

# IPSITA DEY

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND EDUCATION

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- Current     Assistant Professor, Comparative History of Ideas Department  
              Affiliate Faculty, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology  
              Affiliate Faculty, South Asia Center  
              University of Washington, Seattle
- 2024        Ph.D., Anthropology  
              Graduate Certificate, Environmental Studies  
              Princeton University
- 2021        M.A., Anthropology  
              Princeton University
- 2017        B.S., Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics  
              Research Concentration in Biological Chemistry  
              University of California, Los Angeles

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Refereed Journal Articles

- In prep     **Dey, Ipsita.** “Motherland and Mother Earth: Indo-Fijian Claims to Belonging Through Agricultural Labor and ‘Hard Work’” (to be submitted to the *Anthropology of Work Review*)
- In prep     **Dey, Ipsita.** “‘We worship the same God!’: Indo-Fijian Hindu Narratives of Indigenous Parallelism” (to be submitted to *American Ethnologist*)
- 2021        Evans, Cory J, John M Olson...**Ipsita Dey**..., et al. “A Functional Genomics Screen Identifying Blood Cell Development Genes in *Drosophila* by Undergraduates Participating in a Course-Based Research Experience.” *G3: Genes | Genomes | Genetics*

### Public Scholarship and Invited Essays

- 2024        **Dey, Ipsita** and Christina Kefala. “Photographic Returns to Ethnographic Fieldsites: Introduction” in *American Ethnological Society Online Collections*.
- 2024        **Dey, Ipsita.** “Shifting Landscapes, Shifting Identities: Oceanic World-Making in Fiji” in *Photographic Returns to Ethnographic Fieldsites* in *American Ethnological Society Online Collections*.

- 2024 **Dey, Ipsita** and Alexandra Dantzer. “American Ethnologist at 50: An Interview with the AE Editorial Team” in *American Ethnological Society Online Collections*.
- 2023 **Dey, Ipsita**. Review: *The Black Shoals: Offshore Formations of Black and Native Studies* by Tiffany King in *Environment and Society*
- 2023 **Dey, Ipsita**. “Reflections on ‘Bulrushier’, a Pulitzer prize finalist play by Eisa Davis” in *The Scholar’s Take, McCarter Theater Online Essay Collections*.
- 2023 **Dey, Ipsita**. “Reflections on ‘Coco’: Disney Pixar’s Coco in Concert, Live to Film” in *The Scholar’s Take, McCarter Theater Online Essay Collections*.
- 2022 **Dey, Ipsita**. “Vaccine Distribution through Black Church Networks: A Conversation with Dr. Kia Moore” in *Visualizing the Virus Online Collection*.
- 2017 Murphy, Fiona, Taylor R. Genovese, Vivian Gornik, Jeffrey Omari, Steven G. Harris, Rebecca Prinster, **Ipsita Dey**, and Monesha Carter. “*Anthropology Matters! in Brief*” in *Anthropology News*, December 15.

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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### External Research Fellowships

- 2019 Society for Psychological Anthropology Robert Lemelson Summer Research Fellowship

### Major Fellowships and Grants from Princeton University

- 2023-2024 Princeton University Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS) Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2023-2024 Princeton University Center for Culture, Society, and Religion (CCSR) Religion and Public Life Research and Writing Fellowship
- 2023 Princeton University Chadha Center for Global India (CCGI) Summer Fieldwork Research Grant
- 2022-2024 Princeton Energy and Climate Scholars Fellowship
- 2022-2023 CCSR Religion and Public Life Research and Writing Fellowship
- 2022-2023 Princeton Center for Health and Wellbeing, Graduate Research Funding
- 2023 PIIRS Summer Fieldwork Research Grant
- 2023 CCSR Summer 2023 Fieldwork Grant
- 2022 PIIRS Winter Fieldwork Research Grant
- 2020-2021 CCSR Religion and Public Life Research and Writing Fellowship
- 2021 PIIRS Winter Fieldwork Research Grant
- 2019-2020 CCSR Religion and Public Life Research and Writing Fellowship
- 2020 PIIRS Summer Language Learning Grant
- 2020 CCGI Summer Language Learning Grant
- 2020 Princeton Humanities Council Magic Grant for Research and Innovation

2019	Princeton Center for Digital Humanities, Graduate Fellow
2019	PIIRS Winter Fieldwork Research Grant
2019	CCGI Winter Fieldwork Research Grant
2019	PIIRS Summer Fieldwork Research Grant

