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Education

PhD 1996	Graduate Programme in Social & Political Thought York University Toronto, Ontario, Canada (Supervisor: Prof. Himani Banerjee)
M.A. 1989	Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
B.A. 1984	Department of English, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Career Highlights

My research as a social theorist over the last 25 years has responded in three distinct ways to two related and unfolding historical processes that cut across planetary and local scales: 1) Deepening and multiplying kinds of social inequality and 2) Proliferating and mutating social-ecological crises. Drawing from the intellectual traditions of Birmingham cultural studies, Canadian communication theory, southern theory, subaltern studies and social reproduction feminist theory, I have sought for strategies for delinking critical social science from the colonizer's model of the world by bringing the problematic of the commons and its contradictions to the foreground. Sociology has not paid sufficient attention to its own history as a pillar of modern racism and its entanglements with colonialism. Consequently a developmental teleology continues to operate in the background of most of its dominant conceptual frameworks and theoretical languages. This linear grammar of sociological reasoning is only aggravated by sociology's relative indifference to its dependence upon and formal mediation by Gutenberg print capitalism, as McLuhan described it, which leaves sociology unprepared for understanding the far more complex and global ecologies of communication through which people are now brought into cooperation and conflict. Intermedia theory and research-creation addresses this problem by developing a post-Western Marxist dialectical strategy of bearing witness to crises when they are either privatized and rendered invisible or turned into moral panics. Thirdly, through all of this, I have developed an account of the intermediation of class and cultural politics that builds upon the insights of intersectional feminist theory, social reproduction feminist theory and political ecology. Milestones of this program of research include:

Feminist Energy Futures, Co-Lead, SSHRC Insight, 2017, \$356,608, 5 years.
Documentary and Intermedia, Co-Lead, CFREF, 2017 \$458,500, 2 years.
Speculative Energy Futures, Co-investigator, CFREF, 2017, \$831,000. 7 years.
RePublicU. A critical university studies research network. Founding member. 2015.
Canadian Cultural Studies: A Reader. 2009. Co-editor. Duke University Press.
Kolkata Wonderland: Urbanscapes of IT Outsourcing. SSHRC (SRG) 2006, \$63,000.
Crisis and Catachresis: Identity Politics at the Limit. 1996. Production House Press.
Spectacular State: Fascism and the Modern Imagination. 1995. Research-Creation Co-lead. SFU.

Standard Refereed Publications

Mookerjea, S. 2019. "Renewable energy transition under multiple colonialisms: passive revolution, fascism redux and utopian praxes", *Cultural Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/09502386.2019.1585464.

Mookerjea, S. 2018. "Accumulated Violence, or, the Wars of Exploitation: Notes Toward a Post-Western Marxism." *Mediations* 32.1 (Fall) 95-114. www.mediationsjournal.org/articles/post-western-marxism

Mookerjea, S. 2018. "Intermedia Research-Creation and Hydrapolitics: Counter-environments of the Commons." *Knowing and Knots: Studies in Research-Creation*. Ed. N. Loveless. University of Alberta Press. pp. 66-80.

Mookerjea, S. and M. Misra. 2017. "Coal Power and the Sundarbans: Subaltern Resistance and Convergent Crises." *Against Colonization and Rural Dispossession: Local Resistance in South East Asia - Pacific and Africa*. London: Zed Books.

Mookerjea, S. 2017. "Petrocultures in Passive Revolution, or, the Autonomous Domain of Treaty Poetics" *Petrocultures: Oil, Energy and Culture*. Edited by S. Wilson, A. Carlson, and I. Szeman. Montreal: McGill-Queens University Press.

Mookerjea, S. 2015. "Multiculturalism and Egalitarianism". *Multiculturalism in Canada: Theories, Policies, Debates*. Ed. L. Wong and S. Guo. Amsterdam: Sense.

Mookerjea, S. 2013. "Epilogue: Through the Utopian Forest of Time". *Canadian Journal of Sociology*. Special Issue on Oil Sands Development in Northern Alberta. 38 (2): 233-254.

