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- SAGE Sara Miller McCune Fellow, CASBS, Stanford University** 2024 – 25
Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS)
- Associate Professor (*with Tenure*), Boston University** 2024 –
Assistant Professor, Boston University 2019 – 2023
Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies
Graduate Faculty, Department of Political Science
Associate Director, Human Capital Initiative, Global Development Policy Center,
Affiliate Faculty, Institute for Economic Development, Inst for Global Sustainability,
Center for Antiracist Research, Center for Innovation in Social Science
- Assistant Professor, New York University Abu Dhabi** 2013 – 2019
Political Science Program, Social Science Division
Global Network (Affiliated) Professor, Politics Department, NYU NY
- EDUCATION** **Stanford University**, Stanford, CA
Ph.D. in Political Science 2013
MA in Political Science
Dissertation: “The Political Economy of Gender-Equalizing Reform in Rural India”
- London School of Economics**, London, UK
Msc in Development Management, *Distinction on Thesis* 2005
- Oxford University**, Oxford, UK
MSc in Forced Migration 2004
- Mount Holyoke College**, South Hadley, MA
BA in International Relations & African Studies, *Summa Cum Laude* 2003
- BOOK** 2020. *Women, Power, and Property: The Paradox of Gender Equality Laws in India*.
[Cambridge University Press](#), [Cambridge Studies in Gender and Politics Series](#).
Winner: Gregory Luebbert Prize for the Best Book in Comparative Politics,
[American Political Science Association](#), 2021.
Featured in: [New York Times](#); [New Books Network](#); [Grand Tamasha](#); [#WomenLead](#)
Reviews: [Perspectives on Politics](#); [Open](#); [Seminar](#); [Berkeley SARG](#); [“Archive Envy”](#)
- PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS** Forthcoming. “Who *Actually* Governs? Inequalities and Political Representation in Rural India.” (with Alyssa R. Heinze and Simon Chauchard) [Journal of Politics](#).
2023. “Women and Power in the Developing World.” [The Annual Review of Political Science](#), Vol. 26 (June).
2023. “Climate Shocks and Gendered Political Transformation: How Crises Alter Women’s Political Representation.” [Politics & Gender](#), First View (January).
2021. “Culture, Capital & the Gender Gap in Political Economy Preferences: Eviden-

ce from Meghalaya's Tribes" (with Nikhar Gaikwad) *Journal of Politics*, 83(3):834-50
Winner: Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper Overall, MPSA, 2017;
Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics, MPSA, 2017.
Featured in: *The Washington Post*, *The Monkey Cage*, *Ideas for India*, *The Print*.

2020. "Reform, Representation and Resistance: The Politics of Property Rights' Enforcement." 2020. *Journal of Politics*, 82(4): 1390-1405.
Featured in: *Ms. Magazine*, *India Development Review*, *Open Access Government*.

2020. "Women's Inheritance Rights Reform and the Preference for Sons in India" (with Sonia Bhalotra and Sanchari Roy). *Journal of Development Economics*, 146.
Featured in: *Ideas for India*, *TheWire.in*, *Business Standard*, *IndiaSpend.com*, *World Bank Blogs: Let's Talk Development*.

2015. "Accountability in Rural India: Local Government & Social Equality." *Asian Survey*, 55(5): 909-41. Special Edition on State Capacity in India.

**UNDER
REVIEW**

"Do Multi-dimensional Quotas Improve Social Equality? Intersectional Representation & Group Relations" (with Aliz Tóth). *Revise & Resubmit*, *Journal of Politics*.

**WORKING
PAPERS**

"Extreme Weather Expands Women's Autonomy Where Households are Labor- Constrained: Evidence on the Impact of Droughts in Bangladesh" (with Akshay Dixit).

"Discussion Rules Matter for Representation: Experimental Evidence from Rural India" (with Simon Chauchard and Alyssa Heinze). *PAP registered with EGAP*: "More Than Just Proxy Power: The Determinants of Decision-making Influence Among India's Local-level Representatives."

