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EDUCATION

- a. **Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD)**, HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, June 2000
- b. Visiting Researcher, HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, July-October 1992
- c. **Master of Laws (LL.M.)**, Washington College of Law, THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, Washington DC, December 1991
- d. **Bachelor of Laws and Social Sciences (B.L.)**, UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS, Madras, India, 1990

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- a. **MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**, Cambridge, MA
Assistant Professor of Law and Development: January 2000 to June 2002
Ford International Assistant Professor of Law and Development: July 2002 to present
Director, MIT Program on Human Rights and Justice, Center for International Studies: January 2001 to present
- b. **UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA SCHOOL OF LAW**, Norman, OK
Crowe & Dunlevy Visiting International Law Professor: Fall 1998.
- c. **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**, Cambridge, MA
Faculty Associate, Program On Negotiation: 2000 to present
Senior Fellow: 1997-98

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- a. **UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Judicial and Human Rights Coordinator: May 1997-August 1997
- b. **UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN CAMBODIA**, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Human Rights Officer in charge of Legal Assistance: October 1993-October 1996
- c. **UNITED NATIONS TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY IN CAMBODIA (UNTAC)**, Cambodia

- Provincial Human Rights Officer:** October 1992-July 1993
- d. LAW OFFICES OF NEILL & CO**, Washington, DC
Attorney: Jan-June 1992
- e. LAW OFFICES OF ROW & REDDY**, Madras, India
Attorney: 1990
- f. CONSUMER ACTION GROUP**, Madras, India
Intern: 1986-89

RECENT EXPERT CONSULTANCIES, TESTIMONIES AND RESEARCH GRANTS

- a. United Nations Development Program (UNDP), October 1999:** Human Rights Consultant
- b. World Commission on Dams, November 1999 and June 2000:** Human Rights Advisor to the Report
- c. Greater Boston Legal Services, April-May 2001:** Expert witness in immigration hearing
- d. Hewlett Foundation Research Grant, 2002:** Co-investigator of MIT faculty project on "Globalization, Development and Standards".
- e. Center for Global Partnership Seminar Grant, 2002:** To organize a seminar on strengthening human rights networks in Asia, between NGOs and social movements.

BOOKS

"International Law from below: Development, Social Movements and Third World Resistance" (forthcoming by Cambridge University Press, 2003)

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

1. International law and Resistance: Theoretical challenges from the perspective of Social Movements, Third World and International Law (Kluwer, forthcoming, 2002).
2. From Modernization to Democratization: The Political Economy of the "New" International Law in *Reframing International Law for the 21st Century* (Richard Falk & R.B.J. Walker eds., Routledge, 2001)
3. Postdevelopment as a Vision for a Third World Approach to International Law, 94th AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW PROCEEDINGS 306 (2000)
4. From Resistance to Renewal: The Third World, Social Movements And The Expansion Of International Institutions, 41(2) HARVARD INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 529 (Symposium Issue on International Law and the Developing World: A Millennial Analysis, Spring 2000)
5. International Law and the Development Encounter: Violence and Resistance at the Margins, 93RD AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW PROCEEDINGS 16 (1999)

6. Locating the Third World in Cultural Geography, THIRD WORLD LEGAL STUDIES 1 (1998-99) (Special issue on Postcolonialism, Globalization and Law)
7. Corruption, legitimacy and human rights: The dialectic of the relationship, 14 (2) CONNECTICUT JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 495 (1999)
8. The Pragmatics of Prosecuting the Khmer Rouge, YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW 189 (Asser Institute, Hague, 1998)
9. Crossing the Rubicon: Synthesizing the Soft International law of IMF and Human Rights, 11 BOSTON UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 81 (Spring 1993)
10. The Case For The Independent Statehood Of Somaliland, 8 AMERICAN UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND POLICY 653 (Fall 1992)
11. Compensatory Discrimination - Judicial Response in India and America, 15 COCHIN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 32 (March 1991)
12. The Payment of Gratuity Act (Amendment Act 22 of 1989) - A Critical Appraisal of Certain Provisions, 1 LABOR LAW NOTES J-1 (1990)

PAPERS

Human Rights And Development: Legal And Policy Issues With Special Reference To Dams, Commissioned Paper Submitted to the World Commission on Dams, (1999)

BOOK REVIEWS AND OTHER ARTICLES

1. The Allure of Normativity, 11 HARVARD HUMAN RIGHTS JOURNAL 363 (Spring 1998)
2. The Pragmatics of Peace building: The Office of the UN Center for Human Rights in Cambodia, 7 GLOBAL NETWORK (Fall 1997)
3. Outline of Arguments for the Independent Existence of Somaliland, ABA AFRICA LAW SUBCOMMITTEE NEWSLETTER 3 (May 1992)
4. Eastern and Central European Political and Legal Developments - An Annotated Bibliography, 7 AMERICAN UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND POLICY 733 (Spring 1992)
5. Op-Eds, articles and letters to the editor have appeared in newspapers including the Washington Post, the World Paper, the International Herald Tribune, New York Times, the Boston Globe, The Global Development Briefing, The Hindu and the Phnom Penh Post and work has been featured in The Scotsman, Radio Populaire (Italy), NPR/WGBH-Boston, CNN, BBC (Radio and TV), and Australian Broadcasting Corporation

RECENT CONFERENCES AND TALKS:

