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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

- Fall 2015 - Current Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Calgary
- 2013 - 2015 Postdoctoral Fellow and Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University

EDUCATION

- 2007 - 2012 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago, *Dissertation Title: Constructing Dependence: Visa Regimes and Gendered Migration in Indian Transnational Professional Families* (Chair, Barbara J. Risman) Committee members: Bill Bielby, Nilda Flores Gonzales, Anna R. Guevarra, Chandra Talpade Mohanty, R. Stephen Warner
- 2005 – 2007 M.A. Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago
Thesis: Study of Religious Gatherings of Muslim Immigrant Bangladeshi Women in Chicago
- 1998 – 2000 M.A. Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University, Calcutta, India
- 1995 – 1998 B.A. (Honors), English Literature, Minors: Economics, Political Science
Lady Brabourne College, Calcutta, India

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Immigration; Transnationalism, Gender and Feminist Theory; Sociology of Families; Qualitative Methods; Asia & Asian-Americans.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles

- Allison, Rachel and Pallavi Banerjee. 2014. "Intersectionality in Organizational Research, 1990-2009." *Race, Class and Gender*. 21(3): 67-87 (equal authorship).
- Chen, Xiangming, Pallavi Banerjee, Gaurav Toor, and Edmund Downie. 2014. "China and South Asia: Contention and Cooperation Between Giant Neighbors." *The European Financial Review* 3:40-46.
- Risman, Barbara J. and Pallavi Banerjee. 2013. "Kid's Talking about Race: Tween-Agers in a Post Civil Rights Era". *Sociological Forum* 28(2): 213-235.
- Banerjee, Pallavi and Xiangming Chen. 2013. "Living in In-Between Spaces: A Structure-Agency Analysis of Indian-Bangladeshi and Indian-Chinese Borderlands." *Cities: An International Journal of Public Planning and Policy* 34:18-29.

Book Chapters

- Banerjee, Pallavi. 2015 "When Men Stay Home: Household Labor and Parenthood in Female-Led Families of Indian Migrant Nurses." in Barbara J. Risman and Virginia Rutter (eds.), *Families as They Really Are*. Vol. 2. New York, NY: Norton.
- Banerjee, Pallavi. 2013. "Paradoxes of Patriarchy: South Asian Women in Ethnic Labor Markets." Pp. 96-116 in *Immigrant Women Workers in the Neoliberal Age*. Nilda Flores Gonzales, Anna Romina Guevarra, Grace Chang and Maura Toro-Morn (eds.), Urbana-Champaign, IL: University of Illinois Press.
- Manohar, Namita N., and Pallavi Banerjee. (Forthcoming). "H-1B Visas" *Contemporary Issues of People of Color: Surviving and Thriving in the U.S. Today*. ABC-CLIO

Under Review

- Banerjee, Pallavi. "“Only the snobs go to the mosque:” Muslim Immigrant Bangladeshi Women and the Politics of Gender, Class and Religion." *Qualitative Sociology*, revised and resubmitted.
- Banerjee, Pallavi and Bhumika Piya. "Mothering and Migration: South Asian Single Mothers' Experiences with Mothering, Work and Immigration." revised and resubmitted at *Women, Gender and Families of Color*.

Book Manuscript (Under Preparation)

- Banerjee, Pallavi. *Dismantling Dependence: Gendered Migrations, Visa Regimes and Construction of Dependence among High-Skilled Indian Migrant Families*. (Tentative title)

Other Published Work

Op-Eds/ Invited Blogs

- Banerjee, Pallavi. "New Visa Policy Allows Immigrant Spouses to Hold Jobs." Op-Ed based on research on the US immigration policy was published in the *Ms Magazine Blog*, March 5, 2015.
- Banerjee, Pallavi. "Crisis of Dependent Visas: A Reality Check." Op-ed based on my research on the US immigration policy, was published in the transnational weekly newspaper *India Abroad*, June 13, 2014.
- Banerjee, Pallavi. "Proposed Rule Change for High-Tech Migrant Workers' Spouses Isn't Enough". Op-Ed based on research on the US immigration policy was published in the *Ms Magazine Blog*, May 20, 2014.
- Banerjee, Pallavi. "Dodging the Chores? Indian Men and Household Work". Invited Blog post in the *Gender & Society Blog* in response to *Atlantic* article about men and housework, March 24, 2014.
- Banerjee, Pallavi. "An Immigrant Wife's Place? In the Home, According to Visa Policy". Op-Ed based on dissertation research on the US immigration policy was published in the *Ms Magazine Blog* (Reposted in The *Gender & Society Blog* and *Girl w/Pen*), June 19, 2013. *Archived by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: Executive Office of the President of the United States of America – see [Handout 1](#)*

Conference Proceedings

- Banerjee, Pallavi. 2012. "The Burgeoning Field of Gender, Work & Organization: Insights from the 6th Biennial International Conference." [Gender Work and Organizations Online Conference Proceedings](#). Pp. 1-15.

