

SALINA ABJI

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EDUCATION

- 2016 **Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Toronto**
Dissertation: 'Emerging Logics of Citizenship: Activism in Response to Precarious Migration and Gendered Violence in an Era of Securitization'
Committee: Anna C. Korteweg (supervisor), Patricia Landolt, Judith Taylor
Winner of the 2016 Dennis William Magill Research Award
- 2000 **Master of Studies (MSt) in Women's Studies, Oxford University**
Thesis: 'Writing Diaspora: gender, race, and the politics of re-presentation'
- 1997 **Honours B.A., English & Women's Studies, York University**
Honours Thesis: 'In Search of a Place: exile in the works of Dionne Brand'

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2017 – 2019 **Postdoctoral Fellow, SSHRC, Carleton University**
Supervisor: Daiva Stasiulis

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Citizenship and Immigration; Gender; Race and Ethnicity; Social Movements; Qualitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Abji, Salina. 2016. "Because Deportation is Violence Against Women': on the Politics of State Responsibility and Women's Human Rights." *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society*, 23 (4): 483-507. doi: 10.1093/sp/jxw004
- Abji, Salina. 2013. "Post-nationalism re-considered: a case study of the 'No One Is Illegal' movement in Canada." *Citizenship Studies*, 17 (3-4): 322-338.
Winner of the Daniel G. Hill Prize for Best Graduate Paper in Sociology, University of Toronto

Book Chapters

- Abji, Salina. *Forthcoming*. "On the Role of Race and Gender in the Study of Migrant Adaptation in Canada" in *Immigration and the Future of Canadian Society*. Robert Brym (ed). University of Toronto.
- Abji, Salina and Anna C. Korteweg. *Forthcoming*. "The Politics of Culture in addressing 'Honour'-Based Violence: the effects of public debate on service provision" in *'Honour/Shame' Related Violence in Canada*. A Jamal, F Khan and M K Mucina (eds). Toronto: Pomegranate Tree Group.
- Abji, Salina. 2007. "Springing Up a Revolution: media education for tweens" in *Re-Thinking Media Education: critical pedagogy and identity politics*. Anita Nowak, Sue Abel and Karen Ross (ed.), Hampton Press, pp. 113-130.

Non-Refereed Publications

Korteweg, Anna C., **Salina Abji**, Lisa Barnoff, and Deepa Mattoo. 2013. "Citizenship, Culture, and Violence Against Women: social service provision in the South Asian communities of the Greater Toronto Area." *CERIS Research Report*. Access on-line: www.ceris.metropolis.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Korteweg-et-al-CERIS-Research-Report-March-25-FINAL.pdf

Book Reviews

Abji, Salina. 2006. "Performing Femininity: Rewriting Gender Identity" reviewed in *Canadian Woman Studies/Les cahiers de la femme*. Volume 25, Numbers 3, 4, Summer/ Fall p. 211.

Under Review

"'Green' Muslims in Red Bikinis: Environmental Racism and the *Miss Earth* beauty pageant." *Sole-authored manuscript submitted to a peer-reviewed journal*.

In Progress

"'No Borders, No Ban, No Wall': Postnational Activism and the Security State" *Book Prospectus*.

"'Don't Ask, Don't Tell': The Gendered Politics of Social Service Provision for Women with Precarious Immigration Status" *Sole-authored journal article prepared for submission in 2017*.

"Postnational Acts of Citizenship: on the contradictions of a 'No Borders' politics for addressing Gendered Violence in a Securitized State" *Sole-authored journal article prepared for submission in 2018*.

"Culture Talk, Security Talk, Community Talk: Addressing violence against women among South Asian communities in Toronto, Canada" *Co-authored journal article prepared for submission in 2017*.

"Shades of Postnationalism: Revisiting an Old Debate" *Co-authored journal article prepared for submission in 2018*.

"Risk and Uncertainty in Migration: Theory, Processes and Policy Responses" *Co-edited Special Issue prepared for submission in 2018*.

