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## PROFESSIONAL POSITION

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Assistant Professor of Sociology Since Fall 2014  
Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ

## EDUCATION

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Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Ph.D. in Sociology May 2014

M.A. in Sociology May 2010

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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Singh, Vikash. "Religious Practice and the Phenomenology of Everyday Violence in Contemporary India." *Ethnography*. Forthcoming

Singh, Vikash. "Beyond religious fundamentalisms: An analysis of resistance in the Kanwar pilgrimage in India." *Subjectivity*, Vol. 7, No.3, pp. 234-53. 2014

Singh, Vikash. "Work, Performance, and the Social Ethic of Global Capitalism: Understanding Religious Practice in Contemporary India." *Sociological Forum*, Vol. 28, No. 2, pp. 283-307. 2013

Singh, Vikash. "Religion and Neoliberalism: TV Serial Rāmāyaṇa and the Becoming of an Ideology, 1980-1990." *International Journal of Žižek Studies*, Vol. 6, No. 2, pp. 1-17. 2012

Singh, Vikash. "Precarious Life and the Ethics of Care: Subjectivity in an Indian Religious Phenomenon." *Culture and Religion*, Vol. 12, no. 4, pp. 419-40. 2011

## PUBLISHED BOOK CHAPTERS

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Singh, Vikash. "Definitive Exclusions: The Social Fact and the Subjects of Neo-Liberalism," in *The Unhappy Divorce of Psychoanalysis and Sociology: From* 2014

- Marginalization to Revitalization*, (eds) Lynn Chancer and John Andrews. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 380-400.
- Singh, Vikash. "Struggle Over Reservoir Rights in Madhya Pradesh: The Tawa Fishing Cooperative and the State," in *Water Conflicts in India: A Million revolts in the Making*, (eds) K. J. Joy, Biksham Gujja, Suhas Paranjpye, Vinod Goud, Shruti Vispute. New Delhi/ Oxford: Routledge, pp.348-352. 2008
- Singh, Vikash**, Bhupendra Gehlot, Daniel Start, and Craig Johnson. "Local Politics and the 'Logic' of Development Assistance in Madhya Pradesh," in *Policy windows and Livelihood Futures: Prospects for Poverty Reduction in Rural India*, (eds) John Farrington, Priya Deshingkar, Craig Johnson and Daniel Start. New Delhi/ New York: Oxford University Press, pp.394-410. 2006
- Jafri, Anwar and **Vikash Singh**. "Mainstreaming Gender in District Level Plans in Madhya Pradesh," in *Local Governance in India: Decentralization and Beyond*, (eds) Niraja Gopal Jayal, Amit Prakash, and Pradeep K. Sharma. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp.321-354. 2006

#### MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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- Glory to the Fool: Performance, Conflict, and Morality in a Mass Religious Movement*. Ready book manuscript with ongoing communication with Chicago University Press. Ready for submission
- Singh, Vikash** and Jason Torkelson. "Caste, Race, and the Cultures of Neo-Liberalism: Re-thinking Neo-Racism using Lessons of the Caste Society." To be submitted to *Comparative Studies in Society and History*. Ready for submission
- Singh, Vikash. Book Review of Soma Chaudhuri (2013), *Witches, Tea Plantations, and Lives of Migrant Laborers in India*, Lexington Books. *Gender & Society*. Invited publication. In progress

#### OTHER SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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##### Translations

- Soni, Madan. "Before the Translation," trans. Giriraj Kiradoo and **Vikash Singh**, in *India in Translation Through Hindi Literature: A Plurality of Voices*, (eds) Maya Burger and Nicola Pozza. Bern: Peter Lang, pp.65-76. 2010
- Soni, Madan. "Shekhar: A(n) (Auto)Biography," trans. Raji Narsimhan and **Vikas Singh**. *Hindi: Language, Discourse, Writing*, Vol.3, no.1, pp.65-79. 2002

