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Professional Appointments

2016	Associate Professor of Sociology, Florida State University
2011-2015	Assistant Professor of Sociology, Cornell University
2008-2011	Assistant Professor of Sociology, Wesleyan University
2007-2011	Research Consultant, The World Bank, Washington, D. C.

Education

2008	Ph.D.	Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, Sociology
1999	M.A.	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, Sociology
1997	B.A.	Presidency College, Kolkata, India, Sociology

Publications

Books:

Sanyal, Paromita. 2014. *Credit to Capabilities: A Sociological Study of Microcredit Groups in India.* New York, NY: Cambridge University Press

Winner of the **OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD** from the American Sociological Association, Section on Sociology of Development, 2015.

Sanyal, Paromita, and Vijayendra Rao. (Under Advance Contract) *Declarative Democracy: An Analysis of Gram Sabhas in Indian Village Governments.* Cambridge University Press.

Articles and Chapters:

Sanyal, Paromita. 2015. "Group-based Microcredit and Emergent Inequality in Social Capital: Why Socio-Religious Composition Matters." *Qualitative Sociology* 38(2): 103-137.

Sanyal, Paromita. 2015. "The Role of Emotions in Deliberative Development." Pp. 167-191 in *Development and Deliberation: Rethinking the Role of Voice and Collective Action in Unequal Societies*, edited by Patrick Heller and Vijayendra Rao. World Bank Group: Washington D. C.

Rao, Vijayendra, and **Paromita Sanyal***. 2010. "Dignity through Discourse: Poverty and the Culture of Deliberation in Indian Village Democracies." *The Annals of the American Association for Political and Social Sciences* 629: 146-172. *
Equal author

Sanyal, Paromita. 2009. "From Credit to Collective Action: The Role of Microfinance in Promoting Women's Social Capital and Normative Influence." *American Sociological Review* 74(4): 529-550.

Sanyal, Paromita. 2006. "Capacity Building through Partnerships: Intermediary Nongovernmental Organizations as Local and Global Actors." *Non-Profit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 35(1): 66-82.

Work in Progress:

Sanyal, Paromita, Vijayendra Rao, and Shruti Majumdar. "Recasting Culture to Undo Gender: An Analysis of the Jeevika Intervention in Rural Bihar, India."
Published as Policy Research working paper, no. WPS 7411. Washington, D.C.: World Bank Group.

Sanyal, Paromita, Vijayendra Rao, and Umang Prabhakar. "Oral Democracy and Women's Oratory Competency in Indian Village Assemblies: A Qualitative Analysis."
Published as Policy Research working paper, no. WPS 7416. Washington, D.C.: World Bank Group.

Davidson, Thomas R., and **Paromita Sanyal**. "Associational Participation and Network Expansion: Microcredit Self-Help Groups and Poor Women's Social Ties in Rural India." *Under Revise & Resubmit*

Das, Sabyasachi, Pushkar Maitra, and **Paromita Sanyal**. "Microcredit Groups, Women's Political Engagement, and Public Goods Provision."

Book Reviews:

Sanyal, Paromita. 2014. Review of *Microfinance and Its Discontents: Women in Debt in Bangladesh* by Lamia Karim. Minnesota, University of Minnesota Press. *Contemporary Sociology* 43(1): 95-97.

Sanyal, Paromita. 2006. Review of *Brothers and Sisters in India: A Study of Urban Adult Siblings* by G.N. Ramu. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. *Canadian Review of Sociology*.

