### CURRICULUM VITAE of RAMYA RAMANATH

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**EDUCATION**

**DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY**, 2005.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, Virginia, USA.

 Concentration: Environmental Design and Planning*.*

 Dissertation Title: *From Conflict to Collaboration: Nongovernmental Organizations and their Negotiations for Local Control of Slum and Squatter Housing in Mumbai, India.* <http://www.ipg.vt.edu/papers/Dissertation_Ramya_Ramanath.pdf>

**MASTER of SOCIAL WORK**, 1996*.*

Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai (Bombay), India.

Concentration*:* Urban and Rural Community Development*.*

 Thesis Title: *Water Situation in Two Slums in Madras City: Effect on Daily Lives of Women*.

**BACHELOR of ECONOMICS**, 1994*.*

The Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai (Madras), India*.*

Ranked fourth in Economics in the State of Tamilnadu, India.

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

*Associate Professor*, fall 2016-present, School of Public Service (SPS)

*Chair*, summer 2014-present, Masters of Science in International Public Service

DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

*Assistant Professor,* 2011-summer 2015*,* School of Public Service (SPS).

*Chair,* summer 2014-present, Master of Science in International Public Service.

*Chair,* 2012-summer 2016, Faculty research and human subjects review committee.

DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

 Teaching graduate level courses entitled Cross-Sector Analysis, Policy Implementation in a Bureaucratic Context, International Dimensions of Public Service, and Sustainable International Development. Designed and taught study-abroad-in-India programs in each of these courses over the past three years.

*Assistant Professor,* 2006-2011*,* School of Public, Nonprofit and Health Administration,

Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan*,* USA.

 Taught graduate level courses entitled Nonprofit Management Practices, Nonprofit Sector: History and Ethics, and Nonprofit Organization Management and Public Policy and, undergraduate courses in Organizational Theory and Voluntarism and the Nonprofit Sector. Designed and taught Management of International Nongovernmental Organizations.

*Faculty Fellow*, summer 2007, 2008, 2009, Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA.

Led workshop on *Accountability in Nonprofit Organizations* for nonprofit executives organized by the Nonprofit Leadership Institute in Allendale, Michigan.

Conducted training on *Capacity Building in Nonprofit Organizations* for over 60 AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteers in Detroit, Michigan.

Member, responder panel for The World Affairs Council of Western Michigan’s Great Decision Lectures held at Aquinas College, Grand Rapids on *Can international philanthropy make a difference in the world?* Member, responder panel for a similar session held in Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Faculty member, Arizona-Indiana-Michigan (AIM Alliance), selected prize applicants and conducted research on the Collaboration Prize (<http://www.thecollaborationprize.org/Home.aspx>).

Member, Advisory Committee for the Nonprofit Leadership Institute of the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership.

*Post-doctoral Researcher,* 2005-2006*,* Joint appointment with the Department of Geography and the Departmentof Wood Science and Forest Products, College of Natural Resources, at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, USA.

Conducted research for a U.S. Agency for International Development (USAid)-funded project on community-based forest management in Bolivia.

*Research Assistant,* 2004-2005*,* Virginia Tech Office of Economic Development, University Outreach and International Affairs, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia*.*

Conducted economic impact analysis of select projects coordinated by the Office of Economic Development in Southwest Virginia.

Prepared and coordinated an online survey and the resultant report titled *Virginia Economic Developers Association Member Survey: Labor Force Issues* with John A. Provo.

Assisted interdisciplinary teams of University faculty in writing research grant proposals. Examples include: Brownfields redevelopment grant proposal submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency; a proposal submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture on the analysis of constraints to sustainable farming on urban fringes and to identify a set of feasible policies to enhance the survival of urban fringe agricultural enterprises.

*Teaching Assistant*, January 2004-May 2004*,* School of Public and International Affairs, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, USA.

Two graduate courses: NGOs in International Development; Women, Environment & Development.

*Research, Teaching Assistant & Intern,* August 1999-May 2002*,* Urban Affairs and Planning Department, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, USA.

# Virginia Center for Housing Research, August 2000-May 2002, Identified and assessed blighted commercial, residential, and public areas in the City of Williamson, West Virginia and helped prepare a housing demand projection model using U.S. Census data.

Teaching assistant, undergraduate course, August 1999-May2001, Public Issues in an Urban Society.

Intern and Project Coordinator, June 2000-August 2000, Roanoke Redevelopment & Housing Authority, Roanoke, Virginia.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Consultant,* Development Finance, August 2002-August 2003*,* Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC), Mumbai, India.