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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2023	Honorable Mention, Eric R. Wolf Prize for Graduate Research Paper, Society for the Anthropology of Work
2023	Fitz-Randolph Award for Most Liked Video, Princeton University Research Day
2022-2023	Hack '69 Graduate Award for Water and Environment, High Meadows Environmental Institute, Princeton University
2021-2022	Walbridge Fund Graduate Award for Environmental Research, High Meadows Environmental Institute, Princeton University
2021-2022	Alternate Candidate, Fulbright U.S. Student Program Fellowship
2019-2020	William G. Bowen Merit Fellowship for Graduate Studies at Princeton University
2017	Best Poster Presentation Award, “Redefining Victimhood: Vicissitudes of Empowerment   Domestic Violence in South Asian Immigrant Communities”, Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meetings in New Orleans, LA
2017	Dean’s Prize for Most Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award UCLA Undergraduate Research Conference

## INVITED TALKS

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2025	“Princeton University Alumni Career Roundtable: Reflections on a Graduate Degree in Anthropology”, Invited Panelist, Princeton University
2024	“Framing the Pacific: More than Islands in a Far Sea”, Invited Speaker, Foreign Services Institute, Washington D.C.
2024	“Cultures of the Pacific Islands”, <u>Invited Speaker</u> , Foreign Services Institute, Washington D.C.
2022	“Indo-Fijian Agricultural Narratives in and of the Sigatoka Valley, Fiji”, <u>Invited Speaker</u> , National Trust of Fiji Head Office, Suva, Fiji
2021	“Water Cultures in Fiji, New York, and Singapore: A Conversation with Martha Kaplan”, <u>Interviewer and Facilitator</u> of Virtual Seminar, Religion and the Public Conversation Seminar Series, Center for Culture, Society, and Religion, Princeton University
2017	“Domestic Violence Interventions: Anthropological Perspectives on Sustainable Development”, <u>Invited Speaker</u> , Los Angeles Global Health Conference, University of California, Los Angeles
2017	“Anthropology and Ethnographic Value”, <u>Invited Speaker</u> , Three Pillars - One University Research Symposium, University of California, Los Angeles

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

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### Conferences/Symposia Organized

- 2020-2021 Graduate Student Reading Group on Diaspora Studies  
Princeton University Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in the Humanities
- 2019-2020 Graduate Student Colloquium for Anthropology and Social Theory  
Department of Anthropology, Princeton University

### Panels Organized

- 2024 “Reimagining Blue Futures”, Panel Co-Organizer and Chair, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Tampa, Florida
- 2023 “Island-ing and Archipelagic Thinking: Ethnographic Reflections on Island Fieldsites”, Panel Organizer, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Toronto, Canada
- 2023 “Aesthetics of Place: Investigating Colonialist, Capitalist, and Apocalyptic Fantasies of ‘Nature’”, Roundtable Co-Organizer and Chair, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Toronto, Canada
- 2023 “Indeterminacy of the Other”, Panel Co-Organizer, American Ethnological Society Conference in Princeton, NJ

### Papers Presented

- 2023 “Sandy Soil and Earth (Dis)contents: Agro-Forestry Initiatives in Coastal Communities in Fiji”, Paper, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Toronto, Canada
- 2023 “Risk Tolerance Among Indo-Fijian Farmers: Bodily Un-Becomings”, Paper, Harvard University Body Politics Graduate Conference in Cambridge, MA
- 2023 “Indo-Fijian ‘Homing’ Desires: Agricultural Practice in Constructing Nativity and Social Belonging”, Paper, American Ethnological Society Annual Conference in Princeton, NJ
- 2023 “The Socio-Cultural Politics of COVID-19 Debates Within Online ISKCON Communities”, Paper, Mid-Atlantic Region – American Academy of Religion Annual Conference in Princeton, NJ
- 2023 “Indo-Fijian ‘Homing’ Desires: Desires for Here, There, and Elsewhere”, Panelist, Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania Annual Conference in Kona, HI
- 2022 “Narrating ‘Productivity’ on a Fijian Farm-scape: Redefining ‘Masculine’ Labor Among Indo-Fijian Farmers in the Sigatoka Highlands”, Paper, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Seattle, WA

- 2019 “‘I’m Losing My Mind’: A Portrait of Loneliness Among Domestic Violence Survivors in Manchester, UK”, Paper, Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meetings in Albuquerque, NM
- 2018 “Caregiving and Kinship in a South Asian Domestic Violence Refuge: Understanding Post-Traumatic Recovery Processes”, Paper, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in San Jose, CA
- 2017 “Precarity in Post-Traumatic Recovery and Healing”, Paper, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Washington, D.C.