Invited Presentations

- 2014 **University of Notre Dame**, Kellogg Institute for International Studies,
Title: Credit to Capabilities: Microcredit through a Sociological Lens
- 2013 **Brown University**, Watson Institute & the Dept. of Sociology,
Title: Credit to Credibility: Microcredit's economic and associational
impacts on Women in India
- 2013 **Cornell University**, 'Agrarian Crisis in India?' Annual Conference of
the Cornell-Syracuse Title VI South Asia Consortium.
Chaired session on 'Farmer Suicides'
Panelist in the final 'Roundtable on the Way Forward: Political Crisis?'
- 2013 **Cornell University**, Young Social Scientists' Sustainability Research
Forum (YSSRF)
Title: Microcredit Groups and Gram Sabhas: The Indian Civic Sphere
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OA_HY19W0B8)
- 2012 **Cornell University**, Department of Development Sociology
Research Presentation at Demography Proseminar
- 2012 **Northwestern University**, Department of Sociology
Title: Credit to Credibility: Microcredit and the question of Women's
Agency.
- 2012 **Cornell University**, Center for the Study of Economy and Society,
Department of Sociology
Title: Making Sense of Sentimental Economies: Microcredit, Women's
Agency, and Social Capital.
- 2010 **The World Bank**: World Development Report on Gender Equity and
Development, 2012
Invited by the Director of the WDR Committee to present my research
and findings on microcredit and on key linkages between gender
equity, culture, and development.
- 2010 **Universität Bayreuth**, Bayreuth, Germany
Public lecture: Institut für Afrikastudien
Title: Deliberative Democracy: Empirical Evidence from Gram Sabhas
in South India
- 2010 **London School of Economics**, Department of Sociology
Title: Credit, Capital, or Coalition: Microfinance, Women's Agency, and
Social Capital
- 2010 **Brown University**, Watson Institute
Conference: Six Decades of Indian Democracy: Achievements, Failures,
Promises, and Challenges
- 2010 **International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)**,
Washington, D.C.
Workshop on Decentralization – "Opening the Black Box"
Title: Dignity through Discourse: Poverty and the Culture of
Deliberation in Indian Village Democracies
- 2010 **United Nations**, Department of Economic and Social Affairs,
Division of Social Policy and Development
Title: Credit, Capital or Coalition: Microcredit and Women's Agency

- 2009 **Harvard University**, Kennedy School of Government,
Invited talk by co-author on joint research
Title: Deliberative Democracy in India
- 2009 **Universität Bayreuth**, Bayreuth, Germany
Department of Economics,
Program on International Development
Title: Development through Deliberation: Evidence from Gram Sabhas
in South India
- 2008 **The University of Chicago**,
Conference: Culture and Poverty
Title: Poverty and the Culture of Deliberation: Village Meetings in
Rural India
- 2007 **The World Bank**, Social Science and Policy Seminar Series
Social Development Department and Development Research Group
Title: Credit, Capital or Coalition: Accounting for Women's Agency and
Group-based Collective Mobilizations of Microfinance Groups
- 2007 **Harvard University**, Dept. of Sociology
Course: Gender and Work
Title: Microfinance in the context of gender and work in developing
countries
- 2006 **Brown University**, Department of Sociology
Title: Credit, Capital, or Coalition: Microfinance & Pathways to
Women's Agency
- 2006 **Princeton University**, Department of Sociology
Title: Credit, Capital, or Coalition: Microfinance & and Pathways to
Women's Agency
- 2006 **University of Massachusetts (Boston)**
Title: Microfinance Groups as Vehicles of Human Rights

Conference Presentations & Sessions Organized

- 2016 Paper presentation: "Microcredit Self-Help Groups and Social
Networks: Expanding Poor Women's Personal Contacts."
Session: 'Roundtable'
Section: Sociology of Development
American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting, Seattle
- 2015 Paper presentation: "Talking to the State: Women's 'Self Help Group
(SHG)' Membership & Civic Participation in Rural India."
Session on 'Gender, Politics & Governance'
Sociology of Development Conference
Brown University
- 2015 'Author meets Critic' session: Commentator
For the book *Plastic Money: Constructing Markets for Credit Cards in
Eight Postcommunist Countries* by Akos Rona-Tas and Alya Guseva,
2014. Stanford University Press.

- Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) annual meeting, New York City
- 2014 Session Organizer (with co-organizer: Alya Guseva): 'Credit, Poverty and Inequality'
Section on Economic Sociology
American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting, San Francisco
- 2014 Paper presentation: "Microcredit Money: Converting Loans to Leverage."
Session: 'Money Advances: International Developments'
Section: Economic Sociology
American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting, San Francisco
- 2014 Paper presentation: "Microcredit Groups and Women's Social Capital: Why socio-religious composition matters?"
Session: 'Development and Gender'
Section: Sociology of Development
American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting, San Francisco
- 2012 Organizer & Panel Chair: 'Microcredit: (De)Constructing Capabilities in the Age of Capitalism.'
Network: States & Society
Social Science History Association (SSHA) meeting, Vancouver
- 2012 Paper presentation: "How religious composition matters for a capitalist welfare intervention: Collective Action and Sanctioning by Microcredit Groups in India."
Network: States & Society
Social Science History Association (SSHA) annual meeting, Vancouver
- 2012 Paper presentation: "Economic and Political Culture in the Indian Public Sphere: A study of 'Gram Sabha' Deliberations."
Session: Sociology of Culture & Economic Sociology
American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting, Denver
- 2012 Paper presentation: "Hazards of Heterogeneity (and Homogeneity): Collective Action and Sanctioning in Microcredit Groups."
Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) annual meeting, New York City
- 2010 Paper presentation: "Dignity through Discourse: Poverty and the Culture of Deliberation in Indian Village Democracies."
American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting, Atlanta
- 2009 Paper presentation: "From Credit to Collective Action: The Role of Microfinance in Women's Social Capital and Normative Influence."