"Unintended Consequences of Quotas Mandating Women's Representation: the Dynamics of Gendered Political Marginalization" (with Alyssa Heinze, Simon Chauchard). *Preliminary acceptance in World Development*, for *Special Edition on Instrumental Incoherence in 2024* organized by Jean-Paul Faguet.

**IN PROGRESS
BOOKS**

"Unequal in Office: Dynamics of Gendered Political Marginalization in Rural India" (with Simon Chauchard and Alyssa Heinze). *Book Manuscript*, in preparation for submission to Princeton University Press.

"Restorative Weather? Climate Change & the Disruption of Gendered Power." *Book Manuscript*, in preparation for submission to Cambridge University Press.

**IN PROGRESS
PAPERS**

"Covid, Climate Shocks, & Women's Political Engagement: Experimental Evidence on Crisis-induced Coordination in Bangladesh" (with Akshay Dixit). *Pre-Analysis Plan registered with EGAP*; will submit to *The American Political Science Review*.

"Do Peer Mentorship Groups Increase the Political Agency of First-time Female Politicians?" (with Bhumi Purohit, Simon Chauchard, Alyssa Heinze, and Paro Sen). *-Randomized Control Trial Pilot with ongoing field research*.

"Backlash to Women's Empowerment" (with Sarah Khan, Solédad Prillaman, and Bhumi Purohit). *Proposal drafted*.

**BOOK
CHAPTERS**

2021. "G-local Women Power: Local Female Representation & Property Rights in India," *Invisible Institutionalisms*. Ballakrishnen & Dezalay, Eds. London: Hart.

202x. “Land Rights Without Law: Property Rights Institutions, Growth & Development in India,” *Law & Economy in India*, Heller & Jensen, Eds. Oxford UP India.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024-29 – National Science Foundation CAREER Award for “Dynamics of Women’s Political & Economic Empowerment: An Open Database Project” (\$661,302).

2024-25 – SAGE Sara Miller McCune Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University.

2023-24, 2022-23 – Center for Innovation in Social Science Research Internship Mentor-Mentee Program Award, CISS, Boston University.

2021 – Gregory Luebbert Prize for the Best Book in Comparative Politics, APSA.

2020 – Governance Fellow, Truman Foundation, Washington, DC.

2017 – Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the Best Paper Overall, MPSA.

2017 – Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics, MPSA.

2013-14 – Integration Year, New York University Department of Politics.

2010-11 – Doctoral Fellowship, National Council for Applied Economic Research.

2007-08 – Pre-doctoral Fellowship, CDDRL, Stanford University.

2003 – Marshall Scholarship.

2002 – Truman Scholarship (NY).

GRANTS

2024-29 – National Science Foundation CAREER Award for “Dynamics of Women’s Political & Economic Empowerment: An Open Database Project” (\$661,302).

2021-24 – BU Global Programs & BU Foundation-India, “Do Peer Mentorship Groups Increase the Political Agency of First-time Female Politicians?” PI, with Paro Sen, Simon Chauchard, Bhumi Purohit & Alyssa Heinze (\$30,000)

2021-22 – National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) & Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, “Economic Shocks and Gender” PI, with Akshay Dixit (\$20,000)

2020-23 – Hewlett Foundation, for support of the Program on Women’s Empowerment (POWER) Research, HCI, GDP Center, BU (\$500,000)

2019-21 – CVoter Foundation, Corporate Social Responsibility Grant (\$35,000)

2017-2019 – Research & Empirical Analysis of Labor Migration, “Gendered Differences in the Causes and Consequences of Migration: Experimental Evidence from India and the United Arab Emirates” (with Nikhar Gaikwad). Granted by Columbia University, INCITE. Declined.

