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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** in Sociology, **Emory University**, Atlanta, GA *December 2013*  
Dissertation: Moving Newspapers Online: Diversification and Viability,  
1990-2010  
Chair: Prof. Timothy J. Dowd, Sociology
- M.A.** in Sociology of Education, **Stanford University**, Palo Alto, CA *June 2005*  
Thesis: “‘We Just Clicked’: Mate selection, speed dating, and the theory of  
situated learning”  
Advisor: Prof. Daniel McFarland, Education and Sociology
- M.A.** in Communication, **University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA *May 2002*  
Thesis: “Images of liberation in the coverage of Afghan women”  
Advisor: Prof. Barbie Zelizer
- B.A. Honors/M.A** in English, **McMaster University**, Hamilton, ON *May 1999/  
October 2001*  
Thesis: *Black Bodies*, Queer Pleasures: Race and Sexuality in AIDS  
narratives  
Advisor: Prof. David Clark
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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- Lecturer**  
Department of Sociology, Emory University *September 2018-present*
- Visiting Assistant Professor**  
Department of Sociology, Emory University *January 2014-present*
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## PUBLICATIONS

- Nalkur, Sonal. 2020. “Regular Inmates.” In Nikki Khana (Ed.), *Whiter: Asian American Women on Colorism*. New York City: NYU Press.
- Michalec, Barret, Corey L.M. Keyes, and Sonal Nalkur. 2009. “Human Flourishing.” Pp. 391-394 in *The Encyclopedia of Positive Psychology*, Volume 1. Editor-in-Chief, Shane J. Lopez. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.
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## PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- August, 2012 – American Sociological Association; Denver, CO  
Nalkur, Sonal and Timothy J. Dowd. 2012. “Attitudes on Public Arts Funding in the United States.” Refereed roundtable.
- March, 2012 – Southern Sociological Association; New Orleans, LA  
“Spiritual Identities: Religion and Mass Media Content.” Sociology of Culture & Media Network, research paper presentation.
- August, 2011 – American Sociological Association; Las Vegas, NV  
“Moving News Online: Newspaper Diversification (1990-2010).” Sociology of Culture & Media Network; research paper presentation.
- September, 2009 – European Sociological Association; Lisboa Portugal  
“Attitudes on arts funding in the United States” Sociology of the Arts Network; research paper presentation.
- May, 2006 – Stanford Student Research Symposium  
“We Just “Clicked”: Prosody and Social Bonding.” Research paper presentation.
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## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

### **Emory Sociology Faculty Teaching Award**

Emory University, 2018

### **Khan Academy Talent Search Winner**

Khan Academy, 2016

### **Crystal Apple Award** for Excellence in Undergraduate Large Class Education

Emory University, 2015

### **ORISE Fellowship** (Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education)

Centers for Disease Control, 2012-2013

### **SIRE Fellowship** (Scholarly Inquiry and Research at Emory)

Emory University, 2011-2012

### **Emory Sociology Graduate Student Teaching Award**

Emory University, 2011

### **Graduate Fellow**, Social & Behavioral Science Research Center

Emory University, 2008

### **George W. Woodruff Graduate Fellowship**

Emory University, 2006-2011

### **Graduation Class Speaker**

Annenberg School, University of Pennsylvania, 2002

**Finalist: Penn Prize for Excellence in Teaching**

University of Pennsylvania, 2001-2002, for course “Argumentation and Public Advocacy”

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Spring, 2020 – Emory University

**Lecturer** – Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101), Criminology (SOC 249) and Internship in Sociology

Fall, 2019 – Emory University

**Lecturer** – Crime and Media (SOC 289), Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101) and Internship in Sociology

Spring, 2018 – Emory University

**Lecturer** – Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101) and Internship in Sociology

Fall, 2018 – Emory University

**Lecturer** – Criminology (SOC 249)

Spring, 2018 – Emory University

**Visiting Assistant Professor** – Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101) and Social Research I (SOC 355) and Internship in Sociology

Fall, 2017 – Emory University

**Visiting Assistant Professor** – Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101) and Culture and Society (SOC 221) and Internship in Sociology

Spring, 2017 – Emory University

**Visiting Assistant Professor** – Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101) and Social Research I (SOC 355) and Internship in Sociology

Fall, 2016 – Emory University

**Visiting Assistant Professor** – Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101) and Culture and Society (SOC 221) and Internship in Sociology

Spring, 2016 – Emory University

**Visiting Assistant Professor** – Culture and Society (SOC 221) and Internship in Sociology

Fall, 2015 – Emory University

**Visiting Assistant Professor** – Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101) and Culture and Society (SOC 221) and Internship in Sociology

Spring, 2015 – Emory University

**Visiting Assistant Professor** – Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101) and Special Topics in the Sociology of New Media (SOC 389)

Fall, 2014 – Emory University

**Visiting Assistant Professor** – Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101)

Spring, 2014 – Emory University, Atlanta, GA

**Visiting Assistant Professor** – Culture and Society (SOC 221) and Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101)

Summer, 2012 – Emory University, Atlanta, GA

**Graduate Student Instructor** - Culture and Society (SOC 221)

Fall 2011-Summer 2012 – Emory University, Atlanta, GA

**SIRE Fellow** - Scholarly Inquiry at Emory: interdisciplinary research seminar

Spring, 2010 – Emory University, Atlanta, GA

**Graduate Student Instructor** - Culture and Society (SOC 221)

Fall 2006-Fall 2009 – Emory University, Atlanta, GA

**Teaching Assistant** – Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101), Culture and Society (SOC 221), Social Research I (SOC 355)

Summer, 2009 – Emory University, Atlanta, GA

**Teaching Assistant** – Study Abroad Program: Comparative Health Systems (SOC 390)

Fall 2001-Spring 2002 – University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

**Teaching Assistant** – Mass Media Industries (for Professor Joe Turow); Argumentation and Public Advocacy (for Professor Katherine Kolbert)

Fall 1998-Spring 1999 – McMaster University, Hamilton, ON

**Teaching Assistant** – Introduction to English (English 101)

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## SERVICE

Fall 2020-present – Emory College GER Committee

Spring 2020 – Emory Scholars Selection Committee (Interviewer)

Spring 2020 – Emory College Graduation Class Speaker Selection Committee (Faculty Member)

Fall 2018-Spring 2019 – Undergraduate Committee in Sociology

Spring 2018 – Chair for SEUSS, The Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium

Spring 2017-present – Math tutor for the Global Village Project, refugee girls school in Decatur, GA

Spring 2016 – co-chair for SEUSS, The Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium

Spring 2014 – Advisor for RISE program (undergraduate Sociology research program)

Fall 2011 – Reviewer for *Poetics* Journal

Spring 2009-Fall 2011 – Emory Library Policy Committee, Graduate Student Representative

Spring 2009 – Moderator for Southern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium; Morehouse College

Fall 2008-Spring 2009 – Emory Sociology Speaker Series Committee

Spring 2007-Fall 2009 – Judge for SIRE Undergraduate Research Presentations

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