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EDUCATION	2018	Cornell University, Department of Government Ithaca, NY Ph.D., Comparative Politics Committee: Ronald J. Herring (Chair), Kenneth Roberts, Thomas B. Pepinsky, Nic Van de Walle
	2005	Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) New York, NY Master of International Affairs Concentration: International Development
	2004	Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po) Paris, France Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts ("Sciences-Po Diplôme") Major: International Organizations, <i>Cum Laude</i>
PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS	2019– present	Boston College, Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences Boston, MA Associate Professor of South Asian and Comparative Politics
	2018–2019	King's College, India Institute and School of Global Affairs London, United Kingdom Lecturer in Contemporary India
PUBLICATIONS	Monographs	
	2025	<i>The Accommodation of Democracy: a New Political Economy of Poverty Alleviation in Rural India.</i> (Oxford University Press, Modern South Asia Series)
	Journal articles	
	2018	"Public Policy Reform and Informal Institutions. The Political Articulation of the Demand for Work in Rural India," <i>World Development</i> , 103:C, pp. 284–296.

UNDER REVIEW		“Quota entry and persistence: how ritual status continues to shape public policy outcomes in rural India.”
		“Does descriptive representation shape partisan competition? Local level democratization, quotas, and winning margins at the State constituency level in India.”
IN PREPARATION		“Has local level democratization gone against the ‘Silent Revolution’? Quotas of descriptive representation and the electoral decline of the <i>Bahujan Samaj Party</i> in Uttar Pradesh.”
		“Party system change, party system fragmentation and defections at the state level in India: a comparative analysis of Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar.”
BOOK REVIEWS	2020	“Vote blocs and clientelism. Review of <i>Crafty Oligarchs, Savvy Voters</i> by Shandana Mohmand Khan,” <i>Contemporary South Asia</i> , 28:2, pp. 258–263.
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS	2017	Herbert I. Flournoy Fellowship, Cornell University
	2014-2015	Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (DDIG), NSF
	2015	Graduate School Research Travel Grant, Cornell University
	2014	Summer Foreign Language Instruction Grant, Cornell University
	2013, 2016, 2017	Conference Travel Grant, Cornell University
	2011, 2016	Sage Fellowship, Cornell University
CONFERENCE ACTIVITY	Papers	
	2025	“Does descriptive representation shape partisan competition? Local level democratization, quotas, and winning margins at the State constituency level in India.” Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC
	2025	“Do quotas of descriptive representation shape party—building incentives? Evidence from rural India.” Pre-conference on South Asian Politics, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC
	2024	“How partisan are the “Village Republics”? How democratization shapes local partisanship in India.” Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA and Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin–Madison, WI

2022	“Party system change, party system fragmentation and defections at the state level in India: a comparative analysis of Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar.” Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montréal, QC, CA
2021	“Righting Wrongs through Public Employment: how the Scheduled Castes in India benefit from Poverty Alleviation Policies.” Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA
2019	“Patronage Guaranteed? The Local Politics of the Right to Work. <i>Public Policy Reform, Citizenship and Patronage in Rural India.</i>” Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC
2019	“<i>Wages of the Weak.</i> The Agrarian Economy and the Implementation of the Right to Work in rural Uttar Pradesh.” Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL
2016	“Public Policy Reform and Informal Institutions. A Moral Economy of Poverty Alleviation in Rural India” Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA and Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin–Madison, WI
2016	“The Local State and the Politics of Accommodation in the Periphery: Evidence from a North Indian district” Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL
2013	“Bringing democracy home? Assessing the impact of remittances on regime stability in developing countries” Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Boston College

Undergraduate courses

Spring 2021, 2022, 2024 & 2025	The New Worlds of Welfare Capitalism: state, citizens and social protection in comparative perspective
Fall 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025	Political Parties, Voters and Party Systems in Comparative Perspective

Spring 2020	Introduction to Comparative Politics
Fall 2019, 2020, 2024 & 2025 & Spring 2022, 2024	Introduction to South Asian Politics
Spring 2021, Fall 2023	Politics of Contemporary India: Democracy and Identity (undergraduate seminar)
Spring 2020, Fall 2021 & Spring 2025	Democracy and Political Mediation in the Global South (undergraduate seminar)

Graduate courses

Fall 2022	Field Seminar in Comparative Politics
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King's College, London

Undergraduate courses

Spring 2019	Introduction to South Asia (Spring term)
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Graduate courses

Spring 2019	Contemporary India: State, Society and Economy
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Cornell University, Sole Instructor

Spring 2014	Identities in Contemporary India (First-year Writing Seminar)
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Cornell University, Graduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2017	Inside Europe (Christopher Way)
Spring 2016	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Nic Van de Walle)
Fall 2013	American Political Thought (Isaac Kramnick)
Spring 2013	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Andrew Mertha)
Fall 2012	Authoritarian Regimes (Valerie Bunce)

ADVISING

Graduate

2022–present	PhD Committee Co-chair Akash Chopra
2023–2024	Master's thesis advisor Rubyna Boodhoo

Undergraduate

2025–2026	Thesis advisor Layla Giovanello
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DEPARTMENT SERVICE	2022–present	Faculty Advisor Undergraduate committee for Study Abroad programs
	2021, 2024	Faculty Reviewer PhD qualifying exams for Tyler Parker, Sam Biaisi (2021), Sean Henninger, Jun-Woo Kim and Betul Ozkaran (2024)
	2022, 2024	Search Committee Member Middle Eastern Politics (Comparative), Latin American Politics (Comparative) and East Asian Politics (Comparative)
	2022, 2024	Faculty Advisor Admits weekend event for the Political Science Major
	2022–2023	Faculty Advisor Undergraduate committee for Honors program
UNIVERSITY SERVICE	2022–present	Faculty advisor Fulbright program selection
	2024	Faculty Advisor Model United Nations, Bangalore (India)
	2022	Faculty Mentor McNair’s scholars program
	2020	Faculty Advisor Gabelli Presidential Scholars Selection
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	2015	Survey Experiment in Madhepura district (Bihar, India) on Perceptions of Criminality in Politics among Voters Principal Investigator: Simon Chauchard, Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Dartmouth University
	2013	Survey Experiment in Gonda district (Uttar Pradesh, India) on Ethnicity and Voting Behavior Principal Investigator: Simon Chauchard, Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Dartmouth University
REVIEWER	American Political Science Review, World Development, Governance, International Review of Administrative Sciences	
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	American Political Science Association (2012, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025) Midwest Political Science Association (2013, 2016, 2019, 2025) European Association of South Asian Studies (2018–2020)	
REFERENCES		

Ashutosh Varshney

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