First author of a reference handbook titled *Development Initiatives of the Housing Development Finance Corporation: Experiences in the Last Quarter Century*, on HDFC’s initiatives in the development sector over 25 years of its operations (in rural and urban low income housing programs, development grants, and disaster relief).

Co-authored a case study: *Madurai Vattara Kalanjiam: Participation in Slum Upgradation in Madurai*. Parts of the study were incorporated in a World Bank approach paper on Sustainable Private Financing of Community Infrastructure in India (coordinated by the Energy & Infrastructure Unit, South Asia Regional Office).

Prepared presentations and concept papers for HDFC: Presentation made to the Confederation of Indian Industry (Eastern Region) on Financial Sector Reforms: Integrating with the Global Market on September 17, 2002 at the Fintech, 2002; Presentation made to a visiting team from Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau (a German development bank) on Slum Rehabilitation Scheme of the Government of Maharashtra on April 9, 2003.

Planned for technical and financial assistance for earthquake reconstruction and rehabilitation in the state of Gujarat, India. Consultative group included HDFC personnel, Gujarat-based NGOs, and an international development funding agency.

*Trainee Officer,* Community Development,February 1999-May 1999, Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO), New Delhi, India.

Appraised and recommended housing loan requests from NGOs operating in various parts of India.

Monitored and evaluated HUDCO-financed housing projects in five states: Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, and West Bengal.

*Project Coordinator,* for a joint-venture micro-finance initiative between HDFC and an NGO, Palmyrah Workers’ Development Society, called the Indian Association for Savings & Credit (IASC), 1997-1998, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala and Marthandam, Tamilnadu.

Authored the business plan for the proposed partnership venture.

Helped develop IASC’s Management Information Systems.

Collaborated with other Micro-Finance Institutions and incorporated their practices into plan for the proposed venture.

Organized and chaired community meetings in the villages (particularly of women self-help groups in villages in the project area) to assess credit needs and determine client-oriented repayment schedules.

*Trainee,* IASC,1996-1997, Mumbai, Chennai and Thiruvananthapuram, India.

Appraised credit-worthiness of potential housing loan borrowers.

Legally appraised clients and their documents.

Recommended & approved housing loan applications from middle-income and high-income borrowers.

Disbursed loan funds.

*Field Researcher* (part of Master’s fieldwork training),1994-1996*.*

Ahmedabad Study Action Group, an NGO working to provide low-cost housing and other development solutions to urban and rural poor, Gujarat, India.

Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action, a housing rights advocacy NGO, Mumbai, India.

Shelter Don Bosco, an NGO working with street children in Mumbai, India.

**CONTRACTS, GRANTS & SPONSORED RESEARCH**

*Funded Grants, Contracts and Sponsored Research*

University Research Council, DePaul University, 2015, competitive research grant awarded for preparing book manuscript *Defying Plans? Women Negotiating Place in a Megalopolis* ($3,500 award).

Faculty Summer Research Grant, 2016, competitive summer stipend awarded for preparing book manuscript *Defying Plans? Women Negotiating Place in a Megalopolis* ($4,200 award).

University Research Council, DePaul University, 2013, competitive research grant awarded for hiring professional transcription services. Project: *Place-making by Displaced women: A Qualitative Action Research on Slum Resettlement and Rehabilitation* ($3,500 award).

University Research Council, DePaul University, Fall 2013, Paid leave for research on *Place-making by Displaced Women: A Qualitative Action Research on Slum Relocation & Rehabilitation*.

Social Sciences Research Center, DePaul University, Summer 2013, GRACE grant to hire a research assistant for a total of 20 hours. Project: *Place-making by Displaced Women: A Qualitative Action Research on Slum Relocation and Rehabilitation in Mumbai, India*.

Faculty Summer Research Grant, 2012, DePaul University awarded for project titled *Negotiating development agendas: Lessons in Development Planning and Evaluation from Select Countries in East Africa* ($1,167 awarded).

Internationalization Grant, Spring 2011, Padnos International Center, Grand Valley State University awarded for research titled *Negotiating Development Agendas: Lessons in Development Planning and Evaluation from Select Countries in East Africa* ($3,000 award).

Completed contracted study titled *Homeownership and Quality of Life* study for the Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity Office in Holland, Michigan, 2008. ($4,000 contract).

Motivations, Challenges and Outcomes of Collaborations among NPOs. Project sponsored

by the Arizona-Indiana-Michigan Alliance (AIM Alliance). Contracted Principal Investigator, over a period of two summers (2009-2011).

