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Current position:

Director, Asian/American Center and Associate Professor, Urban Studies Department, Queens College, CUNY.

Previous positions:

Assistant Professor, Asian/American Studies, College of Public and Community Service,
University of Massachusetts, Boston (1998-2002)
Visiting professor, Department of Ethnic Studies, University of Colorado at Boulder
(1997-98)
Acting Director, Asian/American Center, Queens College, CUNY (1996-97)
Acting Director, Women's Studies, Queens College, CUNY (1996-97)
Assistant Professor, Urban Studies Department, Queens College, CUNY (1996-97)
Adjunct professor in Asian American Studies at Columbia University (Fall 1994) and
Cornell University (Spring 1994)
Adjunct Assistant Professor in Department of History at Hunter and Queens Colleges,
CUNY (1992-95)
Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Carnegie Mellon University (1985)
Lecturer in History, University of Delhi, India (1980-84)

Education

1992 Doctor of Philosophy, Department of History, Carnegie Mellon University, Thesis
"Patterns of Growth and Diversification: Indians of New York City, 1965-1990"
1983 Master of Philosophy in History, University of Delhi, India
1979 Master of Arts in History, University of Delhi, India
1977 Bachelor of Arts in History, University of Delhi, India
1974 Higher Secondary (High School), First rank in 20,000 students, Central Board of
Education, India

Areas of Specialization

Asian American studies, urban communities and neighborhoods, immigration and diaspora studies, ethnic studies, women studies, South Asian history and culture

Publications

Book:

Dr. Khandelwal's book Becoming Americans, Being Indians: An Immigrant Community in New York City was published by Cornell University Press in 2002. This ethnographic account of immigrant group dynamics, formation of an ethnic identity in the American context, gender and generational issues, and intergroup relations in multicultural urban populations in the United States, has been nominated for several awards. The author has discussed it at many forums in universities, bookstores, and community settings.

Articles:

2003 (Book chapter): "Opening Spaces: South Asian Women Leaders in the Twentieth Century," in Shirley Hune and Gail M. Nomura, editors, Asian/Pacific Islander American Women: A Historical Anthology, New York University Press.

1998 (Book chapter): "Reflections on Diversity and Inclusion; South Asians and Asian American Studies," in Lane Ryo Hirabayashi, editor, Teaching Asian America: Diversity and the Problem of Community, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.

1997 (Refereed journal entry): "Defining Community and Feminism: Indian Women in New York City," Race, Gender, & Class: Asian American Voices, Volume 4, Number 3.

1996 (Book chapter): "Indian Networks in the United States: Caste and Transnational Identities" in Phanindra Wunnava and Harriet Duleep, editors, Immigrants and Immigration Policy, JAI Press.

1995 (Book Chapter): "Indian Immigrants in Queens, New York City: Patterns of Spatial Concentration and Distribution, 1965-1990" in Peter van der Veer, editor, Nation and Migration: The Politics of Space in South Asian Diaspora, University of Pennsylvania Press.

1997 (Refereed Entry): "Community Organizing in an Asian Group: Asian Indians in New York City," Another Side, Fall 1997.

Also, "In Step With Time?," India Today (a leading weekly magazine in India), January 15, 1997; "The Art of Rangoli," Darshan: In The Company of the Saints, January 1996; "South Asians in New York City" in Kenneth T. Jackson, editor, Encyclopedia of New York City, Yale University Press (1995); "Chinese, Indians, and Korean Elderly in Queens: Backgrounds and Issues" (co-authors: Roger Sanjek, Hsiang-shui Chen, Kyeyoung Park), Asian/American Center Working Papers, Queens College, CUNY (1991); and "Hindu Religious Activities of Indians in Queens" in Roger Sanjek, editor, Worship and Community: Christianity and Hinduism in Queens, New York, Asian/American Center Working Papers, Queens College, CUNY (1989).