2012, 2008 – Center for South Asia, Stanford University, Doctoral Research Grant

2004 – St. Cross College, Oxford University, Research Grant

**ADVISORY
BOARDS &
LEADERSHIP
ROLES**

Lead Editor (with Ana Catalano Weeks), Cambridge Studies in Gender & Politics book series, *Cambridge University Press*, Sept. 4, 2024-Present.
Co-founder, Alliance for Afghan Women's Economic Empowerment, *BU & U.S. State Department Partnership* (\$1.5 million funding by State Dept), Sept. 20, 2022-Present.
Associate Director, Human Capital Initiative, *BU GDP Center*, July 1, 2023-.
Editorial Board Member, *Indian Politics & Policy*, May 8, 2023-Present.
Editorial Board Member, *Politics & Gender*, July 1, 2022-Present.
Co-Chair, Comparative Politics of Developing Countries Division, *American Political Science Association, 2023 Annual Meeting*, Summer 2022-Fall 2023
Board of Trustees, BU Repr., *American Institute of Bangladesh Studies*, Jan 2022-.
Editorial Board Member, *Signs*, Fall 2020-Present.
Executive Board Member, *Empirical Gender Research Network*, 2019-2021.
Visiting Researcher, *WZB, "Institutions and Political Inequality" Research Unit*, led by Prof. Macartan Humphreys, Summer 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.
Research Affiliate, *Global TIES for Children*, Spring 2015-Present.
Working Group, *Research & Empirical Analysis of Labor Migration*, 2015-2018.

**POLICY AND
BOOK REVIEWS**

2022. *She Rules: A Symposium on the Political Representation of Women in India*, (Co-Edited with Simon Chauchard, Alyssa Heinze, and Mekhala Krishnamurthy). *Seminar*, Vol. 752, April.

2022. "Are Husbands the Problem?" (with Simon Chauchard and Alyssa Heinze) *Seminar*, Vol. 752, *She Rules: A Symposium on the Political Representation of Women in India*, April.

2022. "State-Society Relations & Global Pandemic Responses: Why Gender Quotas in India Matter." *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*. 6 April.

2022. "Demanding Development: The Politics of Public Goods Provision in India's Urban Slums [Review of Adam Michael Auerbach, *Demanding Development*]." *The Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. 58 (10, March 24): 2175-2177.

2022. "Radical Transparency: (Re)Writing the Infrastructure of Power: A review of Rajesh Veeraraghavan's *Patching Development: Informational Politics & Social Change in India*." *University of California-Berkeley, South Asia Reading Group Summer Spectacular*. Summer.

2021. "In India's West Bengal State, Backing Women's Economic Interests Helped One Party Score a Historic Win: Policy Support for Financial Well-being Can Remedy Women's Inequality in Politics" (with Nikhar Gaikwad). *The Monkey Cage, The Washington Post*. 16 June.

2021. "Why Do We Need Inclusive Institutions?" *Open Access Government*, 20 May.

2021. "How Recognizing Diversity Improves Equality." *Diversity, Violence & Recognition Blog*, Joint review of Samii & King (2020) *Diversity, Violence & Recognition* and Brulé (2020) *Women, Power, and Property*, 21 January.

2020. "The Art of Building Informal Governance: A review of Adam Michael Auerbach's *Demanding Development, The Politics of Public Goods Provision in India's Urban Slums*." *University of California-Berkeley, South Asia Reading Group Summer Spectacular*. Summer.

2006. "Audacious Institutions: Negotiating Land Tenure in Pre-conflict Sri Lanka,"

Putting Land First? Exploring the Links Between Land & Poverty. Conference Proceedings: 6th Annual Symp: Land & Poverty in Sri Lanka. CPA: Colombo.