Faculty Research Grant of the Arizona-Indiana-Michigan Alliance (with Danny L. Balfour), 2008, awarded for project titled *When Success Threatens the Mission: Strategies and Challenges of a Growing Community-based Organization* ($6,000 award).

Awarded a $15,000 competitive grant and inducted as the 2007-2008 David Stevenson Fellow of the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council for research titled *Examining Collaborative Capacity in Faith-related Community Based Organizations.*

**SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES**

***Peer-Reviewed Articles***

**Ramanath, R.** (2016). Unpacking donor retention: Individual monetary giving to U.S.-based Christian faith-related, international nongovernmental organizations. *Religions*, *7*(11), 1-18.

**Ramanath, R**. (2016). Defying NGO-ization?: Lessons in livelihood resilience observed among involuntarily displaced women in Mumbai, India. *World Development*, *84*, 1-17.

**Ramanath, R**. (2014). The ethical implications of resource-limited evaluations: Lessons from an INGO in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.*Evaluation and Program Planning, 46*, 25-37.

**Ramanath, R**. (2014). Capacity for public service delivery: a cross-case analysis of ten small faith-related nonprofit organizations. *Voluntary Sector Review*, *5*(1), 3-27.

Danny L. Balfour and **Ramanath, R**. (2011). Forging theatre and community: Challenges and strategies for serving two missions. *Public Voices,* *12*(1), 46-66.

**Ramanath, R**. and Alnoor Ebrahim. (2010). Strategies and tactics in NGO-Government Relations: Insights from slum housing in Mumbai. *Nonprofit Management and Leadership, 21*(1), 21-42.

**Ramanath, R**. (2009). Limits to institutional isomorphism: Examining internal institutional processes in NGO-government interactions. *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, *38*(1), 51-76.

***Peer-reviewed Articles (under revision)***

**Ramanath, R**. (2016). The nature of contingencies surrounding formation of formal collaborations among nonprofit organizations.

***Book Chapters (peer-reviewed)***

**Ramanath, R**. (2015). Race, ethnicity and nongovernmental organizations (pp. 1-16) In John Stone, Rutledge M. Dennis, Polly Rizova and Anthony D. Smith (Eds.), *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism*.

**Ramanath, R**. (2010). Leading nonprofit partnerships with government. Chapter 59 (pp. 530-539). In Kathryn A. Agard (Ed.). *Leadership in Nonprofit Organization: A Reference Handbook,* Vol.II, Sage Publications, Inc.

***B***BB***ook Reviews***

**Ramanath, R***.* (2011). Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, *40*(2), 406-409. Review of the book *Local Organizations and Urban Governance in East and Southeast Asia: Straddling State and Society*, by Read, Benjamin L. and Pekkanen, Robert (Eds.). (2009). London and New York: Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group.

**Ramanath, R**. (2007).Journal of Latin American Geography, *6*(2), 157-158. Review of the book *Transnational Civil society: An Introduction*, by Srilatha Batliwala and L. David Brown (Eds.). (2007). Kumarian Press.

**Ramanath, R**. (2002). Urban Geography, *23*(2), 199-200. Review of the book *Illegal Cities: Law and Urban Change in Developing Countries*, by Edesio Fernandes and Ann Varley (Eds.). (1998). London & New York: Zed Books Ltd.

C. Theodore Koebel and **Ramanath, R**. (2001).Habitat International, *25*, 447-449. Review of the book *Making Common ground: Public-Private Partnerships in Land for Housing* by Geoffrey K. Payne (Ed.). (1999). London: Intermediate Technology Publications.

***Other Publications including Peer-reviewed Teaching Case, Video, and Professional Reports***

**Ramanath, R**. (2014). The ethical implications of fly-by evaluations: Lessons from a leader’s heartfelt experiences in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. *Cases and Simulations Portal for Public and Nonprofit Sectors, Rutgers University*. Peer-reviewed case study and accompanying teaching notes: <http://spaa.newark.rutgers.edu/casesimportal/>

**Ramanath, R**. (2011). *Africa: However Long it Takes.* Creative Assistance of A. Doak. A photographic journal.

**Ramanath, R**. (2011). *I Wanted to Work in Hell: A Teaching Case.* Film produced with creative assistance and production of A. Doak. A film first screened at the ARNOVA annual conference in Toronto, Canada, November 2011.

