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Personal

Born on May 20, 1976, Indian Citizen (F1 Visa)

Languages: English, Hindi/Urdu, Marathi

Education

BSc, Microbiology, Bombay University, 1996.

MSc, Molecular Biology, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay University, 1999.
Genetic and behavioral studies on mutations affecting synaptic function in *Drosophila melanogaster*.
Advisor: K.S.Krishnan

PhD, Neurobiology, Duke University, 2005
A Spatiotemporal Frequency Perspective on the Columnar Organization of Population Activity in Visual Cortex. Advisor: David Fitzpatrick

PhD, Economics, University of Massachusetts, 2011 (expected)
Valuing Lokavidya: A knowledge-centered analysis of the informal economy. Advisors: James K. Boyce and J. Mohan Rao.

Fields of Interest

Primary: Development Economics, Political Economy, Feminist Economics

Secondary: Macroeconomics, Postcolonial Theory, Gandhi's Economic Thought

Fellowships and Awards

Spring 2011: Political Economy Research Institute (PERI) Dissertation Fellowship

Dec 2009: Solomon Barkin Award (UMass Department of Economics) for "research that concerns problems faced by working people and/or trade unions, and that has the potential to contribute to improving the conditions of working people."

2009-10: American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) Dissertation Research Fellowship for "Whose Knowledge Counts? Artisanal Autonomy & Lokavidya in Varanasi's Informal Economy."

2005-06: University of Massachusetts, Graduate School Fellowship.

Fall 2001: Joanne and Irving Diamond Teaching Award (Neurobiology).

Teaching

Academic Courses: Full Responsibility

Summer 2009	The Economic Crisis and the Case for a Solidarity Economy (online)
Spring 2009	Marxian Economics
Winter 2009	Intermediate Macroeconomics
Fall 2008	Introduction to Political Economy
Summer 2008	What's The Economy For, Anyway? (online)
Spring 2008	Principles of Microeconomics
Fall 2007	Economic Development

Academic Courses: Teaching Assistant

Fall 2010	Intermediate Macroeconomics
Spring 2007	Marxian Economics
Spring 2007	Introduction to Macroeconomics
Fall 2006	Money and Banking
Spring 2003	Motion: Physiology and Psychophysics
Fall 2001	Concepts in Neuroscience

Popular Workshops and Guest Lectures

Mar 2011: Guest Lecture on "Artisans of Banaras" at UMass-Boston in the course "Reading Banaras: Reading India," taught by Prof. Ananya Vajpeyi.

Feb 2011: Guest lecture on "Gandhi's Economic Ideas" at Hamilton College, Clinton, NY in a course on the Indian Economy, taught by Dr. Arpita Banerjee.

July 2009: Co-teacher, Center for Popular Economics (CPE) Summer Institute for activists

May 2008: Co-teacher, CPE participatory 2-day workshop on "Why we need a Solidarity Economy." At the Highlander Research and Education Center, New Market, Tennessee.

Aug 2007: Co-teacher, CPE participatory 1-day workshop on "Shifts in Economic Frameworks and Policy Implications: Keynesian versus Neo-Liberal Economics" at The Drum Major Institute Summer School, New York.

July 2006: Lecture on "Race, Class and Gender in Capitalism" as participating scholar in Project 2050, a summer program for high school students run by the New World Theater, Univ. of Mass.

July 2006: Co-teacher, CPE 1-day participatory workshop on "Rising Caseloads, Shrinking Resources: What's Driving These Trends?," at The Social Welfare Institute of Monmouth University, New Jersey.

July 2006: Co-teacher, CPE Summer Institute for activists.

Academic Writing

Book Chapters

Gandhian Economics in a Knowledge Society, in Tara Sethia and Anjana Narayan eds. *Rediscovering Gandhian Wisdom, Building a Peaceful Future*. Penguin India, forthcoming.

The Phantom of Liberty: Mo(der)nism and Postcolonial Imaginations in India (with Rajesh Bhattacharya), in Rajani Kanth ed., *The Challenge of Eurocentrism: Global Perspectives, Policy, and Prospects*. NY: Palgrave Macmillan. 2009

Eurocentrism, the University and Multiplicity of Knowledge Production Sites, in Edu-Factory Collective ed., *Toward a Global Autonomous University: Cognitive Labor, The Production of Knowledge and Exodus from the Education Factory* NY: Autonomedia. 2009

Cortical Cartography Revisited: A Frequency Perspective on the Functional Architecture of Visual Cortex (with Kreft-Kerekes V, White LE and Fitzpatrick D). In Martinez-Conde et al, eds. *Visual Perception Part 1: Fundamentals of Vision: Low and Mid-Level Processes in Perception*, Elsevier Science. 2006

Journal Articles

Basole A (forthcoming) Whose Knowledge Counts? Reinterpreting Gandhi for the Information Age. *International Journal of Gandhi Studies*

Basole A and Basu D (2011) Relations of Production and Modes of Surplus Extraction in India, forthcoming in *Economic and Political Weekly*

Basole A (2010). The Technology Question in Lohia, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol 45, No.44, pp. 106-111.