Book Reviews

- Banerjee, Pallavi. 2014. Review of *Pregnant on Arrival: Making the Illegal Immigrant (Difference Incorporated)*, by Eithne Luibheid. Minneapolis, MN. University of Minnesota Press. in *Gender & Society*.

Banerjee, Pallavi. 2014. Review of *Femininity at Work: Gender, Labour and Changing Relations of Power in a Swedish Hospital*, by Rebecca Salberg. Lund, Sweden, Arkiv forlag. *Work and Occupations*. 41:387.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Journal Articles

Banerjee, Pallavi. Forced Dependence and Gendered Families: Visa Regimes and Household Division of Labor.

Banerjee, Pallavi. A Failing Policy: Policy Implication of Dependent Visas for High-Skilled Worker's Spouses.

Banerjee, Pallavi. "You don't even look Indian...": Problematizing Insiderness in Researching South Asian Immigrant Communities.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2014	David P. Street Dissertation Prize for outstanding dissertation and research in Engaged Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago (\$500)
2011-12	Dean's Scholar Award, University of Illinois at Chicago (\$20,500)
2012	Merit Travel Award to the I.N.T.E.G.R.A.T.I.O.N 2.0 Conference at Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences. Bremen, Germany (\$1,700)
2012	UIC Liberal Arts and Sciences Ph.D. Student Travel Award (\$500)
2011	Provost's Award for Graduate Research, University of Illinois at Chicago (\$2,100)
2011	Departmental Nominee for the UIC Institute For The Humanities Dissertation Fellowship.
2011	Center for Research on Women and Gender, Alice Dan Dissertation Research Award (Honorable Mention), University of Illinois at Chicago
2010	Student Travel Award, ASA annual meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. American Sociological Association (\$225)
2010	Small Grant Research Support, Ford Foundation, Low-Wage, Gender and Immigration Project (\$1,500)
2010	Rue Bucher Memorial Award (Honorable Mention) for Dissertation Proposal, University of Illinois at Chicago
2010	Alice Dan Dissertation Research Award, University of Illinois at Chicago, Center for Research on Women and Gender (\$500)
2007-11	Graduate Students Travel Awards - University of Illinois at Chicago (Total \$1,500)
2006-07	P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship (\$6,000)
2005-06	P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship (\$8,000)

INVITED TALKS

"Who does the Chores? Indian Immigrant Families and Household Work." Invited talk at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Auburn University, Auburn, AI, January 20, 2015.

"Dismantling Dependence: Indian Migrant Families and the Politics of Gendered and Racialized Visa Regimes." Invited talk at the Department of Sociology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, November 20, 2014.

"Dodging the Chores? Indian Immigrant Families and Household Work." Invited talk at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, October 3, 2014.

"Practice of Research Across Boundaries: Academic and Non-Academic": Invited panelist is Workshop On Research Methodologies With A Focus On India, Department of Sociology University of Connecticut, Hartford, CT, April 6, 2015.

"Visas as Neoliberal Tools: Indian Professional Families in the U.S". Presented at the Colloquium Series at Asian American Studies Department, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL. 2012

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

2014

- "Men as Dependents: Household Division of Labor and Gendered Migration." Presented at the annual American Sociological Association meeting, San Francisco, CA.

2013

- "Not Valid For Identification: Gendered Migrations, Visa Structures and Invisible Webs of Dependence." Presented at the annual American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- "I call it the Vegetable Visa: A Gender Structure Analysis of Family Lives of Dependent Visa Holders." Presented at Council on Contemporary Families, 16th annual conference, Immigrant Families As They Are. Miami, FL (Invited Panelist).
- Invited panelist on the Plenary on "The ASA/SWS Relationship with Cecelia Ridgeway, Stanford University, & ASA President" at the winter meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society, Tamaya, NM.
- "'...my job is defined by my visa...': Visas as Organizers of Gendered Labor in Families of Migrant Professional Workers." Presented at the winter meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society, Tamaya, NM.
- "'Jai Ho': Indian Youth in Diaspora, Bollywood and Politics of Embodied Nation, the Racial and the Feminine Other." with Soulit Chacko. Presented at the annual meeting of National Women Studies Association, Cincinnati, OH.
- "Gendered Migrations, Visas Structures and Invisible Webs of Dependence." Presented at the annual Southern Sociological Society meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- "It's a Carrot and the Stick Story: Gendered Migration and Construction of Dependence in Families of High-Skilled Indian Migrant Worker." Presented at the Colloquium Series at the Sociology Department, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