**Ramanath, R**. and John A. Van Eyk. (2009). *Board Members' Guide to Partnership Planning*. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership and the AIM Alliance. Abridged version online at <http://www.npgoodpractice.org/topics/Board-Members-Guide-to-Partnership-Planning>

**Ramanath, R**. and Sevara Atamuratova. (2008). *Homeownership and Quality of Life.*

 Submitted to the Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity office, Holland, Michigan. Conducted on behalf of the Community Research Institute, Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership, Grand Valley State University.

**Ramanath, R**. and John A. Provo. (2005). *Virginia Economic Developers Association Member Survey: Labor Force Issues.* Blacksburg: Virginia Tech Office of Economic Development.

**Ramanath, R**. and John A. Provo. (2005). *What Difference Does Our Work Make? Impact Assessments of Office of Economic Development Projects*. Blacksburg: Virginia Tech Office of Economic Development.

**Ramanath, R**., Khare, Harish & Paliwalla, Delnaz. (2003). *Development Initiatives of the Housing Development Finance Corporation: Experiences in the Last Quarter Century*. Mumbai, India: Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.

**Ramanath, R**. & Archanaa, A. (2002). *Madurai Vattara Kalanjiam: Participation in Slum Upgradation in Madurai*, case study. Incorporated in Mehta, M.K., K. Mukundan, R. Kesavan & S. Mukerjee (2003). *Sustainable Private Financing of Community Infrastructure*. Mimeo, NYC: World Bank.

**Ramanath, R**. (1998). *Indian Association for Savings and Credit: Business Plan for a New Micro-Finance Institution*. Mumbai and Marthandam, India: Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited & the Palmyrah Workers’ Development Society. <http://www.iasc.in/>

***Research projects in Progress***

**Ramanath, R**. *Displacement, Resettlement and the Future of Urban Development: Women’s Stories of Making Place, From Huts to the High-Rises of Mumbai*. Book under contract.

**Ramanath, R**. Collaboration under competitive conditions: The case of NPO-NPO collaborations in Illinois. Data collection in progress.

**Ramanath, R***. & Koay, P.P. The Doctoral Journey: Perspectives from Asian American Women in the United States.* Book manuscript in progress.

**SCHOLARLY PAPERS PRESENTED**

Ramanath, R**.** (2017). Consuming high-rise living: The minds of young women in neo-liberal Mumbai. Paper presented at the *Urban Affairs Association* (UAA) conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Invited presenter at the Harvard-Urban Mellon Initiative’s daylong symposium titled *Mumbai: Social Research & Urban Projections*, March 2017. Presented paper titled Women *Negotiating Place*. http://mellonurbanism.harvard.edu/hmui\_event/mumbai-research-projections/

Ramanath, R. (2016). Consuming High-Rise Living: The minds of young women in neo-liberal Mumbai. Paper accepted for presentation at the *International Society for Third Sector Research* (ISTR) conference in Scotland, Sweden.

Ramanath, R. (2015). Defying NGOization? Lessons in livelihood resilience from the sensegiving processes of women after relocation. Paper presented at the *Urban Affairs Association* conference, Miami, Florida, USA.

Ramanath, R. (2014). Citizens in action: Lessons in urban local governance from women in a slum resettlement site, Paper to be presented at the Association for *Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action* (ARNOVA) annual conference, Denver, Colorado, USA.

Ramanath, R. (2014). Citizens in action: Lessons in urban local governance from women in a slum resettlement site, Paper presented at the *ISTR* conference, Muenster, Germany.

Ramanath, R. (2013). Ethical challenges in international development planning and evaluation, Paper presented in a panel titled Ethical Culture of NGOs at the Future of NGO Studies Conference held under the aegis of the *American Anthropological Association* conference, Chicago, USA.

Ramanath, R. (2013). Ethical implications of evaluations limited by time, talent and money: Lessons from a leader’s challenges in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, Paper presented at the *American Evaluation Association* conference, Washington, D.C., USA.

Ramanath, R. (2012). Managing for Change: Lessons from the analysis of NGO-Community interactions in slum resettlement and rehabilitation, Paper presented at the *ARNOVA* annual conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.

Ramanath, R. (2012). Ethical implications of fly-by planning and evaluations: Lessons from an INGO’s work in Eastern Congo, Paper presented at the *ISTR conference,* Siena, Italy.

Ramanath, R. (2011). I wanted to work in hell: A teaching case*.* Creative Assistance and Production: A. Doak, A film first screened at the *ARNOVA* annual conference, Toronto, Canada.

