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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Student in Geography, Fall 2007-Present  
University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky  
**Dissertation:** The Construction of Nature in the Sundarban Biosphere Reserve, West Bengal, India: Beyond a Colonial Legacy

M.S. in Geography, 2003  
University of Calcutta, Kolkata, West Bengal, India  
Thesis: Socio-Economic Status of Middle Class Women in Ward No. 89 of Kolkata Municipal Corporation  
Field Experience: Physical and Social Environment in and around Alipurduar Sub-division of the Jalpaiguri District, West Bengal, India, May 2003  
Supervisor: Prof. Ranjan Basu

B.S. in Geography, 2001  
Presidency College, Kolkata, West Bengal, India  
Field Experience: A Socio-economic Survey of Rohini Tea Estate, Kurseong, Darjiling District, India, November 1999  
Supervisor: Dr. Soma Bhattacharya

## **CERTIFICATE COURSE**

ESRI Certificate Course: Introduction to ArcGIS  
September 2008

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Political Ecology, Biodiversity Conservation and Development, Human-Environment relationship in the Global South

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Teaching Assistant, Geo 172: Human Geography**

University of Kentucky: Fall 2009  
So far assisted in grading, preparation of test scores, and setting special arrangements for the disabled students during exams

### **Teaching Assistant, GEO 160: Lands and People of the Non Western World**

University of Kentucky: Spring 2009  
**Guest Lecture:** "The Sundarban Biosphere Reserve: A Contested Space"  
Assisted in grading multiple choice tests and writing assignments

**Teaching Assistant, GEO 309: Digital Geographic Data**

University of Kentucky: Fall 2008

Assisted students in the class and lab to handle the software ArcGIS 9.2 version

Assisted students in the field to use Trimble Juno ST GPS receiver and in data conversion using Trimble Pathfinder Office software

Assisted in grading assignments

**Teaching Assistant, GEO 222: Cities of the World**

University of Kentucky: Fall 2007 and Spring 2008

**Guest Lecture:** “Kolkata/Calcutta: Where the East First Came to Know the West”

Assisted in grading multiple choice tests and map quiz

**Assistant Teacher in Geography**

C.C. Hindu Vidyapith for Girls’ High School: Summer 2005 to Summer 2007

Kolkata, West Bengal, India

Taught Physical and Human Geography from Grade 5<sup>th</sup> to Grade 12<sup>th</sup>

**Guest Lecturer in Geography**

Deshbandhu College for Girls’: Winter 2004 to Summer 2005

Kolkata, West Bengal, India

Taught Economic, Urban and Population Geography

**Guest Lecturer in Geography**

Ramananda College: Summer 2004 to Fall 2004

Bishnupur, West Bengal, India

Taught Biogeography and Geographical Thought

**PUBLICATIONS**

Ghosh Priyanka. 2008. Privatization, Shrimp Aquaculture and Coastal Degradation in Bangladesh. *Traverse* (A journal published by the Department of Geography, Presidency College, Kolkata)

Bhattacharya Soma, Priyanka Ghosh, and Shewli Shabnam. 2005. Geography book (grade sixth) Kolkata, West Bengal State Open School

Ghosh Priyanka and Mayuri Bhattacharyya. 2000. Ecofeminism- A Modern Synthesis. *Traverse* (A journal published by the Department of Geography, Presidency College, Kolkata)

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Travel Award, South Eastern Division Association of American Geographers, 2009

Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Kentucky, 2009

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, University of Kentucky, 2007-Present

Lalchand Mookerjee Foreign Scholarship, University of Calcutta, 2007-2008

National Scholarship, Department of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, 2001-2002

National Scholarship, Department of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, 1998-1999

### **PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATIONS**

**Presenter**, “A Twin Visit: City of Joy and the Tide Country” at the colloquium of Department of Geography, University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY. September 2009

**Presenter**, “The Sundarban Biosphere Reserve”: A Contested Space” at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Las Vegas, NV. March 2009

### **WORKSHOPS ATTENDED**

**TEACHING Workshop**: Using Fieldwork in Teaching at University of Kentucky, Department of Geography in Lexington, KY. April 2009

**EDGE Workshop**: Time Management: Setting Priorities and Maintaining Balance at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Las Vegas, NV. March 2009

**EDGE Workshop**: GIS and Mapping Technologies: Applications for Reasoning and Critical Thinking at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Las Vegas, NV. March 2009

### **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

Alternate Student Representative of the Colloquium Committee, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, Fall 2009

Volunteer during welcome week at Office of International Affairs, University of Kentucky, Spring 2009

Laboratories Advisory and Miller Hall Oversight, University of Kentucky, Geography Graduate Student Union (GGSU), Fall 2008 and Spring 2009

Volunteer, in International Classroom/ Cross-Cultural Workshop, Office of International Affairs, University of Kentucky, Spring 2008

Volunteer, in Zonal Endeavor on Social Transformation, Kolkata, India, Spring 2006-Present

### **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES**

**Library Student Assistant, Periodicals Department, William T. Young Library, University of Kentucky**, Summer 2008

Shelved microfilms, journals, and newspapers

Assisted patrons in reading microfilms, printing documents, and using photocopier

**Desk Clerk, Summer Conference Housing, University of Kentucky**, Summer 2008

Assisted guests in housing reservation

Answered phone calls

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Member, South Eastern Division Association of American Geographers, 2009-Present

Member, Association of American Geographers, 2007-Present

Geography Graduate Student Association, University of Kentucky, 2007-Present

## **REFERENCES**

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