### Working Papers and Commissioned Reports

- Singh, Vikash**, Bhupendra Gehlot, Craig Johnson, and Daniel Start. “Out of Reach: Local Politics and the Distribution of Development Funds in Madhya Pradesh.” Working paper, 200. *London: Overseas Development Institute.* 2003
- Jenkins, Robert, K. Jayalakshmi, Tasneem Khorakiwala, Gopinath Reddy, Ratna Reddy, **Vikas Singh**, and Ann Marie Goetz. State Responsiveness to Poverty: A Comparative Study of Development Interventions in the Indian States of Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. *London: Overseas Development Institute.* 2003
- Singh, Vikash** and Sandeep Dikshit. “Policy, Implementation and Impact: A Desk Review and Research Agenda for Studying Livelihood-Focused Schemes in Madhya Pradesh.” Working Paper. *London: Overseas Development Institute.* 2001

### Non-Refereed Articles

- Vikas**. “State and People’s Initiatives: Experience of Tawa Matsya Sangh.” *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 36, no. 49, pp. 4527-31. 2001

### GRANTS AND HONORS

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- Teaching Honor Roll, Sociology Department, Rutgers University Fall 2012
- Research Grant, Sociology Department, Rutgers University 2012, 2013
- Graduate Fellow, Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis (RCHA), History Department, Rutgers University. 2011-2012
- Chakra Research and Travel Award, South Asian Studies Program, Rutgers University. 2011
- Special Study Opportunity and Travel Award, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers University. 2010
- Matilda-White Riley Best Graduate Student Course Paper award, Sociology Department, Rutgers University. 2009
- Excellence Fellowship for Graduate Study, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers University. 2006-2008
- Independent Research Fellowship, SARAI—Centre for Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi. 2004

## INVITED TALKS AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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- “Religion, Representation, and the Problems of ‘Identity’ Theory.” Talk, 2013  
Spring 2103 Colloquium Series, Sociology Department, Rutgers University.  
New Brunswick, NJ.
- “Ethics and Politics of Subjectivity in an Indian Pilgrimage.” Rutgers Center 2012  
for Historical Analysis (RCHA), Narratives of Power Seminar Series, History  
Department, Rutgers University. New Brunswick, NJ.
- “Panel on Publication,” Graduate students professionalization workshop, 2011  
Sociology Department, Rutgers University. New Brunswick, NJ

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Definitive Exclusions: The Social Fact and the Subjects of Neo-Liberalism. Aug 2014  
Panel in Critical Theory. Annual Meeting, American Sociological  
Association, San Francisco.
- Sociological Misrecognition and the Empirical Assessment of Social Facts. Aug 2014  
Psycho-Dynamics and the Social, Sixth Annual ASA Mini-Conference, San  
Francisco.
- “On the Way: Religion, Secularism, Violence.” Conference on Global Nov 2013  
Secularisms. New York.
- “Marginality, Dread, and Repression: The Phenomenology of Religious Aug 2013  
Practice in Contemporary India.” Panel on Ethnographic Methods. Annual  
Meeting, American Sociological Association. New York.
- “Definitive Exclusions: The Social Fact and the Subjects of Neo-Liberalism,” Aug 2013  
Conference on Psychoanalysis and Sociology. New York.
- “Beyond Categorical Dichotomies: Fields of Performance, Figures of 2013  
Recognition in a Mass Religious Movement.” Regular session, Annual  
Meeting, Eastern Sociological Society. Boston.
- “On the Way: Religion, Secularism, Violence.” Regular Session, Annual 2013  
Meeting, Eastern Sociological Society. Boston.
- “Resistance of Metaphysics: Recognition, Responsibility, and the Śaivite 2012  
Pilgrim.” Roundtable, Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association.  
Denver.
- “TV Serial Ramayana and the Becoming of an Ideology: Religion and Neo- 2012  
liberalism, India, 1980-1990.” Neo-liberal Perversions: Fantasy and Gaze in  
Contemporary Culture. Brockport, NY.