Ramanath, R. and Danny L. Balfour (2010). Fostering ‘community’ in nonprofit theater: Lessons in volunteer engagement from Charlottesville, Virginia, Paper presented at the *ARNOVA* annual conference, Alexandria, Virginia, USA.

Ramanath, R. and Makiela, K. (2010). What does it mean to collaborate and how is it being done?  A study of 176 cases of structured collaborations among nonprofit organizations in the United States, Paper presented at the *ISTR*conference, Istanbul, Turkey.

Ramanath, R. (2008). Examining the capacity of faith-related organizations to sustain service delivery: The case of six faith-related organizations, and Faith-related organizations in public service delivery: A multiple-case analysis of their struggles and pressures in a five-year collaborative, Two papers presented at the *ARNOVA* annual conference, Philadelphia, USA.

Ramanath, R. (2008). Organizational determinants of sustained involvement of small-sized faith-related organizations in public service delivery, Paper presented at the *ISTR* conference, Barcelona, Spain.

Ramanath, R. (2009). The future of Marriage Initiatives and the involvement of faith-based nonprofit organizations paper presented as part of panel on the Future of the Faith-based Initiative at the *ARNOVA* annual conference, Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

Ramanath, R. (2007). Buffering organizational identity in public service delivery: The case of ten small-sized faith-related community organizations and a local capacity building intermediary organization, Paper presented at the *ARNOVA* annual conference, Atlanta, USA.

Ramanath, R. (2006). Limits to institutional isomorphism: Examining internal institutional processes in NGO-government interactions, Paper presented at the *ARNOVA* annual conference, Chicago, USA.

Ramanath, R. (2004). Weaving the poor into the city’s fabric: Examining evolving patterns of NGO-government interaction in Mumbai India, Paper presented at the *American Collegiate Schools of Planning* (ACSP) annual conference, P, ,ortland, Oregon, USA.

Ramanath, R. and Koebel, T.C. (2001). Public-private partnerships in Housing in an International Perspective, Paper presented at the *ACSP* annual conference, Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

**OTHER PARTICIPATION IN SCHOLARLY MEETINGS**

Attended the *Ending Street Homelessness in Your City* conference, biennial conference of the Institute of Global Homelessness held at DePaul University, June 5-6, 2017. http://www.ighomelessness.org/2017-agenda

Attended daylong symposium organized by the Refugee and Forced Migration Studies program at DePaul. The symposium, held on April 28, 2017, was titled *Syrian Refugee Crisis, Challenges and Advantages of Syrian Refugee Inflows*, *2015-2017*.

Invited member of faculty panel, 2015. In NGOs we trust? Perspectives from India, talk delivered at the *American Society for Public Administration* (ASPA) conference, Chicago, IL, USA.

Member, 2014, nominating committee for the board of the *International Society for Third Sector Research* conference.

Invited discussant of a paper, 2014, presented at the *ISTR conference* in Muenster, Germany. Paper titled Reforming the criminal justice system in authoritarian regimes: How do NGOs utilise enforcement gaps? by Mariella Falkenhain, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin.

Invited discussant of a paper, 2014, presented at the *ISTR conference* in Muenster, Germany. Paper titled Public Grants and the Relations between NGOs by Kaim Agnieszka, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Poland.

Invited session Chair, 2014, panel titled Academic Knowledge and Social Practice at the *ISTR conference* held in Muenster, Germany.

Invited session Chair, 2014, panel titled Taxes and Donations at the *ARNOVA conference* held in Denver, Colorado.

Member, 2013, review committee for papers submitted to International and Cross-Cultural Evaluation track of the *American Evaluation Association*, Washington D.C., USA.

Member, 2013, Conference Academic Committee of the *ISTR conference*, Siena, Italy.

Invited session Chair, July 2013, panel titled Institutional Models for NPOs at the *ISTR conference*, Siena, Italy.

Selection committee member, Best Paper Award for 2011 *ARNOVA conference* awarded in the 2012 ARNOVA conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.

Moody, M., Ramanath, R., Knapp, A. and Nanzer, P. (2011). Panel on Giving and Grantmaking Education: Innovations, Challenges, Resources, Talk given in the *Benchmark 3.5* conference: Nonprofit Educators Learning, Leading and Creating the Future, San Diego, California, USA.

Donmoyer, R., Paarlberg, L., Ramanath, R. and Bies, A.L. (2011). Qualitative Research in Nonprofit/Philanthropic Studies: An Interactive Status Report, Presentation delivered at the *ARNOVA conference*, Toronto, Canada.

