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Summary

Graduate Student living in Dubai, UAE from November 2025-June 2026, looking to volunteer with the Dubai Foundation for Women and Children and provide support with research (can work on writing reports, managing/organizing/analyzing data, collecting and presenting stories) as well as teaching skills and workshops (computer and technology skills, art workshops, psychosomatic and mental health support techniques, etc.).

Education

University of California, San Diego Anticipated June 2027
 Department of Ethnic Studies with a **Specialization in Critical Gender Studies**

University of California, Davis Sept 2017 - June 2021
 B.S. Global Disease Biology | graduated with High Honors
 Undergraduate GPA: 3.917

Research Experience

Graduate Student Researcher Jun 2023 - Sept 2024
Caste in Pakistan Project (*Supervision of Dr. Shaista Patel*)
 Responsible for collating research and producing a literature review as well as building a website, working on outreach for focus groups, website building, data collection and organization.

Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Middle East/South Asia Studies at UC Davis Dec 2020 - June 2021
 (*Advisor: Dr. Nicole Ranganath*)

In “Caste and Casteism: An Ethnographic Study of the Socialization of Indian Expatriate Children Growing up in the UAE,” I conducted ethnography with students, a curriculum analysis, and surveyed literary and community sources to highlight dissonance between school and home, as sites of socialization for young people into their caste identities.

Project Manager and Teaching Assistant Mar 2020 - June 2021

Design Lab, Program for International Energy Technologies, UC Davis
 Co-mentored 26 students in their student teams to utilize tools such as capacity analyses and cost-benefit analyses to create community-centered deliverables for their clients engaged in work such as home hardening in California, rural electricity and energy grid access in Côte d'Ivoire, solid waste management in DRC, capacity building for rural education and subsistence farming in Kenya, and more.

Ulysses Postdoctoral Research Scholar Training Program Mar 2020 - Dec 2020
 (*PI: Dr. Patrick Marius Koga*)

In my senior practicum project titled “Assessing the Impact of Acculturation on Attitudes and Behaviors Towards Domestic Violence in Arab Refugees,” I studied migration trajectories of Arab and Afghan refugee communities across the world and grounded my social and behavioral research regarding the attitudes and behaviors of victims of domestic violence. I also tracked and translated responses from refugee interviews for a broader research study to create a victim-centered mental health response tool.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant

Sept 2024 - Present

*ETHN 20R: Introduction to Asian American Studies with Dr. Christen Sasaki**ETHN 125R: Asian American History with Dr. Christen Sasaki**ETHN 119: Race in the Americas with Dr. José Fusté**ETHN 3R: Making Culture with Dr. Holly Okonkwo**ETHN 121R: Contemporary Asian American History with Dr. Christen Sasaki***Co-curator and Facilitator**

Mar 2023 - June 2023

South Asian Muslim: Histories, Communities, and Futurisms at UC Davis

Co-created an introductory student-centered seminar that provided a survey of the place of Muslims within South Asia and the diaspora through a focus on gender, caste, Islamophobia, art, food, friendships, community organizing, and coalition building. The class combined theoretical readings with documentaries, film screenings, guest speakers, and creative projects. Through workshops with prominent artists, community organizers, and scholars, we worked up to a dream circle that centered visions of South Asian Muslim futurisms.

Lead Facilitator

Mar 2021 - June 2021

Critical Caste Reading Group, Middle East/South Asia Studies UC Davis

Curated and facilitated a weekly inter-caste class for undergraduate and graduate students where we surveyed our caste positionalities and stories through engaging with film, literature, and Dalit, Bahujan, and Adivasi organizers to bring anti-caste work to familial, student and community spaces.

Professional Community Work**International Outreach Assistant**

June 2023 - Present

Team Manjeet Sarkar

Work as an outreach assistant for Manjeet Sarkar, India's first and internationally acclaimed Dalit stand-up comedian and filmmaker to organize shows and screenings across North America and Europe.

Ekta de Jathedar (Solidarity and Coalition Building Lead)

May 2023 - 2025

Halemi Lehar ("Queer Nation/Revolution")

Mapping the diasporic Sikh activist ecosystem to realize visions of "Halemi Raj," the rule of the oppressed as revealed by Guru Arjan Sahibji, through bringing together artists, academics, and community organizers, in their different multiplicities. Worked on building solidarity art, teaching workshops and spaces of Sikh thought with community members.

Graduate Student Organizer

April 2023 - Present

UC Collective for Caste Abolition

Working towards building anti-caste infrastructures within the UC system and beyond while hosting critical conversations that complicate and unsettle brahmanism and its relationships with occupation and colonization in different contexts in hopes of centering visions of caste annihilation/abolition over equity.

Caste Equity Organizer and Disinformation Researcher

Sept 2021 - Aug 2023

Equality Labs

Worked on outreach to universities, community groups, and businesses, alongside developing and implementing capacity-building resources, content and toolkits as needed with the shared goals of ending caste discrimination and protecting digital freedom. Taught workshops, gained experience with psychosomatic and mental health support techniques, and worked on mis-and-disinformation research on Facebook and Twitter. Also organized the first national Caste in Higher Education Conference in 2022.

Community Organizer

Jan 2019 - June 2021

Middle Eastern, North African, South Asian Student Resources, UC Davis

Worked with MENASA students to create resource guides and spaces for political dialogue, community healing, and mentorship. Curated campus-wide observances and celebrations for MENASA students.

Editor in Chief

June 2018 - Apr 2022

Other Collective Media Platform

Involved in co-founding the platform and working to sustain a media and transnational media presence amongst the Southwest Asian, North African, and South Asian (SWANASA) communities. Led a team of creatives to produce art, stories, and writing that challenge stereotypes.

Publications

Pangi, P., Korra, R., Danavath, A., Vidya, **Marwaha, R.** (Under Review). Institutionalized Discrimination in the Mother Tongue-based -Multilingual Education (MTB- MLE) Program: An Ethnographic Study of Indigenous (Adivasi) Trainers in Andhra Pradesh, India. Special Issue — Unearthing Eco-Casteism: A Sociolegal Exploration of Caste and the Environment in International Law. Oxford Human Rights Hub.

Danavath, A.; **Marwaha, R.**, and Thapliyal, N. (2024). “Anti-caste Activism in US Higher Education: Beyond a Politics of Recognition.” NORRAG Global Education Center. Special Issue 10, pp. 80-85. *Geneva Graduate Institute.*

<https://inee.org/sites/default/files/resources/education-for-societal-transformation-alternatives-for-a-just-future.pdf>

Danavath, A. & **Marwaha, R.** (2023). Multi-Layered Disparities in Telangana’s Scholarship Programmes for Studies Abroad. *NewsClick.*

<https://www.newsclick.in/multi-layered-disparities-telanganas-scholarship-programmes-studies-abroad>

Marwaha, R. (2019). “Delhi’s Widow Colony: An Assessment of Anguish.” *Other Collective, Displacement Print.* <http://othercollective.org/delhis-widow-colony-an-assessment-of-anguish/>

Awards and Community Service Grants***Speculative Environmental Futures Mellon Starter Grant***

Aug 2025

*UCSD Speculative Environmental Futures Collective****Award of Recognition for Student Leadership***

Feb 2025

*Chetna Association of Canada on 648th Guru Ravidass Jayanti****Mary Regan Meyer Prize***

June 2021

College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, UC Davis