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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, UC-Santa Barbara, 2020-present

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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urban sociology, environmental sociology, economic sociology, global-comparative sociology, sociology of race & ethnicity, development, ethnography, qualitative methods

## EDUCATION

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PhD, Sociology, University of Michigan, 2020

Dissertation: *Reclaiming Waste, Remaking Communities: Persistence and Change in Delhi's Informal Garbage Economy*

Committee: George Steinmetz (chair), Greta Krippner, Frederick Wherry, Arun Agrawal

MA, Asian Cultures & Languages, University of Texas at Austin, 2007

BA (magna cum laude), Program for Interdisciplinary Humanities, Florida State University, 2004

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Refereed Journal Articles

**Dana Kornberg.** 2020. "Competing for Jurisdiction: Practical Legitimation and the Persistence of Informal Recycling in Urban India." *Social Forces*.

- Katherine Luke Paper Award, University of Michigan Department of Sociology

**Dana Kornberg.** 2019. "From Balmikis to Bengalis: The 'Casteification' of Muslims in Delhi's Informal Garbage Economy." *Economic and Political Weekly* 54(47): 48–54.

<https://www.epw.in/journal/2019/47/review-urban-affairs/balmikis-bengalis.html>.

**Dana Kornberg.** 2019. "Garbage as Fuel: Pursuing Incineration to Counter Stigma in Postcolonial Urban India." *Local Environment* 24(1): 1-17. <http://doi.org/10.1080/13549839.2018.1545752> (lead article).

Amy Krings, **Dana Kornberg**, and Erin Lane. 2018. "Organizing Under Austerity: How Flint Residents' Concerns Became the Flint Water Crisis." *Critical Sociology* 45(4-5): 583–597. <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0896920518757053>

**Dana Kornberg.** 2016. "The Structural Origins of Territorial Stigma: Water and Racial Politics in Metropolitan Detroit, 1950s to 2010s." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 40 (2): 263–83. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1468-2427.12343/full> (lead article).

- Annual Best Article Prize, *IJURR* editorial board

## Other Writing

- Dana Kornberg.** 2020. Indian Muslims in a time of CAA-NRC, pogroms, and now coronavirus. *Global and Transnational Sociology (GATS) Newsletter*. Spring. Pp. 37-39.
- Amy Krings, **Dana Kornberg**, and Shawna Lee. 2019. *Lessons and Policy Implications from the Flint Water Crisis* (CSD Policy Brief No. 19-41). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development. <https://doi.org/10.7936/24av-em38>
- Dana Kornberg.** 2019. "Review of Michael Levien, *Dispossession without Development: Land Grabs in Neoliberal India*." *Social Forces* soz074. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soz074>
- Dana Kornberg.** 2017. "Why a 'Cashless' Society Would Hurt the Poor: A Lesson from India." *The Conversation*. 26 June. <https://theconversation.com/why-a-cashless-society-would-hurt-the-poor-a-lesson-from-india-79735>
- Martin J. Murray and **Dana Kornberg.** 2013. "Informal Economy." *Oxford Bibliographies*. <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199846733/obo-9780199846733-0128.xml>
- Dana Kornberg.** 2013. "Review of Susan Chaplin, *The Politics of Sanitation in India: Cities, Services and the State*." *Environmental Politics* 22 (2): 358–60. <https://rsa.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09644016.2013.769803>
- Dana Kornberg.** 2012. "Mumbai, India." *Encyclopedia of Consumption and Waste: The Social Science of Garbage* (Vol. 1), Carl A. Zimring and J. Geoffrey Golson, eds., 570–74. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.
- Dana Kornberg.** 2011. "Review of Karen Bakker, *Privatizing Water: Governance Failure and the World's Urban Water Crisis*." *Environmental Politics* 20 (6): 951–52. <http://rsa.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09644016.2011.617189>

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND WORKSHOPS**

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- 2018 Ethnography Incubator Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 2017 Selected Participant, Modern South Asia Workshop, Yale University
- 2016–17 Rackham Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan
- 2016 Selected Participant, Philosophy of Social Science Graduate Student Summer Seminar, Critical Realism Network (Yale University)
- 2015–16 Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University
- 2015 Sweetland Dissertation Writing Fellowship, University of Michigan
- 2014 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (Sociology) #1409660
- 2013–14 Center for the Education of Women Bailey Fellowship, University of Michigan
- 2011–13 Graham Environmental Sustainability Fellowship, University of Michigan
- 2011 International Institute Individual Fellowship, University of Michigan
- 2010 Department of Sociology Schweitzer Fellowship, University of Michigan

- 2005–07 Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship (Hindi), University of Texas at Austin  
2004 Phi Beta Kappa, Florida State University

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Invited Talks, Lectures, and Symposia**

- 2018 “Justifying Emergency Management by Discrediting Detroit’s Black Leaders: The Legacy of Water Politics in Metropolitan Detroit.” Legacies of Emergency Management: Looking Back and Moving Forward. Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture at Columbia University. Ann Arbor, MI. 22–23 March.
- 2017 “The Disorienting Power of Crisis Time.” Theorizing the Trump Regime: Joint Social Theory and Culture, History, & Politics Workshops. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. 22 February.
- 2017 “Water, Water Everywhere, Not a Drop to Drink.” Guest lecture for Seminar on the Flint Water Crisis (Instructor Dr. Jacob Lederman), University of Michigan–Flint. Flint, MI. 6 March.
- 2015 “The Green City Paradox: Environmentalism as Sanitary Aesthetics in Delhi, India.” Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University. New Haven, CT. 2 May.
- 2014 “The Persistence of Informality: Waste Collection and Recycling in Delhi.” Institute of Economic Growth. New Delhi, India. 11 July.

