

ASHVINA PATEL
CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas

Ph.D. in Anthropology
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.

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.” Fall 2014-2015