Sanyal S, Consoulos C, Kuromi H, Basole A, Mukai L, Kidokoro Y, Krishnan KS and Ramaswami M (2005) Analysis of conditional paralytic mutants in *Drosophila* SERCA reveals novel mechanisms for regulating membrane excitability, *Genetics*, 169(2):737-50.

Basole A, White LE and Fitzpatrick D (2003) Mapping multiple features in the population response of visual cortex, *Nature*, 423:986-990.

Sanyal S, Basole A and Krishnan KS (1999) Phenotypic interaction between temperature sensitive paralytic mutants comatose and paralytic suggests a role for N- ethylmaleimide sensitive fusion factor in synaptic vesicle cycling in *Drosophila*, *Journal of Neuroscience*, 19:RC47 (1-5).

Sanyal S and Basole A (1999) Neural complexity underlying simple behavior (review), *Journal of Bioscience*, 24:255-257.

Book Reviews

Review of "Economics for Everyone: A Short Guide to the Economics of Capitalism" by Jim Stanford, Pluto Press, 2008. *Review of Radical Political Economics*, forthcoming.

Review of "Internet and Society: Social Theory in the Information Age" by Christian Fuchs, Routledge, 2008. *Review of Radical Political Economics*, 42:4, 557-560 (Fall 2010).

Review of "Eastern Origins of Western Civilization" by John Hobson, Cambridge University Press, 2004. *Review of Radical Political Economics*, 39:609-612 (Fall 2007).

Review of "Reclaiming Nature: Environmental Justice and Ecological Restoration" edited by James Boyce, Sunita Narain and Elizabeth Stanton, Anthem Press, 2007. *Heterodox Economic Newsletter*, June 2008.

Presentations and Working Papers

"Freedom that doesn't fill the stomach": Production Relations and Artisanal Knowledge in Indian Weaving," *Eastern Economic Association Meetings*, New York, Feb 2011.

"Artisanal Weaving and Geographical Indications, the Case of Banaras, India." *Market as Commons Workshop*, Univ. of North Carolina, Dept. of Anthropology, September 2010.

"Knowledge Satyagraha: Towards a People's Knowledge Movement." Talk at the *Critical Point of View Wikipedia Conference*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, March 2010, <http://vimeo.com/10800206>

"How Should Radical Political Economists Think About Neuroeconomics?" *Eastern Economics Association Meetings*, Feb. 2009, New York.

"Knowledge, Work and Education." Paper presented at a conference on *The Emerging Organization of Knowledge and the Future of Universities*, at the 32nd Indian Social Science Congress, Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi, December 2008.

Popular Writing

Subverting Our Epics: Mani Ratnam's Retelling of the Ramayan, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol 45, No. 29, July 17-23, 2010

The Global University in Crisis: Knowledge Struggles in Europe and USA, Sanhati, May 2010

The Almond Workers of Karawal Nagar: A Report, Sanhati, January 2010

Three Days in the Cauldron: Dantewada on the eve of a Padayatra, Sanhati, December 2009.

The People's Movement Left and Ram Manohar Lohia: An evaluation in a time of crisis, Sanhati, June 2009

Do the world's poor countries finance the rich ones? CPE EconAtrocity Bulletin, January, 2007

Some reflections on knowledge hierarchies and the autonomous university, Edufactory Discussion on the Global Autonomous University.

Works Translated

Hindi to English: Nandigram and the Blind Faith in Industrialization from Hindi Journal "Samayik Varta", June 2007.

English to Hindi: Buddhist Economics by Fritz Schumacher, translated for The Schumacher Society.

Activism

2010-present: Member, Edu-Factory Collective

2009- present: Member, Sanhati Collective

2006- present: Staff Economist, Center for Popular Economics. Amherst, MA.

2005 - present: Member, Vidya Ashram, Varanasi, India.

2006 - 2008: Member, Steering Committee, World Peace Congress

2001- 2004: Projects Coordinator, Association for India's Development (AID), Duke University Chapter

References

James. K. Boyce, PhD, Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA; Tel: 413-545-0915; Email: boyce@econs.umass.edu

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