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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Delaware, Spring 2010
**Fields**: International Relations; Comparative Politics

M.A in Global Governance, University of Delaware, July 2005

M.Phil. in International Studies (Disarmament and Nuclear Proliferation), School of International Studies (SIS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India, March 2001

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**2021-Present**
Assistant Chair, Department of Political Science, South Texas College, McAllen, TX, USA.

**2013-Present**
Political Science Instructor, Department of Political Science, South Texas College, McAllen, Texas, USA

**2011-2013**
Visiting Assistant Professor, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, USA

**2009-2011**
Term Assistant Professor of Global Studies, Public Policy and Women's Studies, Chatham University, Pittsburgh, USA

**2005-2008**
Adjunct Instructor, Women's Studies Program, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, USA

**2003-2007**
Graduate Instructor, Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, USA

**2006-2007**

Graduate Assistant, Office of Women's Affairs, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, USA

**2000-2003**
Research Associate, National Security Council, New Delhi, India

## COURSES TAUGHT

Texas Government
American Government
Introduction to Political Science
Introduction to International Relations/Global Politics
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Introduction to Gender Studies
International Law
Special Topics in Comparative Politics (Women in Politics, South Asian Politics, Middle Eastern Politics)

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Keating, C., C. Rasmussen, and P. Rishi. "The Rationality of Empowerment: Microcredit, Primitive Accumulation and the Gendered Political Economy." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*. (36) 1, 2010.

Rishi, P. "Gramscian International Political Economy from a Feminist Perspective," in Robert Denemark, eds., *The International Studies Compendium Project*, Wiley-Blackwell Publishing, 2009.

Rishi, P. "Report on Iran-US Relations: The Unlikely Allies: Iran and the US," *Muslim Public Affairs Journal* 1(3), 2006.

## REVIEWS OF MY PUBLICATIONS

Reese, Ben, and Patrick James. 2025. "Gramscian International Political Economy from a Feminist Perspective" By Pooja Rishi (2011, 2017). Visual International Relations Project, https://visualinternationalrelationsproject.com/rishi-2011-2017_gramscian-international-political-economy-from-a-feminist-perspective-the-oxford-encyclopedia-of-is/

## SELECTED CONFERENCES AND GUEST LECTURES

Coauthored with Jennifer Bryson Clark, "Of Borders, Trumpian Walls and Security Discourses: Performing National Security at the Southern Border" submitted to Association for Borderland Studies, 3rd World Conference, Ben-Gurion University - Eilat Campus, 13-18 February, 2023, (Paper accepted, but participation was withdrawn due to circumstances beyond our control)

Coauthored with Ana Sverdlick, “Active Learning and Problem Based Learning Strategies: Opportunities and Challenges in a Border Town,” APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, Albuquerque, February 2020.

“Postcolonial Diplomats, Nannies and Women’s Labor,” Human Trafficking Symposium, South Texas College, April 2014

“Where are the Women?: Gender, Imperialism and the Politics of Protest in Egypt,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2012

“Gender, Securitization and Governmentality in Afghanistan: United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 at Ten,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, 2011.

Panel Discussant, Feminists Theorize the Political Economy, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2010

“Governmentality, Gender, Self-Worth and Empowerment: Bridging the gap between Theory and Practice in Development in Asia,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2010

“Teaching Women Self-Worth and Empowerment: Ethnographies, Governmentality and International Relations Theory,” International Studies Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2008

Co-Authored with Claire Rasmussen, “Gendered Globalization: Theorizing Women’s Labor,” For Nancy Hartsock: A Symposium on Primitive Accumulation, Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, 2007

“Constructivism and Governmentality: Rethinking Knowledge and Power,” International Studies Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2007

“(Re)Constructing Constructivism: Taking Ideas, Knowledge and Power Seriously,” Northeastern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, 2006“Shonagachi, Sex and the Rhetoric of Rights,” International Studies Association, Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, 2006

“Veils and Violence: Gender, Nation and Globalization,” Spring Lecture Series, 2006, Research on Race, Ethnicity and Culture, Women’s Studies Department, University of Delaware

“Feminism in India,” Guest Lectured for Topics in International Women’s Studies: India, November 22, 2005, Women’s Studies Department, University of Delaware

“Violence Against Women: The Rhetoric of Rights, Religion and Community in India,” North-East Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 2005

"Violence Against Women: CEDAW, Rights and Religion," Presented at the Foundations Workshops on Political Rhetoric, APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. 2005

"Chinese Strategic Culture," Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 2001"Nuclear Weapons, the Peacock and the Dragon: India and China," India's National Security Project, New Delhi, India

## ACADEMIC AWARDS AND GRANTS

Ten Years Service Recognition Award, South Texas College, Spring 2024

Women's Studies Dissertation Fellowship, 2008/2009

Women's Studies, University of Delaware-International Summer Research, Field-Based Work, Internships and Performance-Support for Graduate Study in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences to conduct fieldwork in India, Summer 2008, $4,700.

Alumni Enrichment Award, March 2008, $900-

Teaching Assistantship, Department of political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware, 2003-2007

Graduate Travel Fund Award, Office of Graduate Studies, University of Delaware, March 2006, $600

Graduate Travel Award, Department of Political Science and International Relations, December 2005, $600

Dean's List, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Delaware, 2004

Summer Research Assistantship, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware, Summer 2004, 2005 and 2006

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Current Key Responsibilities in my professional experience include course design and course delivery both in person and online. I have been teaching online since 2011. I am familiar with various LMS including Blackboard and Canvas. I am also currently a Quality Matters Peer Course Reviewer. My Course portfolio as the instructor of record includes a wide range of courses ranging from International Relations, Introduction to Political Science, Topics in International Affairs and Gender Studies to Texas Politics and American Politics. My responsibilities also include serving as Assistant Chair focusing on student advising, curriculum development, and student engagement.

## REFERENCES

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