Works in Progress:

1) **Book Prospectus** for "Emerging Asian American Communities" (working title): Contemporary Asian American communities are complex. Not only have their population significantly multiplied in the last few decades, primarily due to continuous immigration, but the ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic diversity within Asian America is equally remarkable. In view of the need to analyze emergent patterns and outstanding issues in these communities, Dr. Khandelwal is currently finalizing a book prospectus for an edited volume that will compile case studies of selected aspects of urban Asian American communities in the northeast region.

2) As Asian/American Center's Director, Dr. Khandelwal is building a new interdisciplinary curriculum program at Queens College called Asian American Pacific Islander Community Studies (AAPICS) and has received a \$1.2 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education. This program building will result in campus-wide activities in Asian American studies including a research publication on contemporary Asian American communities and their implications for higher education.

3) Under Dr. Khandelwal's direction, **Asian/American Center has renewed its Working Paper Series by publishing three new studies:** Prof. Pyong Gap Min, "Korean Immigrant Protestant, Catholic, and Buddhist Congregations in New York," Prof. Murphy Halliburton, "Indian Knowledge, American Patents: A Struggle Over Medical Knowledge in the Global Economy," and Deepa Iyer, "A Time of Crisis, and Opportunity for Unity: South Asians Strive for Social Justice in New York City After September 11th." More Working Papers are in the pipeline.

Teaching

.....Fall 2007: designed and taught a new course "Immigration and Making of NYC"

Taught Honors College Seminar "Peopling of NYC", Spring 2007

Spring 2006: Taught a capstone course (with Prof. Tarry Hum of Urban Studies Dept) "Global Neighborhoods".

2003-2006: "Immigrants in Queens"

(2003 Receptient of Queens College President's Award for Innovative Teaching)

2002-2003: "Immigrant Neighborhoods of Queens," "South Asian Diaspora," "Issues of Diversity in an Urban Setting," & "Immigrants in Queens."

1998-2001:

Asian American Studies - "Asian Minorities in America"

Asian American Studies - "Becoming South Asian"

Asian American Studies - "Asian American Women"

Asian American Studies 390 "Community Internships"

Competencies – Critical Inquiry/Dimensions of Learning: "Who Is An American?"

1988-1998:

Introduction to Asian American Studies

South Asian Communities
Health Care and Cultures (co-taught)
Urban Neighborhoods and Communities

Professional Service

As Director, Asian/American Center, Queens College (Since Fall 2002)

- Spearheaded ethnographic Research Projects in immigrant neighborhoods such as Flushing and Richmond Hill in Queens, NYC
- Initiated contacts with local hospitals to conduct research in local Asian communities
- Mobilized and supervised Asian American students for "Political Participation and Empowerment" Project (2004)
- Collaborated with Division of Education of Queens College to organize a conference "The Asian American Experience in Education" (May 11, 2004)
- Organized (with Janice Peritz and Hugh English of English Department) a discussion seminar on campus "Global Migration/Immigration, Urbanism, and the Contemporary University"
- Cooperated with other campus programs such as Godwin-Ternbach Museum, Colden Center, and Division of Education to organize events on and related to Asian American communities

Professional Affiliations

- Board Member, Harry Dow Fund (2001-02)
- Board Member, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (1997-2002)
- Board Member, Association for Asian American Studies (1994-98)
- Board Member, Citylore: Center for Urban Folk Culture, New York (1992-97)
- Board Member, Asian American Higher Education Council, City University of New York (1993-95)

U Mass Boston (1998-2002)

Served

- As Co-chair of Search Committee for a joint faculty position in Asian American and American Studies
- On the CPCS Policy Board
- On Selection Committee for Healey Library Fellowships
- As an advisor to Center for Immigrant and Refugee Community Leadership and Empowerment (CIRCLE) program
- On the review committee for a Women Studies Honors paper on "Honor-Killings and Women's Issues in Pakistan"
- As an adult advisor to Coalition for Asian Pacific American Youth (CAPAY)
- Assisted in drafting competencies for the proposed major in Community Studies, and attended annual retreats of Asian American Studies Program and the Institute for Asian American Studies
- Attended (with other Asian American Studies colleagues) a ten-day institute "Democracy and Diversity", organized by the Association of American Colleges and Universities, at Brown University.