Research-Creation

Haiku Sutra. *The PolyGlot Magazine of Poetry and Art*. Issue 2 Fall 2017. (refereed)

time bias poem no. 5 / Subaltern Counter-environment for Islamophobic Racism. *In-Toxic: Research Creation Works on the Convergence of Crises*. Curated by N. Loveless. [Latitude 53 Gallery of Contemporary Art](#). Edmonton. April 7-9, 2017. (refereed)

time bias poem no. 3 / In memoriam: device for falling into the rift between history and memory. Research-Creation installation. *Stirred - Memories, Dreams* curated by Dr. E. Siemens. Intermedia Research Studio, Department of Sociology, University of Alberta. September 30th 2015.

time bias poem no. 2: Theorizing Counter-Environments / Queens Park Row (Transit Plan for Downtown Redevelopment 161114)". *Research Creation installation in Alleyways: Patchwork Capillaries of Urban Living*. Intermedia Research Studio, Department of Sociology, University of Alberta. Nov 21 2014 - January 16 2015.

time bias poem no. 1 / device for plotting biography and history prototype v 1.0 Research Creation installation in *(Re)Markable Time*. Intermedia Research Studio, January 31 - March 7, 2014.

Presentations

Keynote

"Accumulated Violence or the Wars of Exploitation" keynote lecture at the annual Institute for Culture and Society, Concordia University, Montreal June 25-29th, 2016.

Invited

"Just Powers: Power Shift, Energy Transition and Social Justice" (with A. Alook, N. Loveless, M.E. Luka, and S. Wilson) Change for Climate City of Edmonton Community Programme for Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Cities, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. March 6th 2018.

"Treaty Right to the Intermedia City: Decolonizing the Practice Turn in Media Studies" with Dr. Anne Winkler. Connect and Divide: The Practice Turn in Media Studies. Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft Workshop: Medienwissenschaftliches Symposium III Organized by Prof. Erhard Schüttpelz 19 - 22. August 2015 Fraueninsel/Chiemsee Germany.

"Subalternist Cultural Studies and Intermedia Research" Arts Based Research Studies Lecture Series, April 3, 2014. Arts Based Research Studio. Faculty of Education, University of Alberta.

"Provocation Re: Natasha Myers, Anthropologist as Transducer in an Ecology of Affects" Research Creation Think Tank. Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta. March 24, 2014.

"The Politics of Community and the Utopian Community of Politics." Interdisciplinary Workshop on Political Community, Centre for Citizenship, Civil Society and Rule of Law, University of Aberdeen, Scotland, 25th - 28th June, 2013.

Conference

"iDoc: Speculating on Future Energy Systems" (with S. Wilson, M.E. Luka and C. Stubblefield) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Cities Conference, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. March 5th, 2018.

Digital Media in the Post Truth Era. Kule Institute of Advanced Studies: Around the World Conference. University of Alberta. May 18th 2017.

"Subaltern Counter-environments and the Theory and Praxis of Commoning." The Idea of Place. Twentieth Anniversary Space and Culture Journal Conference. Department of Sociology. University of Alberta. May 3rd 2017.

"Utopian Circles of the Creative Economy." Rethinking Creative Economies Workshop. Education and Policy Studies. University of Alberta. April 22nd 2017.

"Toxic Media Ecologies of Racism: Interlocking Islamophobic Networks" Critical Cultural Practices in the Age of Alternative Facts. Intermedia Research Studio, Department of Sociology University of Alberta, April 7th, 2017.

After Trump: Critical Commentaries, Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta. December 2nd 2016.

"Coal Power and the Sundarbans." with Dr. Manoj Misra. Development in Question. Cornell University, October 7th, 2016.

"The Hydra Offshore: Convergent Crises, Commons and the Politics of Transition." The Offshore: Petrocultures 2016. Memorial University of Newfoundland. St. John's Newfoundland August 31, 2016

Critical University Studies as Pathways to a Post-Neoliberal University. RePublicU Panels at the Canadian Sociological Association annual meetings at Congress, Calgary, May 31st. 2016, organized and chaired with Dr. Michelle Maroto.

"Negotiating the Tricky Terrain of Indigenous Rights, Markets and Notions of the Commons, or, if Water belongs to No One, Why Are We Sending Shiploads to China?" co-authored with Makere Stewart Harawira. 15th Global Conference of the International Association for the Study of the Commons. Edmonton, Alberta. May 27, 2015.

