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Education

Ph.D: University at Albany, State University of New York, Latin American
& Caribbean Studies, May 2002

Master of Arts: University at Albany, Latin American & Caribbean Studies, May,
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Bachelor of Arts: University at Albany, Ibero-American History, August, 1994

Minor: Cultural Anthropology

Academic Career:

- Professor of Caribbean and Latin American Studies at Jackson State University

Editorial Board

- South Asian Diaspora
- Caribbean Writer

Reviewer

- Grant Applications for the National Endowment of Humanities (Program Officer)
- Oxford University Press (manuscript)
- External Reviewer for a dissertation from the Acharya Nagarjuna University (India)
- Journal of Social and Economic Studies
- Journal of Labor History
- Journal of South Asian Diaspora (4 times)
- Journal of Latin American & Ethnic Studies
- Small Axe

- Caribbean Quarterly (4 times)
- Palgrave (book proposal)

Research Interests

- Caribbean migration, ethnicity and identity

Courses Taught

Jackson State University (2012 -)

- World civilizations
- Caribbean History
- Latin American History

Book Publications:

Books:

1. *Indian Migration and Identity Formation in the Caribbean* (forthcoming 2017, University Press of Mississippi)
2. *Indian Indenture in the Danish West Indies*, London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2016.
3. *Indo-Caribbean Indenture: Resistance and Accommodation*, Kingston, Jamaica: University of the West Indies Press, 2007.

Edited Books

1. *The Legacy of Indian Indenture: Historical and Contemporary Aspects of Migration and Diaspora* edited by Maurits Hassankhan, Lomarsh Roopnarine and Hans Ramsoedh, New Delhi: Manohar Publisher 2016
2. *Social and Cultural Dimensions of Indian Indentured Labour and its Diaspora: Past and Present* edited by Maurits S. Hassankhan, Lomarsh Roopnarine and Radica Mahase, New Delhi: Manohar Publisher 2016
3. *Legacy of Slavery and Indentured Labour: Historical and contemporary issues in Suriname and the Caribbean*, edited by Maurits S. Hassankhan, Lomarsh Roopnarine, Cheryl White and Radica Mahase, New Delhi: Manohar Publisher 2016

4. *Islam, Muslims and Indentured Labour: Diaspora Experiences of a Minority Group in Plural Societies*, Maurits S. Hassankhan, Lomarsh Roopnarine and Radica Mahase, New Delhi: Manohar Publisher 2016
5. *Indians in Smaller Caribbean Islands* edited by Lomarsh Roopnaine and Kumar Mahabir, Kingston: University of the West Indies Press (forthcoming)

Book Chapters:

1. "Transnational migration during East Indian Indenture in British Guiana and Trinidad" *The Legacy of Indian Indenture: Historical and Contemporary Aspects of Migration and Diaspora* edited by Maurits Hassankhan, Lomarsh Roopnarine and Hans Ramsoedh, New Delhi: Manohar Publisher 2016.
2. "Resistance and Adaptation among Indentured Indian Laborers in British Guiana during Indenturedship" In *Resistance and Indian Indenture Experience: Comparative Perspective*, Mauritius S. Hassankhan, Brij V. Lal & Doug Munro, pp 157-182, New Delhi: Manohar Publishers, 2014.
3. "Environmental Policy Challenges and Growth in Guyana" *In Living at Borderlines: Issues in Caribbean Sovereignty and Development*. Cynthia Barrow-Giles and Don Marshall (eds.), Kingston, Ian Randle Publishers, 2003: 276-303.

Journal Articles:

1. "Asian Indentured Servitude" an article contribution to Oxford Bibliographies in Atlantic History. Oxford University Press (forthcoming).
2. "Muslim Faith and Work Ethic in the United States Virgin Islands" *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs* Vol. 36. Issue 1 (2016): 62-73.
3. "East Indian women and Leadership Roles during Indentured Servitude in British Guiana 1838-1920, *Journal of International Women Studies*, Vol. 16. No. 3 (July 2015): 174-185.
4. "East Indians in the United States Virgin Islands" *Social and Economic Studies* Vol.63. No. 1 (2014): 89-110
5. "A Critique of East Indian indentured Historiography in the Caribbean" *Labor History* Vol. 55. No. 3 (2014): 389-401.
6. "Guyana Population Movements and Societal Development" Institute of Developmental Studies, University of Guyana Special Series Paper #712 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary (1963-2013) of the University of Guyana, (2013).

