute

University of Connecticut (2016-Present)

Affiliated Faculty

Asian & Asian American Studies Institute

University of Connecticut

Affiliated Faculty (2016-Present)

Affiliated Faculty

Institute for Collaboration on Health Intervention & Policy

University of Connecticut (2016-Present)

Affiliated Faculty
Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean, and Latin American Studies
University of Connecticut (2016-Present)

Graduate Administrative Associate
The Morrill Scholars Program (2014-2016)
The Office of Diversity and Inclusion
The Ohio State University

Graduate Teaching Associate
Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
The Ohio State University (2010-2013)

Graduate Administrative Associate
Queer Places, Practices, and Lives Symposium
Sexuality Studies Program
The Ohio State University (Summer, 2011)

New Voices Fellow
Immigration Policy Analyst
The Ford Foundation (2006-2008)

Director
People of Color Organizing Initiative
The National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce (2002-2006)

Peer Reviewed Articles

DasGupta, Debanuj and DasGupta, R. "Intimate Subjects and Virtual Spaces: Rethinking Sexuality as a Category for Intimate Ethnographies" *SEXUALITIES*. First Published March, 2017.

Appears at <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1363460716677285>

Di Feliciano, C. Gadelha, B. K & DasGupta, Debanuj. 2017. "'Queer(y)ing' Methodologies: Doing Fieldwork and Becoming Queer" *Gender, Place, and Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography*. First Published 03 May, 2017.

Appears at:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/0966369X.2017.1314950?journalCode=cgpc20>

DasGupta, Debanuj and Nagar, I. 2015. "Public Kothi, and Private Love: Section 377, Religion, Perversity, and Lived Desire." *Contemporary South Asia*. Vol 23, Issue, 2.

DasGupta, Debanuj. 2014. "Cartographies of Friendship, Desire, and Home; Notes on Surviving Neoliberal Security Regimes" *Disability Studies Quarterly*. Vol 34: No 4.

DasGupta, Debanuj. 2014. "Towards a Politics of Pleasure Knowledge." *Scholar & Feminist Online*. Special Issue titled "Activism and the Academy." Fall 2013/Spring 2014. 12.1-12.2. Barnard Center for Research on Women.

DasGupta, Debanuj. 2012. Queering Immigration: Perspectives on Cross Movement Organizing. *Scholar & Feminist Online*. Issue 10.1-10.2 | Fall 2011/Spring 2012. Barnard Center for Research on Women.

Peer Reviewed Article in Progress

DasGupta, Debanuj. "Beyond Performativity & Biopolitics: Rethinking Queer Political Subject Formation." (Under Review) *Geography Compass*.

Invited Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Entry

DasGupta, Debanuj. "Trans/Viscus: Digital Spaces & Transgender Embodiment in Kolkata, India" in *Interfaced Lives, Interwoven Worlds: Geographies of Sexualities in the Digital Age* (Under Review). Eds: Catherine Jean Nash & Andrew Gorman-Murray.

DasGupta, Debanuj. "Virtual Webs and Queer Online Communities in Asia" in *Global Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History*. MacMillan Press. Eds. Howard Chiang (Editor in Chief), Anjali Arondekar et al.

Edited Books

DasGupta, Debanuj. Banerjea, N. DasGupta, R. and Grant, J. Eds. *Friendship As Social Justice Activism*. Seagull Press/The University of Chicago Press. Forthcoming in Fall, 2017.

DasGupta, Debanuj & DasGupta, R. *Queering Digital India: Activisms, Intimacies, and Subjectivities*. Forthcoming, Fall 2017. The University of Edinburgh Press.

Conference and Presentations

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

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

DasGupta, Debanuj. "The Precarious Trans/Migrant Body" *National Women's Studies Association*. 2015.

DasGupta, Debanuj. "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. 2015.

DasGupta, Debanuj. "Indefinite Detention and the Precarious Trans-Migrant Body." *The National Women's Studies Association*. 2014.

DasGupta, Debanuj. "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. 2014.

DasGupta, Debanuj. "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. 2014.

DasGupta, Debanuj. "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. 2012.

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

DasGupta, Debanuj. Geographies of Sexualities after the Cultural Turn. *Association of American Geographers*. 2012.

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

DasGupta, Debanuj. "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. 2011.

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

Invited Lectures

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

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

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

DasGupta, Debanuj. "Perverse Borders: Sexual Regulation & National Security Politics." Keynote Speaker. Rainbow Week. *Hamline University*. Spring, 2017.

Higher-Education Administration Experience

Creating collaborative programming with University Housing and The Office of Student Life. Overseeing budget and financial administration for the Morrill Scholars Program. Monitoring and Evaluating Service Learning Outcomes for the Morrill Scholars Program. Overseeing recruitment and selection panel for the Morrill Scholars Program.

University Service

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

Reviewing changes to the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Minor. Developing two new course proposals related to "Sex, Race, and Place."

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

Review & Update Curriculum & Core Requirements for WGSS major & minor

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

Reviewing proposed changes to departmental pre-tenure and merit based pay raise standards.

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

Member of the Executive Committee. Serving as the graduate student representative on the University Senate Diversity Committee. Developing "Future Faculty Diversity Training" for graduate students. Administrative advocacy for changing policies related to gender-neutral restrooms, and disability access services.

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

Creating and administering statewide survey in order to monitor the experiences of working women in Ohio.

Treasurer. Multicultural Center for Embodied Aesthetics (MCCA). (2014-2016). The Ohio State University.

Organizing performance based activist and academic collaborations on campus. Grant writing and overseeing budget for three major events on campus. Promoting inter-departmental collaborations between Arts & Humanities and the Barnett Center for Integrated Arts Enterprise.

Planning Committee Member, *Queer Places, Practices, and Lives*, Symposium in memory of Samuel Steward, The Ohio State University, 2011-2012.

Academic Service

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

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

Programming Committee Member. American Association of Geographers. *Sexuality & Space Specialty Group*. (2017-Present)

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

Reviewer

GeoForum

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

Awards, Fellowships and Grants

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

Summer Language Fellowship in Persian. (Did not accept). The American Institute for Indian Studies. 2014.

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.

Professional Memberships

American Association of Geographers

American Studies Association

National Women’s Studies Association

Language Skills

Bengali (Native), Hindi (Fluent), Sanskrit (Elementary)

Professional References

Dr. Manisha Desai. Professor & Chair. Department of Sociology. University of Connecticut. Manisha.desai@uconn.edu

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Dr. Lynn Itagaki. Assistant Professor. Department of English and Women’s, Gender, Sexuality Studies. The Ohio State University. Itgaki.5@osu.edu

South Asia Studies References:

Dr. Ila Nagar. Assistant Professor. Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures The Ohio State University. Nagar.5@osu.edu

Dr. Rohit K. DasGupta. Lecturer in Creative Industries & Media Studies. Loughborough University. Rhit_svu@hotmail.edu