Professional Organizations (1998-2002)

Attended

- Annual conferences of the Association of Asian American Studies in Philadelphia (1999), Arizona (2000), Toronto (2001), Salt Lake City (2002), San Francisco (2003), and Boston (2004).
- Annual conference of the Association of Asian Studies (2000) and Conference of American Religious Studies (2000)
- Annual banquets of Asian American Resource Workshop and Harry Dow Fund, and annual symposiums of Coalition for Asian Pacific American Youth (CAPAY)

Presentations:

Following is a selected list from an extensive range of presentations at professional conferences as well as lectures solicited by universities, government agencies, and community organizations.

- 2009. Chair and facilitator of the discussion "Redefining Civil Rights: Where Asian American Communities Stand in Today's Multicultural Context, Queens, CUNY.
- 2008. "Our Neighborhood Flushing, Queens," a workshop for Korean high school students.
- 2007. "Immigrants in Multicultural Neighborhoods of NYC", Museum of the City of New York, New York City.

--2004: "American Born Confused Desis—Identity and Myths in an Ethnic Community," at Indo-American Psychiatric Association Conference, New York City.

--2003a: "Becoming American, Being Indian," a talk at Yale University.

--2003b. "Documenting History/Shaping History: South Asian Women Leaders in New York City," at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian/American Studies, San Francisco.

--2003c. Talks on overseas Indian communities at India Habitat and India International Center, New Delhi, India

--2001a "Maintaining Traditions, Creating Traditions," at a Youth Conference, Bengali Convention, Lowell, Massachusetts.

--2001b "Locating a Community: South Asians in Massachusetts," at a public forum of the Institute For Asian/American Studies, University of Massachusetts, Boston.

--2001c "Mapping Geographies of Asian/American Feminism," at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian/American Studies, Toronto.

--2000a "Intersections and New Directions," at a Conference "Defining 'Communities of Interest,'" Asian/Pacific/American Studies Program, New York University.

--2000b "Historical Trends in Hindu Communities," at a Conference "Hindus of New York," New York Interfaith Center, New York.

--2000c "Between Tradition and Modernity: South Asian Feminism," at a Roundtable "The Emergence of Local Feminisms," National Women Studies Association, Simmons College, Boston.

--2000d "Local and Global Feminism: South Asian Women's Leadership and Community Organizations," at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian American Studies, Arizona.

--1999a "Asians Becoming Americans?" at the Annual Conference of Association for Asian Studies, Boston.

--1999b "Leadership in an Asian American Community," at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

--1999c "South Asians and Asian American Studies," Tufts University.

--1998 Keynote at a student conference "Leadership and Conference," Indian Students Association, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

--1997a "Challenging Western Binaries: South Asian Women in the United States," at South Asian Awareness Week, University of Colorado at Boulder.

--1997b "(Un) masking of an Ethnic Group," at Annual Conference of National Association of Ethnic Studies, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

--1997c "Oral Histories: Bridging Community and Academia," at Conference "Women Academics and Activists," City University of New York, New York.

--1997d "Recreating India: Indian Immigrants in New York City," at India International Center, New Delhi, India.

--1996 "Community Organizing: Confronting Diversity and Hierarchies," at South Asian Students Association conference, Brown University.

Media

Following is a selected list of interviews with ethnic and mainstream media. (Titles of articles in which the information was used are listed in quotation marks.)

"Pakistani Immigrants Respond to Bhutto's Death," New York Times, December 28, 2007.

Invited by WNYC Leonard Lopate Show to participate in a Live program on Global Cities, November 2007.

"Little India Getting Bigger," Newsday, May 5, 2004.

"Half and Half," Little India, April, 2004.

"American Masala" Newsweek, March 15, 2004.