- American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting, San Francisco.
- 2009 Paper presentation: "From Credit to Collective Action: The Role of Microfinance in Women's Social Capital and Normative Influence." Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) annual meeting, Baltimore
- 2007 Paper presentation: "Credit versus Coalition: Exploring the Influence of Microfinance Programs on Women's Agency." Session: Development American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting, New York City
- 2007 Paper presentation: "Microfinance and Beyond: Structural Interventions Promoting Economic Opportunity and HIV Risk Reduction." Yale University, Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA), New Haven, Connecticut
- 2005 Paper presentation: "Contentious Collaborators: Research and Practice in the field of Microfinance"; "Capacity Building through Partnership: Intermediary Nongovernmental Organizations as Local and Global Actors." Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Associations (ARNOVA) annual meeting, Washington D.C.
- 2005 Paper presentation: "Microfinance: Cultural consequences of an economic intervention." American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting, Philadelphia

Awards & Honors

- 2013 New Faculty Institute, Center for Teaching Excellence, **Cornell University**
- 2006-2007 Pascucci Fellowship- for Dissertation Completion **Harvard University**
- 2005 Emerging Scholar Award, The Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (**ARNOVA**)
- 2005 Certificate of Distinction For Teaching **Harvard University**
- 2004 "Distinction" in field Examination **Harvard University**, Department of Sociology
- 2001 "Honors" in Qualifying Examination **Harvard University**, Department of Sociology

Fellowships & Grants

- 2013-2014 Affinito-Stewart Grant
President's Council of Cornell Women
Research Project Title: Talking to the State: Women's Participation in
Deliberative Development.
Role: PI
Grant amount: **\$4,600**
- 2011-2017 International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) and Global
Development Network (GDN) Grant
Project Title: Poverty and Empowerment Impacts of the Bihar Rural
Livelihoods Project
Role: Co-PI
Grant amount: **\$496,943**
3ie is a non-profit organization supporting evaluation research on
development programs <<http://www.3ieimpact.org/>>

Teaching Experience

Florida State University Graduate Courses

- 2017 Inequalities: Race, Class, Gender (Fall)
2016 Gender and Development (Spring)

Florida State University Undergraduate Courses

- 2017 Introductory Sociology (Spring & Fall)

Cornell University Graduate Courses

- 2015 Readings in Economic Sociology (Spring)
2013 Culture in Economic Sociology (Fall)
2013 Gender in Global Capitalist Production

Cornell University Undergraduate Courses

- 2015 Introduction to Sociology - Online (Winter, Summer)
2015 Introduction to Sociology (Fall)
2015 Introduction to Sociology (Spring)
2014 Introduction to Sociology (Fall)
2013 Introduction to Sociology (Spring)
2012 Culture in Markets and Economies (Spring)
2012 Gender, Work, and the Family (U.S. & Europe) (Spring)

Wesleyan University Undergraduate Courses

- 2008-2011 Sociological Methods
- 2008-2011 Introduction to Economic Sociology
- 2008-2011 Introduction to Sociology
- 2008-2011 Gender and Development (Global South)