INVITED TALKS Department of Political Science, Stanford University

– 2025 International Development Research Seminar, The London School of Economics

INVITED TALKS Department of Political Science, Yale University

– 2024 Department of Political Science Speaker Series, University of California at Los Angeles
Harvard Kennedy School Women & Public Policy Program Research Seminar Series, Harvard University

School of Global Policy and Strategy & Center on Gender Equity and Health Joint Seminar, University of California, San Diego

Social Studies Research Workshop (Discussant), Harvard University

USC Center for Law and Social Sciences Seminar, University of Southern California

Workshop on Instrumental Incoherence, The Sante Fe Institute

– 2023 Book Workshop: *Shocks & Politics: Understanding Disaster Preparedness* (J. Bussell)

Government Department & Einaudi Center for Int'l Studies, Cornell University

Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley

Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin

Global Diversity Lab Seminar, Political Science Department, MIT

Political Economy Speaker Series, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University

Workshop on Instrumental Incoherence, European University Institute

– 2022 Book Adda: *Patching Development* (R. Veeraraghavan), Watson Institute, Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown University

Comparative Politics Speaker Series, Princeton University

Gender & Political Economy Book Panel, SFS, Georgetown University

Gender Equality & Women Empowerment—Breaking the Bias, Vaedictory Speaker, University College for Women, Osmania University, Hyderabad, India

International Conference on the Role of Law in Diverse Societies, Hebrew University

Institutions & Political Inequality Brownbag Research Seminar, WZB, Berlin

Meghalaya State Women's Conference, Organized by the Chief Minister of Meghalaya

Gender & Politics Mini-Workshop, Harvard Center for Gov't & International Studies

Politics Colloquium, School of Politics & Global Studies, Arizona State University

Political Science Honor Society (Pi Sigma Alpha), Tufts University

Women's Leadership in South Asia, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, DC

Seminar, Saïd Business School, Oxford India Centre for Sustainable Development,

and the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

– 2021 Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Comparative Politics Colloquium, Vanderbilt University

Complex Governance Seminar Series, American University

Economic & Social Justice Workshop, Center for Economic Growth, Yale University

Empirical Studies on Women, Gender & Conflict, Cornell University

Gender and Politics in India Workshop, CCI, University of California at Berkeley

Institutions & Political Inequality Brownbag Research Seminar, WZB, Berlin

Politics of Development, Guest Lecturer for Prof. Nair, Harvard Kennedy School

Research Workshop in Political Economy, Harvard University

– 2020 Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale University

Frontiers in Global Development Seminar Series by the Departments of Politics and Economics & the Batten School of Public Policy, University of Virginia

Institute for Economic Development Research Seminar, Boston University
Junior Faculty Workshop, Empirical Gender Research Network (E-GEN), BU
Political Science Seminar, Northeastern University (Postponed due to COVID-19)
Politics of Development, Guest Lecturer for Prof. Cammet, Harvard University
Research in Comparative Politics Seminar, Political Science & Pardee School, BU
Seminar, Boston-Cambridge South Asia Reading Group, Harvard University
Us & Them: Group Identity & Politics, Guest Lecture, Prof. Haas, Aarhus University

- 2019 Harvard-Brown-MIT Seminar on South Asian Politics, Harvard University
“Invisible Institutionalism” Book Workshop, Onati, Spain
New Directions in Research on Identity and Governance, Monash University-Prato
Seminar on the Rise of Authoritarian “Strongmen” Figures, Lakshmi Mittal and
Family South Asia Institute, Harvard University
- 2018 Comparative Politics Workshop, University of California at Berkeley
Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI) Seminar, University of Pennsylvania
Institutions and Political Inequality Brownbag Research Seminar, WZB
Junior Faculty Workshop, Empirical Gender Research Network, Vanderbilt University
- 2017 Comparative Politics Workshop, Columbia University
Child Development in India: The 1st 4000 Days, CASI, University of Pennsylvania
- 2016 Comparative Government Coffee, Georgetown University
Presidential Panel: Gender & Political Economy, Southern Economics Association