AWARDS & HONOURS

External Awards

2017 – 2019	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Postdoctoral Fellowship: \$80,000
2013 – 2014	Ontario Graduate Scholarship: \$10,000
2011 – 2012	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Doctoral Fellowship: \$20,000
2011	Centre for Research on Immigration & Settlement, Graduate Research Award: \$500
2009 – 2010	Ontario Graduate Scholarship: \$15,000
2008 – 2009	Ontario Graduate Scholarship: \$15,000

Internal Awards

2016	Dennis William Magill Research Award for Best Dissertation: \$1,000
2016	Dissertation Success Award: \$500
2016	Conference Travel Grant: \$1,000
2015	S. D. Clarke Conference Travel Grant: \$300
2014	Daniel G. Hill Prize for Best Graduate Paper in Sociology: \$1,500
2014	Conference Travel Grant: \$500
2013	Conference Travel Grant: \$500
2012 – 2013	Doctoral Award: \$8,222
2010 – 2011	Doctoral Fellowship: \$10,000

CONFERENCES

Invited Presentations

2017	<p>“Fear in the Shelter: Gender, Illegality, and the Securitization of Women's Shelters in Canada.” Invited paper presented at the <i>American Sociological Association conference</i>. Regional Spotlight Session on Social Categories, Inequality and the State: A View from Canada to the United States and Beyond. <i>Forthcoming</i>, August 12-15 Montreal.</p> <p>“Gender, Islamophobia and Resistance: Tracing the Impact of Islamophobia on Muslim Women’s Integration and Access to Social Services in Canadian Cities.” Invited panelist at public event organized by University of Toronto Faculty of Social Work. <i>Forthcoming</i>, May 26.</p> <p>“Are Refugees Welcome Here? Canadian Responses to Trump.” Invited roundtable speaker at public event organized by The Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) and the International Human Rights Program (IHRP), University of Toronto. February 3.</p>
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Conferences – Organized Panels

2017	<p>“Addressing Risk and Uncertainty in Migration: Theory, Processes, and Policy Responses.” Research workshop co-organizer with Can Aybek, Visiting Scholar, Munk School, University of Toronto. <i>Forthcoming</i> May 18.</p>
2016	<p>“Immigrant Communities and the Boundaries of Membership: Canadian Perspectives on Conditional Settlement in Canada.” <i>Canadian Sociological Association conference</i>. Session co-organizer and Chair with Rupaleem Bhuyan, University of Toronto, and Bronwyn Bragg, University of British Columbia.</p>
2014	<p>“Acts of Bordering, Boundaries of Exclusion: Canadian Perspectives on Illegality, Invisibility and Precarious Legal Status.” <i>Canadian Sociological Association conference</i>. Session co-organizer and co-chair with Paloma Villegas, University of Toronto.</p> <p>“Bound to Protect? Perspectives on State Responsibility in addressing Gendered Violence and Protecting Women’s Human Rights.” <i>Canadian Sociological</i></p>

Association conference. Session co-organizer and co-chair with Paulina Garcia Del Moral, University of Toronto.

- 2013 “Dis-Organizing Powers: Perspectives on State Responsibility in addressing Gendered Violence and protecting Women’s Human Rights.” *Social Sciences and History Association conference. Session co-organizer* with Paulina Garcia Del Moral, University of Toronto.

Conference Presentations

- 2017 “From Sanctuary to Solidarity: The Gendered and Racialized Politics of Designing a City Without Borders.” *Canadian Sociological Association conference*. Toronto. May 29 – June 2.
- 2016 “Unjust Detentions: How do Social Movements and the State produce Borders of Belonging and Exclusion?” *CINETs Crimmigration conference*. Baltimore, Oct 6-7.
- “‘Because Deportation is Violence Against Women’: on the Politics of State Responsibility and Women’s Human Rights.” *American Sociological Association conference*. Session on Gendered Racism, Vulnerability, and State-Sanctioned Violence. Seattle, August 22.
- 2015 “State Responsibility & Gendered Violence: a case study of Toronto’s Shelter, Sanctuary, Status campaign.” *American Sociological Association conference*. Roundtable on Human Rights. Chicago, August 20.
- “State Responsibility, gendered violence, and the right to have rights.” *Congress: Women and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes (WGSRF)* conference. Ottawa, May 30.
- “Criminalizing International Marriage Migration: consequences and implications for immigrants and refugees in Canada.” *Canadian Association for Refugees and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) conference*. Roundtable. Ryerson University, Toronto, May 13.
- 2014 “Emerging conceptions of State Responsibility: feminist efforts to address violence against non-status women in Toronto.” *Social Sciences History Association (SSHA) conference*. Toronto, Nov 6.
- “State Responsibility and Gendered Violence: a case study of efforts to address violence against non-status women in Toronto. *Canadian Sociological Association (CSA)*. St. Catharines, Ontario, May 26.
- 2013 “State Responsibility or State Complicity? Postnational Approaches to Violence Against Women with Precarious Immigration Statuses in Toronto.” *Social Sciences History Association (SSHA)*. Chicago, November.
- “Addressing Violence Against Women: Reflections on the politics of culture and ‘honour’-based violence in Aruna Papp’s memoir *Unworthy Creatures*” (with Anna C. Korteweg). *American Sociological Association (ASA)*. Roundtable. New York, August.