Harvard University Undergraduate Courses

- 2005 Classical and Contemporary Sociological Theory

Student Advising

Graduate Students

- 2016- Angela Lieber, Florida State University, Department of Social Work, Member of the Graduate Doctoral Thesis Committee
- 2016 Rachel Douglas, Florida State University, Department of Sociology, Member of the Graduate Master's Thesis Committee
- 2017 Yujin Oh, Cornell University, Department of Sociology, Member of the Graduate Doctoral Thesis Committee
- 2014- Hilary Holbrow, Cornell University, Department of Sociology, Member of the Graduate Doctoral Thesis Committee
- 2016 Tara Agrawal, Cornell University, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Member of the Graduate Doctoral Thesis Committee
- 2014 Jerry Benjamin, Cornell University, Asian Studies Member of the Masters Thesis Committee
- 2013 Erin Lentz, Cornell University, Department of Sociology, Member of the Graduate Doctoral Thesis Committee
- 2013 Jung mee Park, Cornell University, Department of Sociology, Member of the Graduate Doctoral Thesis Committee
- 2013 Alexa P. Yesukevich, Cornell University, Department of Sociology, Member of the Graduate Doctoral Thesis Committee
- 2013 Preeti Mudliar, University of Texas, Austin, Dept. of Communications, Member of the Graduate Doctoral Thesis Committee
- 2011 ATM Jahiruddin, University of Queensland, Australia, Department of Sociology, External Reviewer for Ph.D. thesis

Undergraduate Students

- 2015 Jeong Hyun Oh, Cornell University, Department of Sociology
Thesis Title: "You Win or You Die": The Effect of Limited Resource on Child Mortality
Undergraduate Thesis Committee (Advisor)
- 2013 Chloe Hart*, Cornell University, Department of Sociology

Thesis Title: Em'Body'ed Capital: The Pursuit and Ranking of Attractiveness among Women at an Ivy League University
Undergraduate Thesis Committee (Advisor)

**currently* pursuing graduate studies in Sociology at Stanford University

- 2012 Adam Kahn, Cornell University, Institute of Labor Relations
Thesis Title: Microfinance in Andhra Pradesh: Perspectives on the Causes and Impacts of the October 2010 Microfinance Crisis
Undergraduate Thesis Committee, Second Reader
- 2011 Anna Cash Waber, Wesleyan University, Department of Sociology
Thesis Title: Social Entrepreneurship and Processes of "Culture-Making" in the World of Poverty Alleviation
Undergraduate Thesis Committee (Advisor)
- 2011 Caitlin MacLeod-Bluver*, Wesleyan University, Department of Sociology,
Thesis Title: Women Waging Wars: Uncovering the Role, Significance, and Lasting Effects of Women in Nepal's Peoples War, 1996-2006
Undergraduate Thesis Committee (Advisor)
**graduated* with Honors from the College of Social Studies, Wesleyan University
- 2009 Carlyn Wright-Eakes, Wesleyan University, Department of Sociology
Thesis Title: Women's Work in the Informal Garbage Collecting Community in Guatemala City
Undergraduate Thesis Committee (Advisor)

Service to the Profession

Section Leadership, American Sociological Association:

- 2017 *Section on Global & Transnational Sociology*, Best Student Paper Award Committee, Committee Member
- 2016 *Section on Economic Sociology*, Viviana Zelizer Book Award Committee, Committee Member
- 2016 *Section on Comparative Historical Sociology*, Reinhard Bendix Best Student Article Award Committee, Committee Chair

Conference Session Presider & Chair:

- 2012 Roundtable Session Presider: 'Sociology of Economic Behavior', American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting, Denver

- 2005 Session Chair: 'Organization Analysis in Comparative Perspective',
ARNOVA annual meeting, Washington D.C.
- 2005 Session Chair: 'Welfare and National Organizations',
American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting, Philadelphia

Reviewer for Grant Committees:

- 2014 Economic and Social Research Council, U.K. (ESRC-DFID Joint Fund for
Poverty Alleviation Research
- 2014 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- 2014 Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), Department
of Social Sciences, Research Talent

Peer Reviewing:

Reviewer for the following Journals: *American Sociological Review; American Journal of Sociology; Sociological Theory; Mobilization; Non-Profit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly; Voluntas; Socio-Economic Review; Geoforum; Contemporary South Asia; The European Journal of Development Research; Oxford Development Studies; Journal of Asian and African Studies, Studies in Comparative International Development*

Service to Cornell University

- 2014-2015 South Asia Program, Fulbright Committee (member)
- 2012-2015 Faculty Senate (member)
- 2014-2015 Graduate Admissions Committee (member)
- 2012-2013 Graduate Admissions Committee (member)
- 2011-2012 Mellon Post-doc Selection Committee (member)

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