CONFERENCES Workshop on Instrumental Incoherence, EUI & Sante Fe Institute, 2023-2024
Political Economy Workshop, The Center for Advanced Study of India,
University of Pennsylvania, 2023, 2024
Empirical Gender Research Network (E-GEN), Faculty Conference, Washington Uni-
versity in St. Louis, 2024
E-GEN, Faculty Conference, UCSD, 2023
EGEN, Faculty Conference, Cornell, 2023
Gender & Political Economy Book Panel, Schl of Foreign Service, Georgetown, 2022
E-GEN, Graduate Work-in-Progress Conference [Co-organizer], BU & Harvard
Kennedy School, 2022
Meghalaya State Women’s Conference, Government of Meghalaya, India, 2022
The Role of Law in Diverse Societies, Hebrew University, 2022
American Political Science Association, Annual Conference, 2009-2022 [Declined 2023]
Annual South Asia Conference, Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison, 2011,13-14,16, 2021-22
Gender and Politics in South Asia: The First Annual Indian Politics Workshop,
Center on Contemporary India, University of California at Berkeley, 2021
Workshop on Economic & Social Justice, Yale University, Economics, 2021
Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Conference, 2017
DC Political Economy of South Asia Workshop, Johns Hopkins-SAIS & Carnegie
Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC, 2019
Development Economics and Policy Conference, Heidelberg University, 2016
European Conference on South Asia Studies, 2016
Book Workshop, NYU New York, 2015
Workshop on State Capacity in India, University of California, Berkeley, 2013
Modern South Asia Workshop, Yale University, 2013
Political Economy & Public Services Conference, CMPO, Bristol University, 2013
South Asia by the Bay Graduate Student Conference, Stanford University, 2012

Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet Conference in Public Economics,
Institute of Public Economics, Université d'Aix-Marseille, 2011

TEACHING

Political Economy of Gender Inequality Seminar, BU (IR591) [U], Fall 2019-23
Global Development Capstone Research Seminar, BU (EC/IR 798) [G, Required],
Fall 2021-23 (with Dilip Mookherjee)
Gender & Global Politics, BU (IR 354) [U], Spring 2020-22, 2024
Forced Migration and Human Trafficking Co-LAB, BU (IR 653) [U,G], Spring 2024
(with Kaija Schilde)
Quantitative Analysis for International Affairs, BU (IR602) [G, Req.], Spring 2020-22
Introduction to Comparative Politics, NYUAD [U], Spring 2019
Gender Revolutions & the State in India, NYUAD [U], January 2016-17
Comparative Politics of South Asia, NYUAD [U], Fall 2014-15
Justice: Theory and Practice, NYUAD [U], Fall 2015-2016, 2018-19
Politics Senior Honors Research Seminar I-II, NYU NY [U], 2013-14
Workshop Instructor, Evaluating Social Programs, MIT JPAL Lab, Chennai, India,
Executive Education course for Public and Private Sector Professionals, 2007

ACADEMIC SERVICE — EXTERNAL

Lead Editor (with Ana Catalano Weeks), Cambridge Studies in Gender & Politics
book series, *Cambridge University Press*, Sept. 4, 2024-Present.

Book reviewer for the *Cambridge University Press*, *Oxford University Press*, and
University of Chicago Press.

Journal reviewer for *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *British Journal of Comparative Political Science*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *European Economic Review*; *International Organization*; *Journal of Comparative Politics*; *Journal of Economics & Politics*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Politics & Gender*; *Politics, Groups, & Identities*; *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*; *Signs*; and *World Politics*.

Editorial Board Member, *Indian Politics & Policy*, May 8, 2023-.

Editorial Board Member, *Politics & Gender*, July 1, 2022-.

Editorial Board Member, *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 2020-.

Co-founder, Alliance for Afghan Women's Economic Empowerment, *BU Pardee School & U.S. Department of State Partnership*, 20 September, 2022-Present.

Co-Chair, *Comparative Politics of Developing Countries Division, American Political Science Association, 2023 Annual Meeting*, Summer 2022-Fall 2023

Co-Organizer & Chair, *South Asia APSA 2023 Mini-Conference, American Political Science Association, 2023 Annual Meeting*, Winter 2022-Fall 2023 [Postponed]

Luebbert Book Prize Committee, *American Political Science Association*, 2022

Advisor, *State Capacity Enhancement Project, Meghalaya State Gov't, India*, 2022-.