On Voice of America: A globally broadcast live interview regarding India and Indians
In the United States, March, 2004.

"Becoming American," Queens Tribune, December 25-31, 2003.

"From Mumbai to Main Street," Newsday, March 26, 2003.

"Diasporic Dilemmas," India Abroad, November 15, 2002.

"Immigrants Worry About War", Boston Globe, December 30, 2001.

"The 'Other' Asians" (a cover story on South Asians in academics), Black Issues in Higher Education, February 3, 2000.

"Groups Plan Protest at India Day Parade," The New York Times, August 17, 1997.

"A Golden Anniversary in Queens" (a story on Indian and Pakistani Independence Days in New York), The New York Times, August 15, 1997.

"Choli to the Macarena" (an article on South Asian American cultural trends), The Times of India (a leading news-daily in India), February 16, 1997.

"Love New-American Style" (a story on young Asian Americans and dating), Daily News, February 9, 1997.

"The Silent Partners Inside Restaurants" (a story on religious altars in ethnic restaurants), The New York Times, September 25, 1996.

“Forum on South Asian Politics,” News-India Times, November 29, 1996
 “To Be Young, Indian and Hip,” The New York Times, June 30, 1996.
 “The Asian-American Web,” New York Newsday, June 5, 1996.
 “Living on the edge,” India Today, May 15, 1996.
 “The Spice Route’s New York Extension,” The New York Times, May 5, 1996.
 “Queens Old-Timers Uneasy As Asian Influence Grows,” The New York Times, March 31, 1996.
 “Kanu Chauhan’s Christmas Spectacular,” The New York Times, December 24, 1995.
 “Asian-Indian Americans,” American Demographics, August 1995.
 “New Age Lure For Old Cures,” Daily News, March 13, 1995.
 “The New Amos ‘n’ Andy?” (A story on two South Asians on David Letterman show),
New York Newsday, March 6, 1995.
 “Out of India,” New York Newsday, September 19, 1994.
 “At the Threshold, A Poem of India” (a feature on Rangoli, the Indian art of floor-
 painting), The New York Times: Home Section, January 13, 1994.
 “Asians Emerge From the Shadows,” New York Newsday, June 30, 1993.
 “When Hostility Follows Immigration,” Washington Post, November 16, 1992.
 Coverage of talks in New Delhi, India, The Times Of India, July 25, and The Pioneer,
 July 26, 1992.
 “Controversy Over ‘Rising Sun’,” India Abroad, January 20, 1992.
 “An Ethnic Road to Riches: The Immigrant Job Specialty,” The New York Times,
 January 12, 1992.
 “The New Myth Makers: The Changing Face of Indian Immigrants,” Little India,
 October 1991.
 “Power of the City,” New York Woman, April 1991.
 “Houston and About: Saris and Suitcases. . . .,” New York Press, February 6-12, 1991.

Awards

Prof. Khandelwal has been widely recognized for her community-oriented research and has been honored by NYC Comptroller’s Office, Queens Women’s Center, Elmhurst Hospital, and community organizations such as Pragati, Nav Nirmaan, and SAYA! (South Asian Youth Action !).

Other Activities

Served on CUNY New Visions Selection Committee (1996-97), Curriculum Committee for CUNY-wide Asian American Studies Program (1995), Asian American Women Leaders’ Project, and committee for creation of an Intercultural PhD at City University of New York (1995-96).

Organized conferences such as “Emerging Asian Communities” (Queens College, CUNY, 1996), “Asian Diaspora” (Queens College, CUNY, 1993-94), “Moving the Center of Debate” (School of Visual Arts, NYC, 1992), and “Beyond Black and White: Asians in the Americas,” (a public program for Rockefeller Fellowship Program at the Asian American Center, Queens College, CUNY, 1991).

Demonstration and discussion of Indian folks arts in schools, museums, and multicultural festivals. Worked as a consultant for projects of the Queens Museum of Arts, American Museum of Natural History, The Asia Society, Queens Council on the Arts, and Citylore.