

ASHVINA PATEL
CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
Ph.D. in Anthropology [expected December 2018]
M.A. in Anthropology

University of Hawai'i, Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i
M.A. in Religion

University of California, Santa Barbara
B.A. in Religious Studies

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC SERVICE

- 2018 *Refugee Resilience in Politicized Urban Spaces*. Forced Migrants in Urban Spaces: Adaptation and Resilience across Borders. Presenter & Organizer. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting San Jose, CA, Nov 14-18.
- 2018 *Urban Refugees of the Global South: Political Human In/Security of the Rohingya in New Delhi*. International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Conference Thessaloniki, Greece, July 24-27.
- 2017 *UNHCR Status Briefing*. Roundtable presentation and directional insights for India Chief of Mission on human in/security of Rohingya in New Delhi. November 9.
- 2017 *Debating the Legal and Protection Challenges*. Panelist. The Rohingya Refugee Crisis: Debating the Challenges. Jindal School of International Affairs and Centre for Human Rights Studies (CHRS). November 4.
- 2017 *Invited Delegate*. Jindal School of International Affairs and Centre for Human Rights Studies (CHRS). Refugee (Self-)Support in New Delhi: Challenges and Opportunities. New Delhi, India. May 30.
- 2016 *Geo-Politics and Human Insecurity Among Rohingya Refugees in India*. International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Conference Poznan, Poland, July 12-15.
- 2016 *Rohingya Refugee Displacement: Issues of Economic & Health Insecurity*. Society For Applied Anthropology Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC, March 30.
- 2016 *Understanding the Refugee Experience in India: Abjectivity and Agency Among the Rohingya Stateless*. Whose Protection? Interrogating Displacement and the Limits of Humanitarian Welcome, SMU Anthropology Graduate Student Symposium. Co-organizer & Presenter. January 29.
- 2015 *South Asian & South East Asian Refugee Resettlement: A Burmese Case Study in Dallas, Texas*. Joint Student Conference SEASSI/SASLI/CESSI, University of Wisconsin, July 25.
- 2015 *Burmese Care Coordination: Resettled Refugee Health Practices*. Society For Applied Anthropology Annual Conference, Pittsburg, PA, March 28.

INVITED SPEAKER & GUEST LECTURES

Spring 2016 Guest Lecture:
Issues of Forced Migration in India for Anthropology 3700: South Asia at University North Texas for Dr. Andrew Nelson

- Fall 2016 Guest Lecture:
Historical Treatment of Refugees in post-Independence India for History 3395: Problems in Asian History: Human Rights and Modern South Asia at Southern Methodist University for Dr. Rachel Ball.
- Fall 2015 Guest Lecture:
Gendered Flight for Anthropology 3336: Gender and Globalization at Southern Methodist University for Dr. Victoria Lockwood.
- Fall 2013 Guest Lecture:
Refugees A Global Issue for Anthropology 3336: Gender and Globalization at Southern Methodist University for Dr. Victoria Lockwood.
- Spring 2013 Invited Speaker:
Where are the Women in Philosophy & Religion? at Richland College for Contemporary Issues in Philosophy & Religion at Richland College invited by Dr. Jon Ewing.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M Commerce, Instructor

World Cultures An Anthropological Perspective [ANTH 2351]
Tier II general education undergraduate online format course
Spring 2016 - present

Richland College, Instructor

Understand Major World Religions [PHIL 1304]
Undergraduate seminar in class, online, and hybrid format courses
Spring 2009 – Summer II 2018

Religion and Contemporary Global Conflicts: Guns vs Gods [PHIL 2321]
Tier II Undergraduate seminar in class and online format courses
Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012

Southern Methodist University, Instructor of Record

Gender and Globalization: Cultural and Ethical Issues [ANTH 3336]
Upper division undergraduate lecture
Fall 2016

Southern Methodist University, Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology [ANTH 2301]
Undergraduate lecture course. Lead 2 discussion classes to supplement.
Fall 2013, Spring 2015

ADVISING EXPERIENCE

Southern Methodist University

Department of Anthropology, Health & Society Undergraduate Majors Advisor
Provided guidance to 50+ students on institutional and major requirements, capstone projects, study abroad opportunities, and academic distinction process. Fall 2016.

Engaged Learning Fellowship Mentor

Embrey Human Right Program/ SMU Engaged Learning Fellowship capstone report:
“Displacement in Costa Rica and Dallas” Colton Donica. Fall 2014-2015