### **Refereed Conferences**

- 2019 “Locating State Limits: Governing Garbage Collection Services in Delhi.” Matters of State: Bureaucracy, Procedure, and Power in South Asia (Princeton South Asia Conference). Princeton, NJ. 19 April.
- 2018 “Incinerators, A Love Story: How Garbage Fuels Utopic Visions of Urban India.” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. 10 April.
- 2017 “Long-Term Account Keeping and the Persistence of Informal Markets.” International Ethnography Symposium. University of Manchester. Manchester, England. 29 August.
- 2017 “Theorizing Contemporary Economic Life Beyond Formal Markets.” Beyond Positivism Conference, Critical Realism Network. Montreal, Canada. 8 August.
- 2016 “When Garbage Trucks Meet Tricycles: How Unofficial Practices Frustrate Global City Plans.” Regular Session on Transformations in Urban Governance, ASA Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. 21 August.
- 2016 “Waste as Opportunity? Negotiating Stigma in Delhi’s Household Waste Collection.” Waste in Asia Conference. Leiden University. Leiden, Netherlands. 9–11 June.
- 2015 “The Structural Origins of Territorial Stigma: Water Politics & Race in Metro Detroit.” Regular Session in Urban Sociology, ASA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. 25 August.  
- Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting. Miami, FL. 10 April.
- 2015 “Long-Term Accounting in Delhi’s Informal Scrap Economy.” Regular Session in Economic Sociology, ASA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. 22 August.

- 2014 “From *Khetibari* to *Kabadi*: Bengali Muslims in Delhi’s Urban Informal Waste Economy.” Annual Conference on South Asia. Madison, WI. 18 October.
- 2013 “The Green City Paradox: Environmental Rhetoric, Unsustainable Realities during Delhi’s Commonwealth Games.” Global & Transnational Section roundtable, ASA Annual Meeting. New York, NY. 11 August.

## TEACHING

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### Awards

- 2019 Honored Instructor Award, UM Housing

### Instructor of Record

- 2019 Perspectives on Learning and Academic Success (CSP 100), Comprehensive Studies Program, University of Michigan
- 2018 Urban Inequality (Soc 335), Department of Sociology, University of Michigan

### Discussion Section Instructor (All in the Department of Sociology, University of Michigan)

- 2019-20 Introduction to Sociology (Soc 100)
- 2018 Economic Sociology (Soc 315)
- 2018 Introduction to Sociology: Understanding the 2016 Election (Soc 102)
- 2017 Introduction to Sociology: Inequalities and Social Exclusion (Soc 102)
- 2015 Sociological Approaches to Deviance (Soc 465)
- 2012 Introduction to Statistics (Soc 210)
- 2011 Introduction to Sociology: Social Inequality (Soc 102)

### Training

- 2018 Graduate Teacher Certificate, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan
- 2017 Diversity and Inclusive Teaching Seminar, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan, 12-hour course.

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2018-20 Stylistic and Developmental Academic Editor, freelance and for acad/edit
- 2016 Economic Justice Alliance of Michigan (EJAM) Fellow, Detroit, MI
- 2012–13 Research Assistant to Alford A. Young, Sociology, University of Michigan
- 2011 Research Assistant, ADVANCE Program, University of Michigan
- 2011 Research Assistant to Robert Jansen, Sociology, University of Michigan
- 2007–09 Program Officer (Delhi & Chennai, India), The William J. Clinton Foundation

## SERVICE

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- Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Environmental Sociology*, *International Journal of Urban & Regional Research*, and *Socio-Economic Review*
- 2013–14 Founding Editorial Board Member for the *Michigan Journal of Sustainability* (<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/t/text/idx/m/mjs/12333712>)
- 2013 Member of Committee for Michigan Meeting

- Co-wrote a successful (\$50,000) grant application for conference “Learning from Detroit: Turbulent Urbanism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” held in May 2014
- 2011–12 Graduate Student Faculty Meeting Representative (elected)
- 2010–11 Co-Chair, Sociology Graduate Student (SGS) Organization (elected)
- 2006–07 Editor, South Asia Graduate Research (SAGAR) Journal, UT-Austin

## **LANGUAGES**

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### **Hindi**, Proficiency: Fluent

- Three years of university coursework at UT-Austin and the University of Michigan, the AIIS Summer Hindi Program, and over two years of immersion

### **Spanish**, Proficiency: Intermediate

- Several years in K–12 and college and individual tutoring