### **Posters Presented**

- 2023 “A Tale of Two Snakes: Degei and Kaliya; Cosmologies in the Sigatoka River Valley, Fiji”, Poster, Princeton University High Meadows Environmental Institute Research Discovery Day in Princeton, NJ
- 2023 “Risk Tolerance Among Indo-Fijian Farmers in the Sigatoka Valley”, Poster, Princeton University Center for Health and Wellbeing Website
- 2017 “Redefining Victimhood: Vicissitudes of Empowerment | Domestic Violence in South Asian Immigrant Communities”, Poster, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Washington, D.C.
- 2017 “Redefining Victimhood: Vicissitudes of Empowerment | Domestic Violence in South Asian Immigrant Communities”, Poster, Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Conference in New Orleans, LA
- 2017 “Redefining Victimhood: Vicissitudes of Empowerment | Domestic Violence in South Asian Immigrant Communities”, Poster, Thinking Gender, Imagining Reparations Conference Multi-Media Salon in Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 “Redefining Victimhood: Vicissitudes of Empowerment | Domestic Violence in South Asian Immigrant Communities”, Poster, UCLA Undergraduate Research Conference in Los Angeles, CA

### **CAMPUS TALKS**

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- 2024 “Sandy Soils and Earthly (Dis)contents: Plantation Legacies and Environmental Justice in Fiji”, Invited Speaker, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington
- 2023 “A Tale of Two Snakes: Degei and Kaliya; Cosmologies in the Sigatoka River Valley, Fiji”, Presenter, Hack '69 Graduate Award for Water and the Environment Research Day, Princeton University

- 2023 “Indo-Fijian Homing Desires: Agricultural Practice and Social Belonging”, Presenter, Princeton Energy and Climate Scholars Seminar, Princeton University
- 2023 “Risk Tolerance Among Indo-Fijian Farmers in the Sigatoka Valley”, Presentation Recording, Princeton University Center for Health and Wellbeing Website
- 2021 “The “Native” Question: Indo-Fijian Eco-Religious Claims to Political Belonging in Fiji”, Presenter, Department of Anthropology, Princeton University
- 2017 “Redefining Victimhood: Vicissitudes of Empowerment | Domestic Violence in South Asian Immigrant Communities”, Presenter, UCLA Lemelson Honors Conference, University of California, Los Angeles

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**

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- Summer 2025 Summer Institute in the Arts and Humanities: Earthworlds – Life in a Turbulent Planet, Simpson Center for the Humanities
- Winter 2025 CHID 395A: Embodiment and Place: Knowledge and Practice in the Interdisciplinary Humanities
- Winter 2025 CHID 320A: Plantation Logics – A Calderwood Writing Seminar
- Fall 2024 CHID 480A: Sacred Earth Politics: Religion, Environment, and Identity – Special Topics in the Advanced Study of the History of Ideas

## **UNDERGRADUATE THESIS ADVISEES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**

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- AY 2024-2025 Fenn Crane, “Thank Me For What?: An Interrogation on ‘Honoring’ Veterans”, Comparative History of Ideas Department

## **OTHER TEACHING AND MENTORING**

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- 2023-2024 Graduate Scholars Program, Peer Mentor, Princeton University  
Program in Access, Diversity and Inclusion, Princeton University Graduate School
- 2022-2024 Edwards Collective Undergraduate Program Facilitator  
Mathey Residential College, Princeton University
- Spring 2020 Teaching Assistant, ANT 240: Medical Anthropology, Princeton University

## **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**

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- AY 2024-2025 Co-Chair, Scholarship Committee, Comparative History of Ideas Department
- AY 2024-2025 Curriculum Committee, Comparative History of Ideas Department

## **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- 2023-2024 *The Scholar’s Take* Writing Program, Graduate Student Facilitator and Organizer  
McCarter Theater, Princeton University

2023-2024	Graduate Scholar's Program, Peer Mentor Program in Access, Diversity, and Inclusion, Princeton University Graduate School
2023-2024	Professional Development Associate Office of the Dean of the Graduate School, Princeton University
2021-2024	American Ethnological Society Editorial Intern
2023	American Ethnological Society Annual Conference Volunteer
2019-2020	Graduate Women of Color Caucus, Board Member

## RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2022-2023	Script Writer and Video Producer, Media Team, Center for Culture, Society, and Religion, Princeton University
2022	Game Designer and Researcher for <i>Investing in Futures: The Card Game</i> , Environmental Media Lab, High Meadows Environmental Institute, Princeton University
2021	Research Curator, Visualizing the Virus Online Collection
2020	Researcher and Content Developer, Visual Ethnography Lab, Princeton University
2020	Lead Researcher, "Hindu American Pedagogical and Theological Responses to Times of Crisis", Humanities Council Magic Grant for Innovation, Princeton University

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2022-	Special Projects Advisor, National Trust of Fiji, Fiji
2022-	Community Engagement Project Leader, Sigatoka Sand Dunes National Park, Fiji

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Anthropological Association  
 American Ethnological Society  
 Anthropology and Environment Society  
 Society for Psychological Anthropology  
 Association for Social Anthropology of Oceania  
 Society for Anthropology of Work