Invited session Chair, 2009, panel titled Faith-based Social Service Delivery, at the 2009 *ARNOVA conference*, Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

Member, 2009, review committee for papers submitted to the Grassroots and Community Organization track for the *ARNOVA conference*, Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

Co-Chair, 2007, Public and Nonprofit Division, Junior Faculty Consortium, Professional Development Workshop, *Academy of Management conference*, Philadelphia.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Inducted into the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society and recognized for Excellence in International Education, Spring 2013.

Women’s Impact Award, 2010, from the West Michigan Chapter of the *Women’s Commission*.

Inducted as the 2007-2008 David Stevenson Fellow of the *Nonprofit Academic Centers Council* for research on faith-based nonprofit organizations in Michigan*.*

**Professional Association Memberships**

Member, American Evaluation Association

Member, Urban Affairs Association

Member, Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action

Member, International Society for Third Sector Research

Member, Chicago Council on Global Affairs

**SERVICE**

**University**

*DePaul University,* August 2011-present

Faculty Advisor, Fall 2016-present. South Asian Students Association, DePaul University. <https://www.facebook.com/DepaulSouthAsianStudentAssociation/>

Faculty Advisor, summer 2014-present, Institute for Global Homelessness, DePaul University.

Member, September 2015-present, Judging Committee for the 2015 Children’s Prize, <http://www.childrensprize.org/about/2015-judging-committee/>

Member, 2012-present, Chicago Steering Committee of the Participatory Budgeting Project.

Chair, Student Conference, December 2012, *A Conversation on India’s Efforts to Address Poverty: People and Policy Perspectives*, hosted by DePaul University in coordination with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai, India.

Session Chair, 2012 and 2013, First and Second *Mid-west Student Conference on Sustainable Development in India*, India Development Service, hosted by DePaul University, Chicago.

Advisor and Evaluator, October 2011-Fall 2012, Region V Diaspora Working group, Appointed (pro-bono) by the *Administration for Children and Families* office, a federal agency of the Department of Health and Human Services. Volunteered to develop evaluable outcomes for Region V’s work with the African Diaspora community of the mid-western region.

*Grand Valley State University*, August 2006-June 2011

Chair, 2009-2011, Task Force for formulation of a new Master’s degree program in Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership at the School of Public, Nonprofit and Health Administration at Grand Valley State University.

Principal Investigator, Grand Valley State University, 2008-2011, Arizona-Indiana-Michigan (AIM Alliance) on The Collaboration Prize, (<http://www.thecollaborationprize.org/Home.aspx>).

Member, 2007-2011, Advisory Committee for the Nonprofit Leadership Institute of the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership.

Member, 2008, Search Committee for Director of The Grantmaking School at the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership.

**College**

*College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, DePaul University,* August 2011-present.

Member, Fall 2017- present, *Study Abroad Committee* of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (LAS).

Invited member, Faculty panel on Designing, Planning and Implementing Qualitative Research, *LAS Graduate Student Conference*, March 2015.

Member, 2013-present, Advisory Board of the Social Science Research Center, DePaul University.

Member, 2012-present, Curriculum Committee for the new Master’s in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies.

*College of Community and Public Service, Grand Valley State University,* August 2006-June 2011.

Member, 2007-2011, College Curriculum Committee, College of Community and Public Service, Grand Valley State University.

**Department**

*School of Public Service, DePaul University,* August 2011-present.

Member, Search Committee for a new faculty hire at the School of Public Service (SPS), DePaul University, Spring 2015.

Chair, Masters of Science in International Public Service, SPS, DePaul University, Summer 2014-present.

Chair, Faculty Research and Local Review Board, SPS, DePaul University, Fall 2012-2016.

Member, Master of Science in International Public Service Degree committee, SPS, DePaul University, Fall 2012-present.

Member, Search Committee for the Director of the SPS, DePaul University, Fall 2012-Summer 2013.

Chair, Master’s thesis committees of DePaul University’s SPS students: Tigran Muradayan, Fall 2014-Fall 2015, withdrawn; Claudette Sevcenco, Completed Fall 2014-2015.

Advisor, Independent Study, SPS graduate (status: completed, June 2013): Whitney Hein, titled: *Civic participation among girls: Dynamics in a slum resettlement site in Mumbai.*

Member, Master’s Thesis Committee of William Cover (status: completed, March 2012). Thesis titled: City Planning or Citizen Spontaneity? Factors Affecting the Emergence and Development of Artistic Communities in Midwestern Cities.