7. "A Comparative Analysis of two failed Indenture Experiences in Post-emancipation Caribbean: British Guiana (1838-1843) and Danish St. Croix (1863–1868)" *IberoAmericana Nordic Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, Institute of Latin American Studies, Stockholm University, Vol. 42. No. 1 & 2 (2012): 203-230.
8. "Regulations and Remittances from British Indentured Guianese," *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* Vol. 32. No. 3 (2012): 662-671.
9. "Draputic's Vanishing Hopes" (creative short story) *Arts Journal*, (University of Guyana) Vol. 7, No 1 & 2 Spring 2012: 50-54.
10. "St. Croix's Secession Movement in the United States Virgin Islands: Sentimental or Serious," *Journal of Eastern Caribbean Studies* Vol. 36, No. 1, 2011: 43-65
11. "Indian Migration during Indentured Servitude in British Guiana and Trinidad, 1850-1920," *Labor History* Vol. 52. No. 2, 2011: 173-192.
12. "The Challenges of CARICOM Integration: The Barbadian-Guyanese Impasse," *Transition*, Institute of Developmental Studies at the University of Guyana Vol. 40, 2011: 62-91.
13. "Maroon Resistance and Settlement on Danish St. Croix," *Journal of Third World Studies* Vol. 27, Issue 2, 2010: 89-108
14. "Social Identity in the Modern United States Virgin Islands," *Social Identities: Journal for the Study of Race, Nation and Culture* Vol.16, No.6. November 2010: 791-807.
15. "The Indian Sea Voyage between India and the Caribbean during the second half of the Nineteenth Century." *Journal of Caribbean History* Vol. 44. No. 1. 2010: 48-74.
16. "Repatriation and Remittances of ex-Indian Indentured from Danish St. Croix, 1868-1873" *Scandinavian Journal of History* Vol. 35. No. 2. 2010: 247-267.
17. "Indian Social Identity in Guyana, Trinidad and North American Diaspora," *Wadabagei: A Journal of the Caribbean and its Diaspora* Vol. 12. No. 3. 2009: 87-125.
18. "The First and Only Crossing: Indian Indenture on Danish St. Croix 1863-1868" *South Asian Diaspora* Vol. 1. No. 2, 2009: 113-140.
19. "United States Virgin Islands Migration," *Social and Economic Studies* Vol. 57: 3 & 4, 2008: 131-156.

20. "Re-adjustment and Re-migration of Time-Expired Indentured from India to the Caribbean" *New West Indian Guide* Vol. 83. No.1 & 2, 2009: 71-97.
21. "The Other Side of Indo-Caribbean Indentureship: Land-ownership, Savings and Re-migration" *Journal of Caribbean History* Vol. 42. No. 2. December 2008: 205-230.
22. "Eastern Caribbean Islanders in St. Croix: Intra-Island Migration and Ethnic Relations" *Journal of Caribbean Studies*. Vol. 22. No. 3. 2008: 137-154.
23. "Guyanese Indian Diaspora within the Caribbean: Migration and Identity." *Man in India: A Quarterly International Journal of Anthropology*. Vol. 88, No. 1: 2008: 57-70.
24. "The Return of East Indian Indentured servants from the Caribbean to India 1838-1920" *Journal of Caribbean History* Vol. 40, No. 2, 2006: 308-324.
25. "Indo-Caribbean Social Identity," *Caribbean Quarterly*, Vo. 52. No. 1, 2006: 1-11.
26. "Small-scale Gold Mining and Environmental Policy Challenges in Guyana's Interior Region." *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, Vol. 31. No.61. Spring 2006:115-144.
27. "Indo-Caribbean Intra-Island Migration: Not so Marginalized." *Social and Economic Studies* Vol. 54, No. 2, 2005, 107-136.
28. "The Dilution of the Caste System among Caribbean East Indians", *La Torre*, Vol. 10. No. 36-37, 2005: 275-287.
29. "East Indian Emigration to the Caribbean: Beyond the Push and Pull Model" *Caribbean Studies*. Vol. 31. No. 2, Spring 2004: 97-134.
30. "Indo-Caribbean Migration: From Periphery to Core." *Caribbean Quarterly*. Vol. 49. No. 3, Fall 2003: 30-60.
31. "Wounding Guyana: Gold Mining and Environmental Degradation." *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* Vol. 73, October 2002: 83-91.
32. "Indo-Guyanese Migration: From Plantation to Metropolis!" *Immigrants and Minorities*. Vol. 20. No. 2, 2001: 1-25.
33. "Politics, Economics and Environmental Policy in Guyana." *Journal of Caribbean History*. Vol. 34. No.1 & 2, 2000: 178-217.
34. "The Dual Legacy of Antigua's First Prime Minister Vere Bird, 1909-1999." *Revista/Review Interamericana*. Vol. 30. No. 1-4, 2000: 1-8.

