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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology and Criminology

2020

Carleton University
Instructor (Adjunct)
Department of Law and Legal Studies

May 2015 – December 2017

EDUCATION

Doctor in Philosophy, Specializing in Legal Studies
Department of Law and Legal Studies
Faculty of Public Affairs
Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario

2019

Masters of Arts, Specializing in Legal Studies
Department of Law and Legal Studies
Faculty of Public Affairs
Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario

2010

Baccalaureate in Social Sciences
Joint Honours in Criminology and Women's Studies
Faculty of Social Sciences
University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario

2007

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Raguparan, M. (2022) Resisting State Violence by Making Room for Police Officers' Benevolence: Canadian Sex Workers of Color Share their Experiences. *Feminist Legal Studies*. doi:10.1007/s10691-022-09498-2
- Law, T., & **Raguparan, M.** (2019/2020) "It's a puzzle you have to do every night": Performing creative problem solving at work in the indoor Canadian sex industry. *Work, Employment and Society*. doi:10.1177/0950017019878325
- Raguparan, M. (2017). "If I'm gonna hack capitalism": Racialized and Indigenous Canadian sex workers' experiences within the Neo-liberal market economy. *Women's Studies International Forum*, 60, 69-76. doi:10.1016/j.wsif.2016.12.003
- Raguparan, M. (2014). (Il)legal subjects? Contested identities of Canadian indoor sex workers. *Multidisciplinary Journal of Gender Studies*, 3(1), 328-350. doi:10.4471/generos.2014.32

Book Chapters

- Raguparan, M. (2023). "Is It Because I'm Not Young and White with Blue Eyes?": Canadian Police Response to Sex Workers of Colour's Experiences of Exploitation and Trafficking. In K. Kempadoo & E. Shih (Eds.), *White Supremacy, Racism, and the Coloniality of Anti-Trafficking*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Raguparan, M. (2020). Victims of State Violence: Indigenous and Women-of- Color Sex Workers Interactions with Law Enforcement in Canada. In E. Woods (Ed.), *Gender Justice and the Law: Theoretical Practices of Intersectional Identity*. Maryland: The Rowman & Littlefield.
- Raguparan, M. (2018). "The Paradox?!": Racialized and Indigenous sex workers' encounters within a capitalist market. In E. M. Durisin, E. v. d. Meulen, & C. Bruckert (Eds.), *Red Light Labour: Sex Work Regulation, Agency, and Resistance*. Vancouver and Toronto: UBC Press.

Book Reviews

- Raguparan, M. (2019). Sex and Stigma: Stories of Everyday Life In Nevada's Legal Brothels by Sarah J. Blithe, Anna W. Wolfe, and Breanna Mohr. *Gender & Society*. doi:10.1177/0891243219866175
- Raguparan, M. (2013). Gopika Solanki: Adjudication in Religious Family Laws: Cultural Accommodation, Legal Pluralism, and Gender Equality in India. *Feminist Legal Studies*. doi:10.1007/s10691-013-9234-0.

Technical Reports

- Raguparan, M. (2022). 'Of course people will hire the white person': Social and economic inclusion of migrant women in Vancouver, Canada. In *GAATW Publications*, edited by Borislav Gerasimov and Sharmila Parmanand. Thailand: GAATW International Secretariat.
<https://www.gaatw.org/resources/publications/1175-canada-fpar-report>
- Raguparan, M. (2020). A Global Scan of non-profit organizations serving Marginalized and Criminalized populations: Examining possibilities to better serve the different needs of sex workers of colour in Vancouver. Vancouver: SWAN Vancouver.
- Currie, A., & **Raguparan, M.** (2013). The Path to Justice in a Court-Based Drug Treatment Program. Ottawa: Government of Canada. http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/csj-sjc/jsp-sjp/rr13_5/
- Beattie, K., Boudreau, V., & **Raguparan, M.** (2013). Representation of visible minorities in the Canadian criminal justice system. Ottawa: Government of Canada.
http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2018/jus/J4-54-2013-eng.pdf
- Fraser, C., **Raguparan, M.**, & Bourdeau, V. (2013). Just Facts: Prevalence of Mental Disorder in the Criminal Justice System. Ottawa: Government of Canada
- A. Solecki and **M. Raguparan** (2011). Extradition: An analysis of case processing time from request to outcome. Ottawa: Government of Canada.
- M. Raguparan**, N. Quann, and A. Millar (2010). Clandestine Laboratories and Marijuana Grow Operations: First Responders' Views and Experiences. Ottawa: Government of Canada.
- McDonald, S., Northcott, M., & **Raguparan, M.** (2010). The Federal Victim Surcharge in Saskatchewan. Internal Publication. Ottawa: Government of Canada.
http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/cj-jp/victim/rr10_vic2/rr10_vic2.pdf

Under Review

Raguparan, M. Anu's Story: Complexities and Contradictions.