“Resistance, Recognition, and Sovereignty: Psychodynamic Observations on an Indian Pilgrimage.” Round table, Annual Meeting, Eastern Sociological Society. New York.	2012
“Anxiety and Care in the Times of Globalization: Reflections on an Indian Pilgrimage.” Round table, Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Sheraton society, Philadelphia, NJ.	2011
“Anxiety and Care in the Times of Globalization: Reflections on an Indian Pilgrimage.” Graduate Student Conference on Globalization and Aesthetics. English Department, Rutgers. New Brunswick, NJ.	2010
“Religion and Social Change: A Case for Reconceptualizing Social Movements.” Regular Session. Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA	2010
“The Railway Station and the Shelter-home: Encounters with the Children of Bhopal Railway Station.” Annual meeting of Independent Research Fellows. SARAI, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies. Delhi.	2004
“Out of Reach: Local politics and the Distribution of Development Funds in Madhya Pradesh.” Conference on Livelihood Options, Overseas Development Institute (ODI). India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.	2003
“Gender Mainstreaming in <i>Panchayats</i> .” Conference on decentralization, UNDP. Centre for Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.	2002
“Policy, Implementation and Impact: A Desk Review and Research Agenda for Studying Livelihood-Focused Schemes in Madhya Pradesh.” Conference on Livelihoods, Overseas Development Institute (ODI). Madhya Pradesh.	2002

#### ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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##### Independent Research Fellow, SARAI, Center for Study of Developing Societies, Delhi

“The Children of Bhopal Railway Station.” (Ethnographic research on urban poverty and homeless children in Bhopal, India). 2004-05

##### Research Assistant, UNDP & UN-HABITAT Project

“Gender Mainstreaming in District Plans,” PI. Dr. Anwar Jafri, Eklavya, Bhopal. 2004-05

##### Research Assistant, Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), Delhi Project

“Decentralization of Educational Institutions in Madhya Pradesh,” PI. Dr. Yogesh Kumar, Samarthan, Bhopal, India 2003-04

Research Assistant, Project of the Overseas Development Institute (ODI)  
London

- “State Responsiveness to Poverty.” PI. Prof. Robert Jenkins, CUNY 2002-04
- “Livelihood Diversification in Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.” PI. Dr. John Farrington, ODI, London. 2000-03
- “The Role of Governance in Livelihood Diversification in Madhya Pradesh.” PI. Dr. John Farrington, ODI, London. 2000-03

Research Assistant, Project of the Government of Madhya Pradesh, India

- “Planning for District Poverty Initiatives Project.” PI. Sandeep Dikshit, Sanket Development Group, Bhopal, India. 2000-03

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Montclair State University (Fall 2014)

Racial and Ethnic Relations

Social Theory – Critical Theory

Instructor of Record, Rutgers University, Sociology Department

Introduction to Sociology (hybrid) – Summer 2013

Sociology of Deviant Behavior – Summer 2013

Introduction to Sociology – Fall 2013; Spring 2013; Fall 2012; Spring 2012; Fall 2011

Contemporary Sociological Theory – Summer 2012; Summer 2009

Development of Sociological Theory – Summer 2010

Law and Society – Summer 2010

Introduction to Research Methods – Fall 2008

Teaching Assistant, Rutgers University, Sociology Department

Contemporary Sociological Theory – Fall 2009; Spring 2010

Development of Sociological Theory – Fall 2010

Introduction to Sociology – Spring 2011

Introduction to Research Methods – Spring 2009; Fall 2011

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

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Reviewer, *Sociological Forum*, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, and  
*Rutgers Journal of Sociology*

Co-editor, *Rutgers Journal of Sociology*

2012-13

Editorial Board Member, *Rutgers Journal of Sociology*

Since 2010

Colloquium Committee Representative, Graduate Union of Sociology  
Students (GUSS), Rutgers University

2011-12

Member, Governing Board, People's Research Society (India)

Since 2005

Member, American Sociological Association – (Sections on Sociological  
Theory; Body and Embodiment; Collective Behavior/Social Movements;  
Sociology of Religion; Sociology of Culture)

Since 2007

Member, Eastern Sociological Society

Since 2007

## LANGUAGES

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Fluent

Hindi & English

Elementary

Sanskrit, Assamese, Nepali