Book Reviews

1. Robert E. May, *Slavery, Race and Conquest in the Tropic: Lincoln, Douglas and the Future of America*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013, *Journal of Mississippi History* (forthcoming)
2. Jan Lowe Shinebourne, *The Last Ship*, Leeds: Peepal Tree, 2015, *Caribbean Writer* (Forthcoming)
3. Tony Martin, *Caribbean History: Pre-Colonial Origins to the Present*, Boston: Pearson, 2012, *Nordic Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* (forthcoming).
4. Sabir Nakhuda, *Bengal to Barbados: A 100 Year History of East Indians in Barbados*, Self-published, St. James, Barbados, 2013, *Caribbean Quarterly* Vol. 61. No. 4, 2016: 160-61.
5. Keith Tinker, *The Migration of Peoples from the Caribbean to the Bahamas*, Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2010, *Ethno History* Vol. 63. No. 1 (2016): 203-204.
6. Hillary McD Beckles, *Britain's Black Death: Reparations for Caribbean Slavery and Genocide*, Kingston: University of the West Indies Press, 2013 *Journal of Third World Studies* Vol. 32. No. 1 (2015).
7. PETER MANUEL *Tales, Tunes, and Tassa Drums: Retention and Invention in Indo-Caribbean Music Urbana*, University of Illinois Press 2014, *Ethnomusicology Forum* Vol. 24. Issue 3 (2015): 480-82.
8. C. J. Fuller & Haripriya Narasimhan: *Tamil Brahmans, The Making of a Middle-Class Caste*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2014, *Journal of Intercultural Affairs* Vol. 36. No 4. (2015) 508-510.
9. Jan Lowe Shinebourne, *Chinese Women*, Leed: Peepal Tree Press, 2010, *Journal of Caribbean Literatures* Vol. 7, No. 2 (2013): 217-218.
10. Khalil Rahman Ali, *Sugar Sweet Allure*, London: Hansib Publication, 2013 *Journal of Caribbean Literatures* Vol. 7, No. 2 (2013): 215-216.
11. Rupert, Linda M. *Creolization and Contraband: Curacao in the Early Modern Atlantic World*. Georgia: University of Georgia Press, 2012, *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* Vol. 98, (2015): 126-128.
12. *Coolie Pink and Green*, film by Patricia Mohammed, *Journal of Asian Diasporic Visual Cultures and the Americas* Vol. 1 (2015): 185-222.

13. JoAnne Poblete, *Islanders in the Empire: Filipino and Puerto Rican Laborers in Hawai'i* University Press of Illinois, *Labor History* Vol. 65. No. 1 (2015): 113-114.
14. Colin A. Palmer, *Cheddi Jagan and the Politics of Power: British Guiana's Struggle for Independence* University of North Carolina Press: Chapel Hill, 2010, *Social & Economic Studies* Vol. 63. No. 3 & 4 (2014): 348-350.
15. Rahul Bhattacharya, *The Sly Company of People Who Care*, New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011, *Journal of West Indian Literature* Vol. 22. No. 2 (2014): 83-85.
16. April J. Mayes, *The Mulatto Republic: Class, Race, and Dominican National Identity* Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2014 *Caribbean Quarterly* Vol. 60, No. 3 (2014): 104-05.
17. Toyin Falola, *The African Diaspora: Slavery, Modernity, and Globalization*, University of Rochester Press, Rochester NY, 2013. *African Affairs* Vol.114. Issue 454 (2015): 168-169.
18. Gaiutra Bahadur, *Coolie Woman: The Odyssey of Indenture*, The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 2013, *Journal of Intercultural Affairs* Vol. 35. No. 4. (2014): 464-65.
19. Emmanuel C. Nwagboso, *Anarchy and the Quest for Political Stability in Sierra Leone*, Lewiston: Edwin Mellon Press, 2013, *African Affairs* Vol. 113. No. 451 (2014): 326-327
20. Lilia Fernandez, *Brown in the Windy City: Mexicans and Puerto Ricans in Postwar Chicago*, Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 2013, *Ethnic and Racial Studies* Vol. 27. No. 10 (January 2014): 1973-1975.
21. Kathleen Lopez, *Chinese Cubans: A Transnational History*, The University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, 2013, *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* Vol. 15. No. 1. (2014) DOI: [10.1353/cch.2014.0018](https://doi.org/10.1353/cch.2014.0018)
22. Rosanne, Kanhai, *Bindi: The Multifaceted Lives of Indo-Caribbean Women*, Kingston, University of the West Indies Press, 2011 *International Journal of Women Studies* Vol. 15, No. 1 (2014): 228-229.
23. John Gimlette, *Wild Coast: Travels on South America's Untamed Edge*, Alfred A. Knoff, New York, 2011, *Caribbean Quarterly* Vol. 59, Nos. 3 & 4 (2013): 194-196.
24. Boyer, William, *America's Virgin Islands: A history of Human Rights and Wrongs* (2nd edition) Durham, North Carolina: Carolina Academic Press, 2010, *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* Vo. 36. No. 72 (ONLINE).