Member, Master’s Thesis Committee of Luke DeMott (status: completed, March 2014). Thesis titled: *A Study on the Impact of Social Media Use in West Michigan Nonprofit Organizations*.

Member, *Master’s Thesis Committee* of Jennifer Hughes, SPS, DePaul University, Fall 2011-2012.

Curriculum Committee, SPS, DePaul University, September 2011-Spring 2012.

Member, Urban at DePaul, *Chaddick Institute of Metropolitan Development*, DePaul University, August 2011-present.

Support Faculty, *Leadership and Policy Studies* Program Review Committee, SPS, DePaul University, January 2012-Spring 2012.

*School of Public, Nonprofit and Health Administration, Grand Valley State University,* August 2006-June 2011

Member, Search Committee for the School of Public, Nonprofit and Health Administrations’ library liaison, Grand Valley State University, Winter 2009.

Chair, Master’s Thesis committee of graduate student, Matthew Downey (status: completed, 2010). Title:LGBT Fundraising Strategies: A multiple case analysis of organizations serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender population. School of Public, Nonprofit and Health Administration, Grand Valley State University.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

*DePaul University,* August 2011-present

Manuscript reviewer for scholarly journals: Voluntas, Business and Society, Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Journal of International Development, International Journal of Self-Help & Self-Care, Nonprofit Management & Leadership, Foundation Review, World Development, Development and Change, Evaluation and Program Planning.

Member, Editorial Board, Fall 2013-Summer 2016, Journal of Video Ethnography.

*Invited Talks*

Guest speaker, July 20, 2017, *India: Ready, Set, Go*! Talk delivered to delegates of the General Assembly of the School Sisters of St. Francis, Alverno College, Milwaukee.

Guest speaker, October 28, 2014, Workshop in Multidisciplinary Philanthropic Studies. Workshop hosted by Lily Family School of Philanthropy, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, <http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu/events/event/ramya-ramanath>

Guest speaker, November 1, 2014, on *Continuous Improvement* with the board of directors of SowHope, an international nongovernmental organization (NGO) in Rockford, Michigan.

Guest speaker, March 12, 2014, *International Women’s Day* celebrations of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Guest speaker, November 3, 2012, *Program planning and development* presented to the board of directors meeting of SowHope, an international NGO based in Rockford, Michigan.

*Class visits*

Guest speaker, May 8, 2015, Research Methods class, School of Public Service, DePaul University, Talk titled *Conducting qualitative research: Do’s and don’ts*.

Guest speaker, November 6, 2014, in an English class at DePaul University. Talk titled *Bom Bahia* for a class on Literature and Identity: Contemporary Indian fiction.

Guest speaker, Spring 2014, Winter, 2013, Spring 2013 and 2012, Grand Valley State University’s graduate class titled *Management of International Nongovernmental Organizations*. Lectured on Learning and NGOs and International Development Evaluation and also screened my video titled To Work In Hell: A Teaching Case.

Guest speaker, September 13, 2013, *Conceptualizing the role of women after forced displacement*. Mess-Hall meeting organized by Social Science Research Center,DePaul University, Presented preliminary findings from my research on slum resettlement and rehabilitation in Mumbai, India.

Guest speaker, April 26, 2013, Department of Women and Gender Studies, DePaul University (colloquium). Research presentation to students and faculty on ongoing *Projects with* *Women in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in Mumbai.*

Guest speaker, April 4, 2012, Research Methods class, SPS, DePaul University. Topic: *Qualitative research methods*.

*Grand Valley State University*, August 2006-June 2011

Selection committee, 2011, winners of the Collaboration Prize sponsored by Lodestar Foundation, Arizona in collaboration with the Arizona-Indiana-Michigan (AIM) Alliance and leaders in the nonprofit sector.

*Invited Talks*

Guest speaker, November 17, 2010, Lunch and Learn series organized by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Title of talk: *Managing Service Delivery Contracts with Government*.

Guest speaker, December 4, 2009, *Collaborations: What does it mean for you?* organized for Michigan-based nonprofits. Presented emerging findings from research on Collaboration among Nonprofit Organizations. Event sponsored by the Arizona-Indiana-Michigan Alliance and hosted by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership at Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Guest speaker, May 13th, 2009, *Embracing Strengths*, an exercise designed and delivered for the *State of Michigan’s Department of Health and Human Services’ Nonprofit Contractees* in Tustin, Michigan.