2012

- "Visa Regime and Migrant Families." Presented at the annual meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems, Denver, CO.
- "Manufacturing Dependence and Politics of Dependent Visas" Presented at the I.N.T.E.G.R.A.T.I.O.N 2.0 Conference, Organized by Boeckler Group at Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences. Bremen, Germany. (Invited Panelist)
- "Indian High-Tech Worker, Their Dependents and New Technologies of Belonging and Citizenship." Presented at International Studies Conference, San Diego, CA.
- "Inter-ethnic and Inter-racial dating and marriage among Asian American Indian youth: Formation of Racial, Ethnic and gender Identities." with Soulit Chacko, Presented at the annual Midwest Sociological Society meeting. Minneapolis, MN.

2011

- "'I call it the Vegetable Visa': Gendered Migration and the Politics of Dependent Visa" at the Conference on *Guest Workers: Western Origins, Global Futures* organized by Huntington Library, San Marino, CA. (Invited Panelist)
- "The Balancing Act: South Asian Women Negotiating Labor Markets and Family" Presented in the Regular Session on Immigration Communities and Families, at the annual meeting of American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- "Indian High Tech Workers in the United States and the Problem of Dependence" at the Conference on Technologies of Migration: Asia, Media, Mobility, and Virtuality at University of Illinois, Champaign, IL.

2010

- "'Vegetable Visa': Gender in Families of Immigrating Indian Professionals With One Spouse on Dependent Visa." Presented at the annual meeting of American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.
- "Race Matters: Tween-Agers' Race-Talk in the 21st Century." with Barbara J. Risman. Presented at the annual meeting of American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.
- "South Asian Immigrant Women in Ethnic Labor Markets: Negotiating Masculinity at Home and at Work." accepted at International Gender, Work and Organization, 6th Biennial International Interdisciplinary Conference, Keele University, Staffordshire, UK.

- “The Role Of Religious Involvement In The Lives Of Immigrant Muslim Women: Repressive Or Liberating Force?” Invited colloquium at the Center for Social Science Research, Kolkata, India.
- “Mothering and Migration: South Asian Single Mothers in Ethnic Enclaves.” with Amy Brainer. Presented at the Mothering and Migration Conference, Puerto Rico.
- “Exploring Gender in the Families of Indian Migrant Professional Workers in the U.S.” Accepted at the annual meeting of Midwest Sociological Conference, Chicago, IL.
- “Tween-Agers’ Race-Talk In the 21st Century.” with Barbara J. Risman. Presented at the Colloquium of Gender and Women’s Studies and African-American Studies, UIC, Chicago, IL.

2009

- “Carework at Home and at Work: South Asian Women in Ethnic Labor Markets” Presented at the 6th International Carework Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- “South Asian Women in Ethnic Labor Markets: Negotiating Male-Dominance at Home and at Work.” Presented at the annual meeting of Low-Wage Workers, Migration and Gender Conference, Chicago, IL.

2008

- “Effects of Class-Segregated Religious Participation on Social Lives of Immigrant Muslim Bangladeshi Women in Chicago” Presented at the annual meeting of American Sociological Association, Boston, MA.
- “We are not White or Black or Brown, we are Indians”: Indian Americans – Intermarriage and Formation of Racial and Ethnic Categories”. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of Association of Black Sociologists, Boston, MA.
- “Immigrant Bangladeshi Women: Patriarchy and Religious Participation.” Presented at the annual meeting of Society for Women Sociologists, Las Vegas, NV.
- “A Comparative Study of the Lives of People in Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-China Borderlands: Pre and Post Globalization”. Presented at the annual meeting of Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO.

2007

- “The Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-China borderlands: Problematizing the global-local perspective” at a one-day Workshop on Euro-Asian Borderlands organized by the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL.

2006

- "Social Capital As Determinant(s) of Occupation Among Multiethnic Low-Income Immigrants in Chicago" with Pratim Sengupta, Poster presentation at the UIC Interdisciplinary Immigration Initiative Spring Conference, UIC, Chicago, IL.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Calgary

Sociology of the Family (FA15, WI 16)

Seminar in Family and Immigration (WI 16)

Vanderbilt University

Contemporary Social Issues: Gender and Families (SP 15)

Contemporary Social Issues: Ethnicity and Families (FA14, FA13)

Gender in Society (SP14)

University of Illinois at Chicago

Introduction to Sociological Research Methods (SU11)

Senior Research Experience: Making Alternative and Minority Families Visible (SP11)

Social Problems (SU09, FA08)

Teaching Interests

Transnational Feminism; Immigration and Gender; Alternative and Minority Families; Feminist Methodologies; Women in the Global Markets

Training in Teaching and Learning

Teaching Mentorship Program, Taylor Institute, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Calgary

Certification of Participation in Center for Teaching at Vanderbilt University

Two semesters of Teaching Seminar for Graduate Students at UIC

Attended workshops on effective teaching at UIC and Vanderbilt University

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

Media and Press

Quoted in The Economic Times Blog, entitled: *Punjabi Canadians won 18 seats in the recent election in Canada*, Oct 25, 2015

Research cited and quoted in **The Economic Times** Blog, entitled: *For H-1B visa holders, double income will be a reality soon*. July 13, 2015

Research cited and quoted in **The Huffington Post** Blog, entitled: *Work Permits For Spouses of H1-B Visa Holders Will Help Families, Economy*. July 7, 2015.