25. Pierre-Louis Jr., Francois, *Haitians in New York City: Transnationalism and Hometown Associations*, Gainesville, University of Florida Press, 2006, *Journal of Third World Studies* Vol. XXIX. No. 2, 2012: 277-278.
26. Franklin Knight, *The Caribbean: The Genesis of a Fragmented Nationalism*, 3rd edition, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2011, *Journal of Caribbean History* Vol. 46. No. 1 2012: 118-120.
27. Gore, Akai, H. *Garrote: The Illusion of Social Equality and Political Justice in the United States Virgin Islands*, Wadadli Press, 2009, *Island Studies* Vol. 7. No. 2, 2012: 277-279.
28. Rodriguez, E. Nestor, *Divergent Dictions: Contemporary Dominican Literature*, Coconut Creek, FL: Caribbean Studies Press, 2011 *Caribbean Writer* Vol. 26, 2012:278-277.
29. Haseth, de Carel, *Founding Fictions of the Dutch Caribbean: Slave and Master (Katibu di Shon)*, Translated and with an Introduction by Olga E. Rojer & Joseph o. Aimone, New York; Peter Lang, 2011, *Caribbean Writer* Vol. 26, 2012: 284-286.
30. Jadish Roy Singh, *Days of Laughter*. Canada: Blue Tree Publishing, 2010, *Caribbean Writer*, Vol. 25, 2011: 389-393.
31. Elizabeth Rezende & Anne Walbom, *St. Croix: Historic Photos*, Denmark: Narayana Press. *Caribbean Writer* Vol. 24, 2010: 381-383.
32. David Dabydeen, Jonathan Morley, Brinsley Samaroo, Amar Wahab & Brigid Wells, *Theophilus Richmond, The First Crossing: Being The Diary of Theophilus Richmond, Ship's Surgeon Aboard The Hesperus, 1837-8*, Derek Walcott Press, 2007. *Journal of Caribbean History* Vol. 43. No. 2. 2009: 285-290.
33. "In-Dependence" from Bondage, Claude McKay and Michael Manley: Defying the Ideological Clash and Policy Gaps in African Diaspora Relations, *Caribbean Writer*, Vol. 22. 2008: 271-274.
34. *Myths of the Plantation Society: Slavery in the American South and the West Indies*. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2003. Nathalie Dessens. *New West Indian Guide*, Vol. 80. No. 3&4, 2006: 281-282.
35. *Creating their own Destiny: The Development of an Indian-Caribbean Musical Tradition*. Tina K. Ramnarine. *Caribbean Writer*, Vol. 19. 2005: 267-270.
36. *A Cycle of Racial Oppression in Guyana*. Kean Gibson. *Caribbean Quarterly* Vol 50. No. 2 June 2004: 86-90.

37. The Development of Literary Blackness in the Dominican Republic, Gainesville, University Press of Florida, Dawn F. Stinchcomb, *Caribbean Writer* Vol. 20. 2004: 252-256.

Interviews

1. Roopnarine, Lomarsh, "Interview with Frank Birbalsingh." *Caribbean Writer* Vol. 19, 2005: 213-222.
2. Roopnarine, Lomarsh. Interview with Patricia Mohammed: The Status of Indo-Caribbean Women: From Indenture to the Contemporary Period. *Journal of International Women's Studies*, Vol. 17. No. 3, 2016: 4-16.
3. Roopnarine, Lomarsh, "Interview with Khal Torobally: Coolitude: Twenty-five year Later" *Caribbean Writer* (forthcoming)

