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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

## EDUCATION

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2017 **Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Toronto**  
Committee: Anna C. Korteweg (supervisor), Patricia Landolt, Judith Taylor  
Dissertation: 'Emerging Logics of Citizenship: Activism in Response to Precarious Migration and Gendered Violence in an Era of Securitization'  
\*Awarded 2016 Dennis William Magill Research Award, University of Toronto

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'

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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### 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.

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.

\*Awarded Daniel G. Hill Prize, Sociology, University of Toronto

### Book Chapters

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. 2017. "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. 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.

### Policy Papers

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](http://www.ceris.metropolis.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Korteweg-et-al-CERIS-Research-Report-March-25-FINAL.pdf)

### Book Reviews

Abji, Salina. *Forthcoming*. "In the Name of Women's Rights: The Rise of Femonationalism" by Sara R. Farris. *Contemporary Sociology*.

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.

### Articles Under Review – Revise and Resubmit

"Culture Talk and the Politics of the New Right: Navigating Gendered Racism in Attempts to Address Violence against Women in Immigrant Communities" First author with Anna C. Korteweg and Lawrence Williams for *Signs: Women in Culture and Society*.

"Postnational Acts of Citizenship: How an Anti-Border Politics is Shaping Feminist Spaces of Service Provision in Toronto, Canada" Sole-authored article under review at the *International Feminist Journal of Politics*.

### Manuscripts In Progress

"Postnational Feminism: Foregrounding State Violence in Migrant Justice Activism" *Book Prospectus*.

"Between Help and Harm: On the Gendered and Racialized Politics of Alternatives to Detention" *Sole-authored. Submitting to Studies in Social Justice special issue on Migration in May 2018.*

"Alternatives to Detention: Feminist, Abolitionist, Intersectional Perspectives" *Sole-authored journal article prepared for submission in Spring 2018.*

"From Sanctuary to Solidarity: The Gendered and Racialized Politics of Designing a 'City Without Borders'" *Sole-authored journal article prepared for submission in Fall 2018.*

"Fear in the Shelter: How Border Enforcement Impacts Service Providers working within the Violence Against Women Sector" *Sole-authored journal article prepared for submission in Fall 2018.*

"Shades of Postnationalism: Revisiting an Old Debate" *First author with Daiva Stasiulis.*

### AWARDS & HONOURS

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#### External Awards

2017 – 2019	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Postdoctoral Fellowship: \$81,000
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**

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**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. 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. May 26.</p> <p>“‘Because Deportation is Violence Against Women!’: Activism in Response to Precarious Migration and the Securitization of Women’s Shelters in Canada.” <i>Emerging Scholars Series</i>. Carleton University. March 28.</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>
2016	<p>“‘Out of our Shelters! Out of our Lives!’: Feminist efforts to address violence against women with precarious immigration status in Canada.” <i>Feminist Lunch Hour Series</i>. University of Toronto Mississauga. January 28.</p>

**Conference Presentations**

2018	<p>“Alternatives to Immigration Detention: Abolitionist Perspectives” McGill University conference on Immigration Detention. June 20-21.</p>
2017	<p>“From Sanctuary to Solidarity: The Gendered and Racialized Politics of Designing a City Without Borders.” <i>Canadian Sociological Association conference</i>. Toronto. May 29 – June 2.</p>

- 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.

**Invited 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.

**Conference and Panel Organizer**

- 2018 “‘No Ban, No Wall, No Borders’: Migrant Solidarities and Political Imaginaries of Resistance.” *World Congress of Sociology*. **Session co-organizer and co-chair** with Ethel Tungohan, York University. *Forthcoming July 15-21*.
- 2017 “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. *Forthcoming May 18*.
- 2016 “Immigrant Communities and the Boundaries of Membership: Canadian Perspectives on Conditional Settlement in Canada.” *Canadian Sociological Association conference*. **Session co-organizer and Chair** with Rupaleem Bhuyan, University of Toronto, and Bronwyn Bragg, University of British Columbia.
- 2014 “Acts of Bordering, Boundaries of Exclusion: Canadian Perspectives on Illegality, Invisibility and Precarious Legal Status.” *Canadian Sociological Association conference*. **Session co-organizer and co-chair** with Paloma Villegas, University of Toronto.
- “Bound to Protect? Perspectives on State Responsibility in addressing Gendered Violence and Protecting Women’s Human Rights.” *Canadian Sociological 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.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- 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**

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**Course Instructor (Principal), University of Toronto, Sociology**

**Qualitative Analysis I**

Sessions: Winter 2013, Summer 2013, Winter 2015, Winter 2016  
Course Evaluations: 4.75 average on 5-point scale

**Race and Ethnicity I**

Winter 2016  
Course Evaluation: 4.5 on 5-point scale

**Sociology of Race, Class, Gender**

Sessions: Summer 2015, Fall 2014, Summer 2014  
Course Evaluations: 4.5 average on 5-point scale

**Gender, Politics and Society**

Summer 2015  
Course Evaluation: 4.9 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 2<sup>nd</sup>-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**

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- 2017 – Present      **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

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- Canadian Sociological Association. Research Cluster Co-Chair: Gender & Sexuality; Section Member: Political Sociology; Violence & Society
- American Sociological Association. Section Member: Global/Transnational Sociology; Human Rights; International Migration; Political Sociology; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Sex & Gender
- 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

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- 2012 – Present        **Organizing Member**, Rights of Non-Status Women's Network (RNSWN)
- 2018                    **Community-Based Research and Education Consultant**, Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI)
- 2017 – 2018           **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.
- 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

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- 2012 – 2016           **Academic Editor**, Freelance, 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.



**REFERENCES**

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Anna C. Korteweg (dissertation supervisor)  
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