Interviewed by the **Uptown Radio, New York City: The End of the "Trailing Spouse" Visa**. By Adelle Pontay, April 17, 2015

Research cited and quoted in **The Economic Times** Blog, entitled: *US Visa: Spouses of H-1B work permit holders to be eligible for employment authorization*. March 2, 2015

Mention in the American Sociological Association Footnotes, Volume 42 • Number 6 • July/August 2014

Research cited and quoted in **The Washington Post** blog, entitled: *Spouses of high-skilled immigrants aren't allowed to work. That's finally changing*. May 9, 2014

Research mentioned in the **American Immigration Law Office Blog**, in a post entitled: *Can Spouses of US Visa Holders Work In The USA?* April 15, 2013.

Research featured in the story "Three Things Immigrant Families can Teach All Americans" published in the Berkeley web magazine **Greater Good: The Science of a Meaningful Life**. April 13, 2013.

Research Excerpted at *Unconventional Wisdom: News You Can Use, A Survey of Recent Family Research and Clinical Findings*. Publication by **Council on Contemporary Families**, Stephanie Coontz and Joshua Coleman (eds.)

- "Love-Hate Relationship with Technology in Transnational Lives of Indian Immigrant Women." 6th annual edition, April 20, 2014.
- "How Do Today's Children Understand Race?" 5th annual edition, April 23, 2012.
- "The Role Of Religious Involvement In The Lives Of Immigrant Muslim Women: Repressive Or Liberating Force?" 3rd annual Edition, April 2, 2010.

ACADEMIC SERVICES/ OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Peer Reviewer at:

American Sociological Review; American Journal of Sociology; Gender & Society; Work and Occupation; Sociological Perspective; Journal of Family Issues; Women, Gender and Families of Color; Youth & Society; City and Communities; Psychology & Society.

2016-18 Elected Chair of Nominations Committee, *Sociologists for Women in Society*

2015-16 Member of Programs Committee, Southern Sociological Association, Annual Conference, 2016

2015-16 Member, Social Committee, Sociology Department, University of Calgary.

2014-15 Member, Speaker's Committee, Sociology Department, Vanderbilt University.

2014 Member, local arrangements committee for winter meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society, Nashville.

2012-13 Member, student advisory board, Asian-American Studies Department, University of Illinois at Chicago.

2011 Member, new Ph.D. cohort recruitment day committee, Sociology Department, University of Illinois at Chicago.

- 2010 Presider, Regular Session: Immigration, Family and The Politics of Home and Belonging at Section on Asians and Asian Americans, at American Sociological Association Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 Session Organizer, Discussant and Presider, Migration Flows, Gender and Religion at Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting, Des Moines, IA.
- 2007–08 Graduate Student Representative, Ph.D. Students' Admissions Committee, Sociology Department, UIC.
- 2008 Discussant, Family/Work Conflicts and Well-Being Session at Midwest Sociological Society St. Louis, MO.
- 2007 Presider, Contemporary Families: Into the Future Session at the Midwest Sociological Society meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2006-08 Graduate Representative to the Council on Contemporary Families, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- 2005-07 Sociology Representative to Graduate Employees Organization, University of Illinois at Chicago.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Sociological Association (2006-present)
- Society for the Study of Social Problems (2011-present)
- Southern Sociological Society (2012-present)
- Sociologists for Women in Society (2008-present)
- National Women's Studies Association (2012-present)
- Association of Asian American Studies (2011-present)

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Regional Youth Program Coordinator (Field Operations), Children International (U.S.A.) Field Office - SAHAY Calcutta, India. 2001 – 2004.
 - Duties Included: Designing and Implementing Community Development Program for underprivileged youth and children in India, Nepal and the Philippines. Managing and directing about 100 field staff (program managers and social workers) across India, Philippines and Nepal.
- Project Assistant – Education for the Girl Child in Eastern India, UNICEF, West Bengal, India 1999 – 2001
 - Duties Included: Research and documentation of education programs for underprivileged girl children in collaboration with state governments.

REFERENCES

Available upon request