Board of Trustees Member, *American Institute of Bangladesh Studies*, 2022-.

Executive Board Member, *Empirical Gender Research Network (E-GEN)*, 2019-21
E-GEN 2022 *Graduate Work-in-Progress Conference, Co-Organizer*, with Harvard
University, Kennedy School for Government & BU GDP Center, HCI
E-GEN 2020 *Junior Faculty Workshop Organizer*, with BU GDP Center, HCI
E-GEN 2020 *Graduate Work-in-Progress Conference, Discussant*, Yale

Host & Co-Organizer of American Political Science Association, 2019 Middle East &
North Africa Workshop: "Women & Politics: MENA Experiences," 2019

Lecturer, "Hope House" Halfway House for Women, Menlo Park, CA, 2008.

**ACADEMIC
SERVICE —
INTERNAL**

Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Founding Member, *Pardee School, BU*, 2021-23.
Pardee Women's Group, Faculty Mentoring, *Pardee School, BU*, 2019, 2023.
Undergraduate Learning Outcomes Assessment, *Pardee School Lead, with associated development & implementation of School-wide learning surveys, BU*, 2019-Present.
Graduate Learning Outcomes Assessment, *Pardee School Lead, BU*, 2021-22.
Graduate Admissions Committee Member, *Pardee School, BU*, 2020-21.
Human Capital Initiative (HCI), Associate Director, *Global Development Policy Center, BU*, July 2023-Present.
Political Economy of Human Capital (PEHC), Program Leader, *HCI, Global Development Policy Center, BU*, 2020-Present.
Program on Women's Empowerment Research (POWER), Program Co-Leader, *HCI, Global Development Policy Center, BU*, 2019-Present.
Technology and International Relations Search Committee, *Pardee School*, 2019-20.

**PHD
COMMITTEES**

Nicholas Haas, New York University (Associate Professor at Aarhus University)
Franziska Roscher, New York University (Current Graduate Student)
Si Wu, Boston University (Current Graduate Student)
Vidhu Mukundan, Boston University (Current Graduate Student)

PHD ADVISING

Aliz Tóth, Stanford University (Assistant Professor, the London School of Economics Department of Government)
Bhumi Purohit, University of California at Berkeley (Assistant Professor, Georgetown University, McCourt School of Public Policy)
Akshay Dixit, Harvard University (Current Graduate Student)
Alyssa Heinze, University of California at Berkeley (Current Graduate Student)
Catherine (Cat) Abou Khalil, Boston University (Current Graduate Student)
Chetana Sabnis, Yale University (Current Graduate Student)

PROFESSIONAL

Consultant, Google.org Land Transparency Team, Palo Alto, CA, 2013-14
Consultant, Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA), Ahmedabad, India, 2010
Consultant, World Bank Rural Development Group, Andhra Pradesh, India, 2010
Program Coordinator, MIT Poverty Action Lab, India, 2005-2006
External Collaborator, International Labour Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, 2000

**FIELD
RESEARCH**

India, 2.5+ years: June-August 2007, 2008; November 2009–March 2011; January, October, December 2014; January, March 2015; January 2016; March 2017; January 2020; April 2023; January 2024
-North East: Meghalaya (East & West Khasi Hills; North & West Garo Hills; Shillong municipality); Mizoram (Aizawl district)
-North: Uttar Pradesh (Saharanpur), Haryana (Yamuna Nagar), Delhi
-South & West: Andhra Pradesh (Anantapur, Khammam, Krishna, Ranga Reddy, Vishakhapatnam, and Vizianangaram), Maharashtra (Solapur district)

Senegal, 1 year, September 2001 – June 2002
-Dakar (Marché HLM); Kaolack (Society of Development & Textile Fibers)

LANGUAGES

French (Advanced/Interm.), Hindi (Intermediate), Arabic, German, Wolof (Beginner)