1. "Human Rights and Development Planning: An Assessment and a Critique", SPURS Lecture, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, March 28, 2000
2. Panelist, Colloquium on Structural Bias and Identity, Harvard Law School, April 14, 2000
3. Chair, Panel on New Social Movements and International Law, ASIL 94th Annual Meeting, Washing, DC, April 4-8, 2000
4. Class Lecture on Human Rights, Development, Civil Society and the condition of 'glocality', at Harvard JFK School of Government, October 4, 2000.
5. Class Lecture on Bretton Woods Institutions and Social Movements at Clark University, November 20, 2000.
6. Lunch Talk on International Labor Standards and Human Rights at the Center on Technology, Policy and Industrial Performance, MIT, November 29, 2000.
7. Chair, Panel on "Remembering Seattle One year On: Legitimacy and Justice in the International Economy", January 31, 2001, MIT.
8. Panelist at the Conference on Third World Social Movements and Globalization, at Clark University, 23 March 2001.
9. Invited Expert for UNICEF, Preparatory Committee Meeting of the World Conference on Children, New York, 12-14 June 2001
10. Panelist, CRN on Law, hegemony and globalization, Annual Conference of the Law and Society Association, Budapest, Hungary, July 3 2001
11. Panelist on September 11 related discussions, MIT, September 12 and 17
12. Panelist at the Conference on "The "Third" World and the International Order: Law, Politics and Globalization, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, October 12-13, 2001
13. SPURS Lecture, MIT, on "Has Democratization replaced Modernization?", December 3, 2001
14. Panelist on Labor Standards and Sweatshops, MIT, 31 January 2002
15. Lecture on South Asia and the War on Terror, Sloan School, 27 February 2002
16. Panelist at the Conference "After Pearl Harbor and 9/11: Civil Liberties Under Threat", MIT, March 3, 2002
17. Organized conference on "Racism, Colonialism and Reparations: A Post-Durban Dialogue between Human Rights Academics and Activists", MIT, March 16, 2002
18. "The Working Women's Forum as a social movement", Talk at University of Toronto Law School, March 21, 2002
19. "Recoding Resistance: Social Movements and International Law", invited presentation at the Legal Theory Faculty Colloquium at the University of Toronto Law School, March 22, 2002
20. Commentator, Conference on the "Globalization of Modern Legal Thought", Harvard Law School, April 13-14, 2002
21. Commentator, Seminar on the Right to Development, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, 23 April 2002

22. Speaker at the Opening Plenary, Latcrit conference on “Coalitional Theory and Praxis: Social Justice Movements and Latcrit community”, University of Oregon Law School, May 2, 2002
23. Panelist on “The Tragedy in Gujarat”, MIT, May 9, 2002
24. Chair, Panel on Human Rights Challenges of the 21st Century, Center for International Studies, MIT, May 16, 2002
25. Moderator, Panel on the Impact of the World Bank, Technology and Culture Forum at MIT, May 28, 2002
26. Paper presentation on “Assessing a Right to housing: Recent comparative and international experience” at the International Sociological Association’s IRGLUS 9th workshop on Law and Urban Space, Porto Alegre, Brazil, 18 July 2002

INVITED LECTURES

1. Summer Institute Lectures on “Globalization: A Liberal Empire?”, University of Helsinki Faculty of Law, August 2000.
2. Lecture on “Legal Regulation of Governance: Local or Global?”, jointly organized by the Center for Political Studies and the Center for Studies in Diplomacy, International Law and Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, 11 January 2001.
3. Keynote Speaker on “The Political Economy of Human Rights”, Conference on Human Rights and Development, University of Denver, 16 May 2001.
4. Core Faculty Lecture on “International Courts and Second and Third Generation Human Rights” at the Brandeis Institute for International Judges (consisting of judges from several international tribunals), Brandeis University, June 13, 2002

AWARDS AND HONORS

1. Editor, American University Journal of International Law and Policy, 1991-92
2. Dean’s Fellow, 1991-92, American University, Washington College of Law
3. Outstanding Research and Writing Award for the class of 1992, American University, Washington College of Law
4. Certificate of Merit for scoring the highest grade in the course “International Monetary System and Development Finance”, American University, Washington College of Law, 1991
5. Research Assistant for Professor Tom J. Farer, American University, Washington College of Law, 1991
6. Royal Order of Sahametrei, Highest Civilian Award for a foreigner, Conferred by the King of Cambodia, King Norodom Sihanouk, August 1997
7. Senior Fellow, Harvard Law School, 1997-98

8. Soros Justice Fellow, 1997-99
9. Samuel Morse Lane Fellow, Harvard Law School, 1997
10. Reginald Lewis Fellow, Harvard Law School, 1998
11. Peace Scholar, US Institute of Peace (received and declined), 1998-99
12. MIT-HASS Research Award, 2000
13. Ford International Assistant Professorship, 2002

EDITORIAL POSITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

1. Member, Board of Editors of "Human Rights & Human Welfare", an on-line journal of the Human Rights Consortium, hosted by the Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver
2. Member, International Editorial Advisory Board, "The Third World and International Law", new law journal launched by Kluwer
3. Member, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning
4. Member, Penal Reform International (PRI), United Kingdom
5. Member, Association for Asian Studies
6. Member, American Society of International Law
7. Member, Law and Society Association
8. Invited Member, International Research Group on Law and Urban Space (IRGLUS) of the International Sociological Association)
9. Member, Program Committee for the 97th Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Member, Steering Committee, MIT Technology and Culture Forum
2. Member, Steering Committee, MIT India Council
3. Chair, Masters Admissions, International development Group
4. Member, Masters Admissions Committee