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EDUCATION

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
PhD (Philosophy), expected June 2010
Supervisor: Professor Gideon Rosen

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT
JD, May 2007

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
BA, *summa cum laude*, May 2000
Mathematics (High Honors), Computer Science (Honors),
Philosophy; Program in the History of Ideas

ACADEMIC HONORS

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| May 2008 | Graduate Prize Fellowship, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University |
| May 2000 | Arnold Porter prize in Mathematics, Brandeis University
Award for most outstanding senior in Philosophy
Award for excellence in Computer Science |
| May 1999 | <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>
University Scholar: for outstanding academic excellence |
| August 1996 | Wien International Scholarship (with full tuition), 1996-99 |
| March 1995 | Rank #2, All-India Entrance Examination, National Law School of India University |

ACTIVITIES

- Sep 08-Jan 09 **Law and Social Sciences Research Network (LASS-Net)** (www.lassnet.org)
LASSNet is an effort to bring together scholars, lawyers, and activists engaged in research and teaching around legal issues in South Asia from the perspective of the social sciences. I designed and managed the website for the inaugural LASS-Net Conference, held in Delhi in January 2009.
- Apr 01-Aug 08 **Right to Food Campaign** (www.righttofoodindia.org)
The Right to Food Campaign began in April 2001 with a petition to the Supreme Court of India urging the Government to take immediate action to prevent widespread hunger in Western India. Since then the Campaign has been involved in an ongoing Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the Supreme Court, and a number of related activities on the ground: including a successful campaign to enact a National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and monitor its implementation; and another to universalize mid-day meals in primary public schools. I was involved with the Campaign from its inception, helping with survey research, fund-raising, the Supreme Court petition, and preparation for protests and public hearings. From March 2005-August 2008 I also managed the campaign website.
- Feb 03-Jan 05 **Drishti** (www.princeton.edu/~drishti)
I was founder-member and secretary of a student group which organized several talks, discussions, and documentary film-screenings on political and social issues of contemporary relevance to South Asia.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Sep 07-May 08 **Princeton Writing Program**, Princeton University (www.princeton.edu/writing)
As a Writing Fellow, I provided feedback, discussion, and advice on writing assignments for undergraduate students.
- May 02-Aug 02 **HIV/AIDS Unit**, Lawyers Collective, Bombay (<http://www.lawyerscollective.org/hiv-aids>)
As a recipient of a Schell Summer Fellowship from the Yale Law School, I provided research support for activism around the issue of access to drugs for HIV+ patients. I dealt in particular with changes to India's patent regime following the TRIPS agreement and related obligations to the World Trade Organization (WTO).
- Oct 00-May 01 **Women's Rights Initiative**, Lawyers Collective, New Delhi

(<http://www.lawyerscollective.org/wri/what-we-do>)

As a Research Associate, I provided research support for activism around women's legal rights in India. I edited and contributed to a manual on domestic violence and the law; contributed to a national status report on sexual harassment; conducted a study of domestic violence cases in the legal aid cell of the office; created a training module on sexual harassment; wrote a booklet on frequently asked questions in Hindu family law; and researched and presented material on constitutional questions raised by the administration of Muslim family law. I also prepared the concept note for an international conference on sex equality and the law.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2008	Philosophy of Law (Professor Gideon Rosen)
Fall 2004	Plato and his Predecessors (Professor Hendrik Lorenz)
Fall 2003	Philosophy and the Modern Mind (Professor Daniel Garber)
Spring 2000	Introduction to Proofs (Professor Markus Hunziker) The Theory of Computation (Professor Marty Cohn)
Fall 1997-99	Introduction to Symbolic Logic (Professor Jerry Samet)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Philosophy

- 2009 “Threats and Lies”
Dissertation Seminar, Philosophy Department, Princeton University, April 2009
- Comments on “Duress in Islamic Law” (Mairaj Syed)
University Center for Human Values Graduate Prize Fellows Seminar, Princeton University, February 2009
- “Coercion in Context”
University Center for Human Values Graduate Prize Fellows Seminar, Princeton University, February 2009
- 2008 “Deception”
Princeton Philosophical Society, November 2008
- “The Context-sensitivity of Deception”
Dissertation Seminar, Philosophy Department, Princeton University, October 2008
- “Attempting the Impossible”
Princeton Philosophical Society, May 2008
- “Exploitation, Coercion, and Consent”
Dissertation Seminar, Philosophy Department, Princeton University, April 2008
- 2007 “Manipulation”
Princeton Philosophical Society, November 2007
- “The Significance of Consent”
Dissertation Seminar, Philosophy Department, Princeton University, October 2007
- 2006 Joshua Knobe and A. Burra, “Intention and Intentional Action: A Cross-cultural Study.” *Journal of Culture and Cognition*, 6, 113-132.
- Joshua Knobe and A. Burra, “Experimental Philosophy and Folk Concepts: Methodological Considerations.” *Journal of Culture and Cognition*, 6, 331-342.
- 2004 “What’s Wrong with Blackmail?”
Princeton Philosophical Society, October 2004
- Comments on “A Bargaining Problem for Luck-egalitarians” (Mathew Seligman), Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Student Conference, April 2004
- “The Problem of Disagreement” (with Dan Moller)
Princeton Philosophical Society, February 2004

Law

- 2009 “Parliament and the Courts in Independent India: The Constitution (First Amendment) Act, 1951”
Inaugural Conference of the Law and Social Sciences Research Network, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, January 2009
- 2008 “Parliament and the Courts in Independent India: The Constitution (First Amendment) Act, 1951”
Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2008
- “Parliament and the Courts in Independent India: The Constitution (First Amendment) Act, 1951”
Program on Law and Public Affairs, Princeton University, October 2008
- 2007 “The Indian Civil Service and the Raj: 1919-1947”
Program on Law and Public Affairs, Princeton University, November 2007
- “The Indian Civil Service and the Raj: 1919-1947”
Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2007
- “The Indian Civil Service and the Raj, 1917-47: Thoughts on Bureaucratic Neutrality”
South Asia Colloquium, Department of Political Science, Yale University, March 2007

Other

- 2005 Arudra Burra, “Democracy on the Road.” *Humanscape Magazine*, XII:VII

REFERENCES

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