- “Recent Immigration Changes in Canada: implications for addressing gendered violence.” *American Sociological Association (ASA)*. Roundtable. New York, August.
- “Reading Aruna Papp: Honour, Culture, and the Everyday Politics of Naming and Shaming.” *‘Honour’/Shame Violence conference, Ryerson University* (with Anna C. Korteweg). Toronto, September.
- “Emerging Logics of Citizenship: efforts to address violence against non-status women in Toronto.” *Precarious Futures conference, Ryerson University*. Toronto, May.
- “Emerging Logics of Citizenship: efforts to address violence against non-status women in Toronto.” *Canadian Sociological Association (CSA)*. Toronto, May.
- 2012 “Citizenship and Social Services: Violence Against Women in South Asian communities of the GTA.” *CERIS Research Seminar Series, York University* (with Anna C. Korteweg). Toronto, November.
- “Two Logics of Citizenship: approaches to addressing gendered violence among women with precarious immigration statuses.” *Social Sciences and History Association (SSHA)*. Toronto, November.
- “Turning Ourselves Inside Out: A Game of Strategy and Skill.” *Canadian Association for the Study of Language and Learning (CASLL), University of Toronto* (with Freedman, Leora, Deborah Knott, Margaret Procter, Andrea Williams, and Erin Vearncombe). Toronto, June.

Campus Talks

- 2017 “‘Because Deportation is Violence Against Women!’: Activism in Response to Precarious Migration and the Securitization of Women’s Shelters in Canada.” *Emerging Scholars Series*. Carleton University. March 28.
- 2016 “‘Out of our Shelters! Out of our Lives!’: Feminist efforts to address violence against women with precarious immigration status in Canada.” *Feminist Lunch Hour Series*. University of Toronto Mississauga. January 28.
- 2013 “The role of Religion & Culture: a cautionary tale.” *Religion in the Public Sphere Symposium, Sexual and Gender-based Violence Workshop*. University of Toronto Mississauga. Sept 27.

Discussant

- 2016 “A Note on Race and Gender in the Study of Migrant Adaptation in Canada.” *S.D. Clarke Symposium*. Immigration and Social Inequality in Canada, University of Toronto, November 5.
- 2014 “Acts of Bordering, Boundaries of Exclusion: Canadian Perspectives on Illegality, Invisibility and Precarious Legal Status.” *Canadian Sociological Association conference*, May 24.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2015 – 2016 **SSHRC-funded project on Precarious Immigration Status**
Project Investigators: Rupaleem Bhuyan and Anna C. Korteweg, University of Toronto
Conducted qualitative interviews, participated in data analysis.
- 2011 – 2016 **Book Manuscripts: Copy Editing for Publication**
Maghbouleh, Neda. *The Limits of Whiteness*. Stanford University Press, forthcoming.
Korteweg, Anna and Gökçe Yurdakul. *The Headscarf Debates: Conflicts of National Belonging*. University of Toronto Press, 2013.
Korteweg, Anna and Jennifer Shelby, eds. *Debating Sharia: Islam, Gender Politics, and Family Law Arbitration*. Stanford University Press, 2012.
- 2014 **CIC-funded project on Citizenship Integration**
Project Investigator: Anna C. Korteweg, University of Toronto
Researched secondary data; co-wrote content for literature review.
- 2011 – 2012 **CERIS-funded project on Violence Against Women**
Project Co-Investigators: Anna C. Korteweg, University of Toronto and
Lisa Barnoff, Ryerson University
Community Partner: Deepa Mattoo, South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario
Conducted qualitative interviews; analyzed data; drafted content for publications,
presentations, and funding grant application.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Instructor (Principal), University of Toronto, Sociology

Qualitative Analysis I

Sessions: Winter 2016, Winter 2015, Summer 2013, Winter 2013
Course Evaluations: 4.3 average on 5-point scale

Race and Ethnicity I

Winter 2016
Course Evaluation: 4.1 on 5-point scale

Sociology of Race, Class, Gender

Sessions: Summer 2015, Fall 2014, Summer 2014
Course Evaluations: 4.0 average on 5-point scale

Gender, Politics and Society

Summer 2015
Course Evaluation: 4.7 on 5-point scale

Specialized Teacher Training and Curriculum Development

- 2015 – 2016 **TA Trainer for Social Sciences**
University of Toronto, Centre for Teaching Support and Innovation
Designed and delivered pedagogical workshops and provided 1:1 support for
Teaching Assistants and Course Instructors across the social sciences.