Conference Presentations

1. "Beyond the Classroom: International Travel and Engagement" paper to be presented at a Conference on the Liberal Arts, at Jackson State University, Mississippi, October 6-8, 2016.
2. "Combating Decay during Indian Indentured Servitude in the Nineteenth century", Paper to be presented at the 45th Annual Conference on South Asia at Madison, Wisconsin, October 19-24, 2016.
3. "Ethnic Conundrum in the United States Virgin Islands" a paper presented at National Association of African American Studies & Affiliates on February 11, 2016 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
4. "Indentured Indian Historiography in the Anglophone Caribbean", a paper presented at the Indian Diaspora: Identity, Trajectories and Transnationalities conference at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad, May 12-16, 2015.
5. "Reconstructing and Reconstituting Caste Customs on the Returning Ships from the Caribbean to India during Indenture", a paper to be presented at the 40th annual Caribbean Studies Association conference at the Hilton Riverside Hotel, New Orleans, May 24-29, 2015.
6. "Transnational Connections during Indenture" a paper presented at the Indentured Labor Route International Conference in Mauritius on November 2-5, 2014.

7. "Hispanic Hybridization in the United States Virgin Islands" a paper presented at National Association of African American Studies & Affiliates on April 29, 2014 at Mississippi College, Clinton Mississippi
8. "African Heritage in the Caribbean" a paper presented at the Annual Spring Colloquium at Baltimore City Community College On April 10, 2014.
9. "Lecture on 150th anniversary of the Arrival of East Indians in Danish St. Croix", a paper presented to the Landmark Society of St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands on March 10, 2014.
10. "Black Radicalism in the United States Virgin Islands" A paper presented the Radical Caribbeans conference, New Orleans, Louisiana on October 4, 2013.
11. "Problems and predictions in Caribbean East Indian Indentured Historiography" A Paper presented at the 150th anniversary of the abolition of Slavery and Indenture conference in Suriname on June 6, 2013.
12. "Hispanics on St. Croix: Migration and Identity" A paper presented at National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies Conference, Baton Rouge Louisiana, on February 14, 2013.
13. "African identity in the Caribbean: Cultural Continuity and Change," A paper presented at Jackson State University October 30, 2012.
14. Conversation with Dr. William W. Boyer on the occasion of the second edition of his book *America's Virgin Islands: A History of Rights and Wrongs* (2010) via Skype at the Institute of Caribbean Studies, University of Puerto Rico on December 2, 2010
15. "Asian Identity in the Caribbean." A paper presented at the Conference on The Islands in Between: Language, Literature and Culture of the Eastern Caribbean on 6 November 2009, Dominica.
16. "St. Croix Secession Movement in the United States Virgin Islands: Independence or Insularity," A paper presented at the University of Puerto Rico on October 10, 2008.
17. "Indo-Caribbean Resistance and Accommodation," A paper presented at the University of Puerto Rico on October 10, 2008.
18. "Intra-Caribbean Migration: St Lucians to the United States Virgin Islands, St. Croix," A paper presented at the Association of Caribbean Historians Conference in Trinidad in May 2006 in Commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the Abolition of the African Slave Trade.
19. "Indo-Caribbean Migration within the Caribbean," A Paper presented at the International Literary Conference: "Caribbean Migrations: Negotiating Borders" at Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada on the 18-22, July, 2005.

20. "The Social Transformation of Caribbean East Indians," A Paper Presented at the International East Indian Diaspora Conference: East Indians in the Caribbean: Reflections of the Past; Charting the Way Forward at the University of the West Indies, Trinidad on the 28th and 29th of May 2005.
21. "Cultural Change and Continuity: The Dilution of the Caste System among Caribbean East Indians" A Paper Presented at the Conference on The Islands in Between: Language, Literature and Culture of the Eastern Caribbean on the 3-7 November 2004, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.
22. "Managing Guyana's Forest Regions and the Development of Urban Forests: Cooperation and Challenge," Proceedings of the 9th Annual Caribbean Urban and Community Forestry Conference in St. John, USVI, June 2004: 36-41. (wrote a paper but unable to present)
23. "Migration Under Indo-Caribbean Indenture Servitude 1838-1917" A Paper Presented at the 29th Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, St. Kitts Marriott Resort, Frigate Bay, St. Kitts, between May 31 and June 5, 2004.
24. "A History of Intra-Indo-Caribbean Migration," A Paper Presented at the Indian Diaspora in the Caribbean Conference: The Global Interface on St Augustine Campus, Trinidad, on the 21 and 22 of May 2004.
25. "Creating Opportunities out of Indo-Caribbean Indenture", A Paper presented at the Conference: Globalization, Diaspora and Identity Formation between 26 and 29 of February 2004, Hotel Krasnapolky, Paramaribo, Suriname.