Guest speaker, January 9th, 2009, Event organized by the Steepletown Neighborhood Services and the Hispanic Center of West Michigan for their minority youth clients comprising 40 inner-city youth.

Guest speaker, November 8th, 2008, *Strategic Planning* with the board of directors of SowHope, a Rockford-based international NGO.

Guest speaker, July 30th, 2008, *Accountability in Nonprofit Organizations* for the CEO 201 workshop for nonprofit executives organized by the Nonprofit Leadership Institute of the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership in Allendale, Michigan.

Guest speaker, responder panel for The World Affairs Council of Western Michigan held at Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, February 25th, 2007, Topic: *Can international philanthropy make a difference in the world?* Member, responder panel for a similar session in Kalamazoo, February 26th, 2007, Kalamazoo College.

Guest speaker, August 24, 2007, *Learning for Change* delivered to a group of nonprofit leaders in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

*Class Visits*

Guest speaker, February 24, 2010, Lecture on *Conflict Management* in undergraduate class on Organization Theory offered by the School of Public, Nonprofit and Health Administration at Grand Valley State University.

Guest speaker, Spring 2005, *Examining Evolving Patterns of NGO-Government Interaction in Housing Slum and Squatter Dwellers* deliveredto a graduate class on Housing and Infrastructure Planning in Third World Countries and International Water and Sanitation, School of Public and International Affairs, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg Virginia.

Guest speaker, Fall 2004, *I thought I belonged* delivered to a graduate class titled Approaches to International Development hosted by Department of Geography and the Department of Wood Science, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia.

Guest speaker, Spring 2005, *I thought I belonged: Qualitative Research among G*GFG*overnmental and Nongovernmental agencies in Mumbai* delivered to a graduate class on Advanced Research Methods, Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia.

Guest speaker, Spring 2004, *Data Collection in the Slums and Squatter Settlements of Mumbai* delivered to a graduate class on Advanced Research Methods, Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia.

Guest speaker, Spring 2003, *Ethics in Research* delivered to a graduate class on Social Work Research, Urban and Rural Community Development Department, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India.

Guest speaker, Spring 2001, *Communicating with Street Youth* delivered to an introductory class on Communication Studies. Department of Communication, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia.

Guest speaker, Fall 2000, *Safety and Security in Urban Squatter Settlements* deliveredto an undergraduate class on Public Issues in an Urban Society, Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia.

Guest speaker, Fall 1996, *Building a Future in the Social Work Profession* delivered to a graduating class of undergraduate students in Economics, the Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai, India.

 SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Secretary, 2017-present, American Friends of WOTR <http://friendsofwotr.org/officers/>

Member of the board of directors, January 2018- : [Kalapriya: Center for Indian Performing Arts](http://www.kalapriya.org/)

Advisor/volunteer for various Chicago-, Michigan-, and India-based nonprofit/nongovernmental organizations including: Indo-American Heritage Museum (Chicago), South Asian American Policy & Research Institute (Chicago), Neighborhood Housing Services (Chicago), Center for Economic Progress (Chicago), Sarah’s Circle (Chicago), SowHope (Rockford, Michigan), Nivara Hakk Suraksha Samiti (Mumbai, India), Community Voice International (Ann Arbor, Michigan), Kara Weaves (Kerala, India/San Diego, US).

Mentor, 2007-2011, Youth Advisory Committee, Steepletown Neighborhood Services and the Hispanic Center for West Michigan, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Member, 1999-2005, and Treasurer, 2004-4005, Association for India’s Development, Blacksburg chapter, Virginia Tech, Virginia.

**COURSES TAUGHT**

*DePaul University, School of Public Service,* August 2011-present

Graduate courses: Cross-Sector Analysis (MPS 501), Policy Implementation in a Bureaucratic Context (MPS 543), Sustainable International Development (MPS 511), International Dimensions of Public Service (MPS 510), Management of International Nongovernmental Organizations (MPS 611); Special Topics Course: Watersheds and Sustainability, Director of Study Abroad-India program (study abroad courses: MPS 501, 543, 511, 510, Special Topics course and Independent Studies).

*Grand Valley State University, School of Public, Nonprofit and Health Administration,* August 2006-June 2011.

Graduate courses: Nonprofit Management Practices, Nonprofit Sector: History and Ethics, Nonprofit Organization Management and Public Policy, and Management of International Nongovernmental Organizations.

Undergraduate courses: Organizational Theory, Voluntarism and the Nonprofit Sector.