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EDUCATION

Ph.D (2004– presently) Political Science, Vanderbilt University

Comprehensive Exams: Political Theory, International Relations

Institute for Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research, Arizona State University, January 2007

M.A. (2002) International Relations, University of Warwick

B.A. (2001) History, Delhi University (Lady Shri Ram College)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Citizenship and citizenship: theory and activism” (co-authored with Brooke A. Ackerly) at the International Studies Association, San Diego, California March 2006.

“Scholarship, Sponsorship and Social Activism” presented at the World Social Forum, Porto Alegre, Brazil. January 2005.

“The United Nations Role in Promoting Democratization” presented at the Holocaust Seminar, Vanderbilt University, October 2004.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded Vanderbilt Graduate student international travel fellowship to attend the “World Social Forum”, Nairobi, Kenya - January 2007. (Presenting research paper entitled, “Fields of Feminist Activism: Transforming agendas for more effective global environmental governance”.)

Awarded Vanderbilt University Political Science research methods award to attend the “Institute of Qualitative Research Methods” hosted by Arizona State University – January 2007.

Awarded United Nations University Scholarship for junior fellows to attend a symposium entitled “Development, Environment and Peace – Our Contribution to a Better Future” – December 2006.

Awarded Vanderbilt Graduate student travel fellowship to attend the “International Studies Association” meeting held in San Diego March 2006.

Awarded Vanderbilt Graduate student international travel fellowship to attend the ‘World Social Forum’, Porto Alegre, Brazil 2005. (Organized a panel on ‘Sponsorship, Scholarship and Social Activism: Building Bridges and Fostering New Leadership’).

Awarded United Nations University “Junior fellows” scholarship to attend an academic semester programme at the United Nations University, Tokyo on ‘Human Rights’ and ‘UN Systems’ May-July 2004

Awarded CORDAID grant for workshop on ‘Sponsorship, Scholarship and Social Activism: Building Bridges and Fostering New Leadership’, January 2005. (\$2800)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

“Introduction to Political Theory” (Fall 2006)

Discussion facilitator: Introducing students to political theory and relating it to current social justice issues.

LANGUAGES

- English, Hindi, Punjabi, French (Intermediate level)