"Intersections of Domination and Exploitation: Tar Sand Megadevelopment, Accumulated Violence and the Crisis of Social Reproduction in the Athabaskan Forest." Eleventh Annual Historical Materialism Conference, Vernon Square, London, UK. Nov 8th, 2014.

"Multitude, Subaltern and the Common" Institute of Culture and Society, The Banff Centre, Banff AB June 19th, 2014.

"The Native Rights Based Strategic Framework of Class Politics?" Historical Materialism Annual Conference in Toronto. York University. May 8th, 2014.

Grants and Funding

Feminist Energy Futures: Power Shift and Environmental Social Justice,

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Grant (2017)

Co-Lead with Dr. S. Wilson

Total Funding \$356,608, 5 years

Future Energy Systems: Documentary and Intermedia

Government of Canada Canada First Excellence in Research (2017)

Co-Lead with Dr. S. Wilson

Total Funding \$458,500, 2 years

Future Energy Systems: Speculative Energy Futures

Government of Canada Canada First Excellence in Research (2017)

Co-investigator. Total Funding \$831,000. 7 years.

Toxic Media Ecologies 2

Kule Institute of Advanced Studies Research Team Grant (2016)
Lead, \$7500

Teaching

SOC580 Globalization, Colonialism, Postcolonialism (Fall 2017,
SOC345 Cultural Studies (Winter 2018, 2014; Fall 2015, 2013)
SOC335 Contemporary Social Theory, 2019
SOC370 Racism and Decolonization 2018, 2017, 2016, 2013
SOC369 Globalization (Winter 2019, 2016, 2013)
SOC269 Introduction to the Sociology of Globalization (Fall 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013;
Winter 2017, 2016)
SOC 408 Directed Studies (Fall 2018, 2017, Winter 2015, 2014)

Graduate Supervision 2013- present

PhD.

Paol Hadden, Department of Sociology
Arpita Mukherjee, Department of Sociology

M.A.

Dave Selsky, Department of Sociology

Supervisory Committees

Ipek Oskay, Sociology
Nicholas Hardy, Sociology
Pradeep Dissanayake Sangapala Arachchige Don, Urban Planning
Stephen Cruickshank, Modern Languages and Cultural Studies
Michael Ganzow, Sociology
Anton Iorga, Modern Languages and Cultural Studies
Vicki Kwon, Art and Design
Hasriadi Masalam, Education Policy Studies
Dan Harvey, English and Film Studies
Sonja Sapach, Sociology
Robin Willey, Sociology
Javier Fuentes Martinez, Sociology

Examining Committees

David Balcom, Political Science
 Curtis Riep, Education Policy Studies
 Kurt Pabst, English and Film Studies
 David Janzen, English and Film Studies
 Jason Chalmers, Sociology
 Jeff Diamanti, English and Film Studies
 Brent Bellamy, English and Film Studies
 Munya Hwaradzmi, Education Policy Studies
 Alexandra Duncan, Art and Design

Completed Doctoral Degrees

Dr. Anne Winkler. 2014. "Not Everything was Good, but Many Things were Better": East Germany, Everyday Life, Material Culture, and the Museum

Dr. Manoj Misra. 2014. The implication of globalization and environmental changes for smallholder peasants: The Bangladesh case.

Service Contributions

2013 - Present, Director, Intermedia Research Studio, Department of Sociology
 2016 - Present, Advisory Board, Social Justice Research-Creation Co-Lab, Faculty of Arts
 2018 - Present, Advisory Board, Mediating Science and Technology Faculty of Arts Signature Area
 2014-17, Association of Academic Staff: University of Alberta Council Representative, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Linguistics.
 2015-17, member Joint University and Association Budget and Planning Committee
 2016-17, Media Studies Program Advisory Committee, Faculty of Arts
 2016-17, Chair, Teaching and Learning Committee, Association of Academic Staff: University of Alberta
 2016-17, member, Governance Committee, Association of Academic Staff: University of Alberta
 2014-15, member, Salary Committee, Association of Academic Staff: University of Alberta
 2013-14, member, Undergraduate Teaching Committee

Reports and Public Engagement (selected)

University of Alberta Precarity Research: A Survey of Non-continuing Academic Staff
 2019 (co-authored with Dr. Michelle Maroto prepared for AAS:UA).

"Intermedia Research" McLuhan House, Edmonton, May 7, 2018