- 2014 – 2015 **Curriculum Design Consultant**
 University of Toronto, Department of Sociology – Scarborough Campus
 Supported departmental implementation of tutorials across all 2nd-year courses:
 conducted needs assessments, designed tutorials, delivered TA training,
 performed program evaluation, and presented program at faculty meeting.
- 2013 – 2015 **Lead TA for all Writing Intensive courses**
 University of Toronto, Women & Gender Studies Institute and Faculty of Arts &
 Science Writing Program
 Produced curriculum snapshot for departmental planning, supported faculty with
 course and assignment design, delivered TA training, co-designed tutorial lesson
 plans and materials, and made presentations at faculty meetings.
- 2014 **TA Trainer**
 University of Toronto, Department of Sociology, Tri-Campus
 Recruited by the Department to design and deliver TA training for all three campuses
 on tutorial design and delivery. Collaborated with University-wide TA trainers to
 implement the training.
- 2011 – 2012 **Lead TA for all Writing Intensive courses**
 University of Toronto, Department of Sociology and Arts & Science Writing Program

Specialized Workshops for Graduate Students

- 2016 “De-Mystifying the Dissertation” 3-hour peer-led workshop on dissertation writing,
 co-developed and co-facilitated with Cristian Rangel for the Sociology
 Department, University of Toronto. November 15.
- 2015 “Effective Documentation for Writing Instruction” pedagogical presentation for the
 Faculty of Arts & Science, Lead Writing TA training week, University of Toronto,
 June 10.
- “Writing Techniques for Graduate Students” for the Women & Gender Studies
 Institute, Major Research Paper workshop, Alissa Trotz, University of Toronto,
 April 21.

Teaching Assistantships

- 2008 – 2016
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| Classical Sociology I & II | Race, Class, Gender |
| Ethnicity & Immigration | Social Inequality |
| International Migration | Sociology of the Family |
| Introduction to Sociology | Sociology of Gender |
| Logic of Social Inquiry | Women and Work |
| Qualitative Analysis I | Women, Justice & the Media |

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- 2017 **Co-Chair, Gender & Sexuality Research Cluster**, Canadian Sociological Association
- 2017 **Manuscript Reviewer**, Gender & Society; International Labour Review (ILR) Journal

- 2017 **Award Committee Member**, American Sociological Association, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities
- 2015 – 2016 **Communications Officer**, Graduate Sociology Students Association (GSSA)
- 2013 – 2015 **Graduate Student Training & Recruitment**, University of Toronto
Invited by department to deliver presentations to graduate students on Navigating the PhD program (2013, 2014, 2015) and Publishing Research (2015).

MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association. Section Member: Global/Transnational Sociology; Human Rights; International Migration; Political Sociology; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Sex & Gender

Canadian Sociological Association. Research Cluster Member: Gender & Sexuality; Political Sociology

Researchers and Academics of Colour for Equity (RACE) Network, Canada

Social Sciences and History Association

Sociologists for Women in Society

Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes (WGSRF) Association

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

- 2017 – Present **Community Advisory Member**, Law Foundation of Ontario, Community Leadership in Justice Fellowship on Race, Gender, and Immigration Status. Principal Investigator: Deepa Mattoo, LL.B., M.B.A.
- 2012 – Present **Organizing Member**, Rights of Non-Status Women's Network (RNSWN)
- 2013 – 2014 **Community-Based Research Consultant**, Outburst! Project for young Muslim women, Barbra Schlifer Clinic
- 2011 – 2013 **Member**, Network of Agencies Against Forced Marriage (NAAF), South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario (SALCO)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012 – 2016 **Freelance Editor**, Toronto
- 2004 – 2009 **Management Consultant**, York University
Provided project management, organizational development and management coaching for the Faculty of Health, York University.
Held previous progressive positions as the Manager of Programs & Services for the Career Centre (1 year) and Manager of the Student & Alumni Resource Centre (SARC) for the Faculty of Environmental Studies (3 years).
- 2000 – 2004 **HR Consultant**, Goodwill Industries (NGO)
Developed, delivered and evaluated transitional employment programs for unemployed and underemployed participants from marginalized communities.