

Curriculum Vitae

Laura A. Ring
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Degrees:

BA Hampshire College, 1990 (Anthropology)
MA University of Chicago, 1994 (Anthropology)
PhD University of Chicago, 2003 (Anthropology)
MS University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2010 (Library and Information Science)

Doctoral Dissertation:

(En)Gendering Tension: Anger, Intimacy and Everyday Peace in Karachi
Arjun Appadurai, Thesis Director

Experience:

2017-present, Metadata Librarian & Librarian for Southern Asia & Anthropology, University of Chicago Library, Chicago, Illinois
2016-2017, Cataloger & Southern Asia Librarian; Interim Subject Specialist for Anthropology, University of Chicago Library, Chicago, Illinois
2011-present, Cataloger & Southern Asia Librarian, University of Chicago Library, Chicago, Illinois
2010-2011, Assistant Bibliographer for Southern Asia, University of Chicago Library, Chicago, Illinois
2008-2011, Assistant Cataloger for Southern Asia, University of Chicago Library, Chicago, Illinois
2008-2010, Principal Orders Assistant, University of Chicago Library, Chicago, Illinois
2004-2006, Administrator, Developmental Psychology, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
2003, Starr Lecturer, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
2002-2003, Preceptor, Gender Studies, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Publications:

Zenana: Everyday Peace in a Karachi Apartment Building, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2006
“A Day in the Life,” Mines, Diane and Sarah Lamb, eds., *Everyday Life in South Asia*, 2nd ed., Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2010
Review of *Violence and Subjectivity* by Veena Das et al, *American Ethnologist*, Vol. 29, No. 1 (Feb. 2002), pp. 210-212
Review of *Passing By: Gender and Public Harassment* by Carol Brooks Gardner, *Contemporary Sociology*, Vol. 25, No. 4 (Jul. 1996), pp. 480-482
“Sexual harassment and the production of gender,” *Differences: a journal of feminist cultural studies* 6.1 (1994): 129-166
“And if morning never comes? Roiphe, resistance and the subject of women,” *Radical America* 25.2 (1994): 57-64

Presentations:

Identity, Ethnography, Archive: Locating Neighborhood in Karachi. Presented at the 45th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 2016.
Use and Users of South Asian Periodicals: From the Local to the National? Presented at the Library UX Chicago Collections Assessment Event, Loyola University, Chicago, IL, January 2016
Collecting in the Ethnomusicology of South Asia. Presented at the South Asia Cooperative Collection Development Workshop, Madison, WI, October 2015
“*Kasi Jun: Intimate Encounters with the Crescent Moon*” by Rehanna Kheshgi. Invited discussant. *EthNoise! Workshop*, University of Chicago, October 2014
Notes on Conflict and Documentation in Karachi. Invited paper presented at MIT conference The Orangi Pilot Project and Legacy of Perween Rehman, Cambridge, MA, April 2014

Home and the World: Gender and labor in South Asia. Invited discussant. 42nd Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 2013

Sound Documents and Conflict Archives. Workshop on Audio Cultures of India: Rethinking the Performance Archive, University of Chicago, September 2013

Collecting from Areas of Conflict. Visiting Committee, University of Chicago Library, November 2012

Muslim Women and Conflict in South Asia. Council of American Overseas Research Centers Outreach Workshop, University of Chicago, December 2011

Book talk: Zenana: Everyday Peace in a Karachi Apartment Building. DePaul University, Chicago, January 2008

Book talk: Zenana: Everyday Peace in a Karachi Apartment Building. University of Texas, San Antonio, March 2008

Agents of Shame: Narratives of Love and Loss in Karachi. The 32nd Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 2003

(En)Gendering Tension: Peace, Exchange and Embodiment in a Karachi Apartment Building. Semiotics of Anxiety/Anxiety about Semiosis Conference, University of Chicago, February 2002

The Shame of True Love: Notes on Purdah in Pakistan. The American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2001

“Our Men are Angry.” Gendered Sentiments of Peace and Violence in Pakistan. The American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 2000

Angry Men, Discerning Women: Sentiment and Praxis on the Other Side or Honor. Gender and Society Workshop, University of Chicago, October 2000

Civic Intimacy: The Language of Women’s Attachments in a Karachi Apartment Building. The 29th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 2000

Sharing the Shade: Neighborhood and Women’s Public Lives in Karachi. The Central States Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 1999

Heretical Body, National Space: On Being Sindhi in Karachi. The 27th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 1998

Grants:

Co-PI, Neubauer Family Collegium for Culture and Society Grant, 2017-2020

Co-PI, NEH Grant “Urdu Publications from Pakistan: Providing Access to Private Collections,” 2015-2017

Co-PI, NEH Grant “Digital Dictionaries of South Asia: Scholarly Resources for the Advanced Study of the Subcontinent,” 2014-2016

Co-PI, Neubauer Family Collegium for Culture and Society Grant, 2013-2014

University of Chicago Center in Delhi Grants, 2014-2017

Norman Cutler Travel Grant, 2012-2013

Committee on Southern Asian Studies Fellowship, 1998-2002

Fulbright Fellowship, 1996-1997

Social Sciences Unendowed Fellowship, 1991-1995

Professional Service:

Political Conflict, Gender and People’s Rights Project, University of California, Berkeley, Advisory Board member, 2016-present

Committee on South Asian Libraries and Documentation (CONSALD):
Chair, 2015-2017
Executive Board Member, 2012-2018

South Asia Materials Project (SAMP), Executive Board Member (ex officio), 2015-2017

SAMP Open Archives Digitization Working Group, 2016-2017

Asian Liaison Librarians Committee (ex officio), 2015-2017

ASIANetwork Exchange: A Journal for Asian Studies in the Liberal Arts, Editorial Board, 2011-2014

Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, Peer Reviewer, 2013

Human Organization (Journal), Peer Reviewer, 2013

Urban Studies, Peer Reviewer, 2015-2016

American Ethnologist, Peer Reviewer, 2016-2017

Memberships:

Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

Committee on South Asian Libraries and Documentation (CONSALD)

American Library Association (ALA)

Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)

 Anthropology and Sociology Section (ANSS)

 Asian, African, and Middle Eastern Section (AAMES)

American Anthropological Association (AAA)

 American Ethnological Society (AES)

Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM)

Languages:

Spoken and written Urdu, Hindi and Spanish; facility with Devanagari, Perso-Arabic, Gujarati, Gurmukhi and Tamil scripts