Raguparan, M. "So, I mean blond hair, light skin, that's what sells, right": Canadian Sex Workers of Color Navigating the Racial Hierarchy of Demand. In B. Barton, B. Brents & A. Jones (Eds.), SEX WORK: Erotic Labor in the 21st Century. New York: New York University Press.

Working Papers

Raguparan, M. South Asian Diaspora in the Canadian Sex Industry: Negotiating and Contesting the Multiple Identities.

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Courses Taught at UNCW

CRM 105 – Introduction to Criminal Justice System
CRM/SOC 506- Qualitative Data Analysis (Graduate)
HON 110- Law, Citizenship, and the City
CRM 370 -Racialization and the Criminal Justice System
CRM 360 - Criminological Theory
CRM/SOC 255 -
Criminology

Courses Taught at Carleton

LAWS 3000- Women in the Legal
Process
LAWS 2908- Approaches in Legal Studies
I
LAWS 2003 -Canadian Criminal Justice System

Students Mentored at UNCW

MA Thesis Supervisor – 3 students
First Year Research Experience (FYRE) Program – 4 students

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Raguparan, M. (2021) South Asian Diaspora in the Canadian Sex Industry: Negotiating and Contesting the Multiple Identities. Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting – "Crisis, Healing, and Re-imagining." Virtual conference.

Raguparan, M. (2021) Gender, Migration and Work: Vancouver Experiences. Paper presented at the 65th annual meeting of the NGO Commission on Status of Women, New York – Virtual forum

Raguparan, M. (2020) "Is It Because I'm Not Young and White with Blue Eyes?" Canadian Police Response to Sex Workers of Colour's Experiences of Exploitation and Trafficking. Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting – "Rules and Resistance." Virtual conference.

Raguparan, M. (2019) Making and Unmaking the Victim: Racialized and Indigenous Indoor Sex Workers' Encounters with Law Enforcement. Paper presented at an international interdisciplinary workshop on "The Police and Sex work – then and now." Berlin, Germany.

Raguparan, M. (2019) Racialized and Indigenous Indoor Sex Workers' Encounters with Law Enforcement. Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting – "DIGNITY." Washington, D.C.

- Raguparan, M. (2018) Racialized Canadian indoor sex workers speak out: Identity, Agency and Resistance. Paper presented at the “Tamil Pluralities.” Tamil Studies Symposium, York University, Toronto, Canada.
- Raguparan, M. (2018) Policing Racialized and Indigenous Indoor Sex Workers in the Context of Anti-Trafficking Enforcement. Paper presented at the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law – “The Scourge of Trafficking in the 21st Century: Trafficking in humans, drugs, wildlife, and trafficking in antiques to fund terrorism.” Montreal, Canada.
- Raguparan, M. (2018) Racialized and Indigenous sex workers and the Canadian Sex Workers Rights Movement. Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting – “Law At The Crossroads: Le Droit À La Croisée Des Chemins.” Toronto, Canada.
- Raguparan, M. (2017) Racialized and Indigenous sex worker in the Neo-Liberal Economy. Paper presented at the Law and Society Association International Meeting – “WALLS, BORDERS, AND BRIDGES: Law and Society in an Inter-Connected World.” Mexico City, Mexico.
- Raguparan, M and Law, T. (2017) “It’s a puzzle you have to do every night”: Performing Creative Problem Solving at Work in the Sex Industry. Paper co-presented at Critical Criminology/Representing Justice Conference – A joint National Conference of Critical Perspective and Social Justice (Carleton University/ University of Ottawa) and the Centre for interdisciplinary Justice Research (University of Winnipeg). University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada.
- Raguparan, M. (2017). It’s based on skills, stigma and clients: Marketing Strategies of Racialized and Indigenous Canadian indoor Sex Workers’. Paper presented at the international conference on “Displacing Sex for Sale” – ProsPol COST ACTION project, Aalborg University at Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Raguparan, M. (2016). Strategic Resistance or False Consciousness: Canadian Indoor Sex Workers Speak Their Mind. Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting – “AT THE DELTA: Belonging, Place and Visions of Law and Social Change.” New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Raguparan, M. (2016). Police Perceptions, Attitudes and Interactions: The Case of Racialized Indoor Sex Workers in Canada. Paper presented at the New Directions in Critical Criminology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.
- Raguparan, M. (2016). Ambivalent Identities of Canadian Off-Street Sex Workers of Colour: (In)visibility, Passing and Performing. Paper presented at the 4th Postgraduate Sex Work Conference, University of Leeds, Leeds, United Kingdom.
- Raguparan, M. (2015). Sex Workers of Colour: Patriarchal Discourses and Practices in their Everyday Encounters Paper presented at the Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes Association, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Diversity and Inclusion Fellow

Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion
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2022 -

Member

Search Committee

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Member

M.A. Admissions Committee
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Member

Departmental Handbook Committee
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Member

Collaborative Research Network Co-ordinating Committee
Law and Society Association **2019 -**

Founder and Co-chair

Collaborative Research Network – Sex, Work, Law and Society (CRN#6)
Law and Society Association **2016 -**