

## EDUCATION

- 2019-2021 **DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO** Chicago, IL  
*PhD in Anthropology, MA in Anthropology, Graduate concentration in Gender and Women's Studies, Certification in Geospatial Analysis and Visualization*
- University Fellowship awardee (2019-2024), NSF REG Data Collection Grant, Rothschild Award for Geography, Mary B. Bialas Award, Charles Reed Award
  - Dissertation research (2021-2024): Conducted participant observation along multimodal transport routes and surveyed 100 female commuters. Performed 50 ethnographic interviews with female undergraduates, faculty, and transport officials. Trained RA to help with participant recruitment and transcription.
- 2011-2015 **INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MADRAS** Chennai, India  
*(Integrated) MA in Development Studies, Minor: Operations Research, GRE Scores: 324/340*
- MA Project (2015-2016): Conducted 15 expert interviews, participant observation and thematic media analysis
  - Secured ISEC Summer Research Fellowship (2014) managed projects and events for NSS campus chapter

## EXPERIENCE

- 2024 - 2025 **OFFICE OF RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, UIC** Chicago, IL  
**Research Assistant (Aug 2024 – Present)**
- Support administration for pre-award research projects for federal agencies (NSF, NIH, NEH, NASA) managing timelines, checking for compliance, and collaborating with PIs, budget officers and college administration
- 2018-2019 **CONNECT-HUMAN LLP** Chennai, India  
**Co-founder; Head, Research and Communications (Oct 2018 – Jan 2019)**
- Led market and UX research through literature review, and social psychological assessments including implicit association testing, and psychometric testing
  - Created content for user interface and company website and mentored 1 intern on corporate communication.
- 2018-2019 **OKAPI RESEARCH ADVISORY CO.** Chennai, India  
**Research Associate (Oct 2018 – Jan 2019)**
- Developed a [Resilience Strategy](#), adopted by Greater Chennai Corporation in 2019, for client 100 Resilient Cities on Healthy and Planned Urbanization section with 24 recommended actions spread across 4 goals of resilient urban planning, waste management, and transit-oriented development through participatory mapping and expert interviews (15+)
- 2016-2017 **BROOKINGS INSTITUTION INDIA CENTER** Delhi, India  
**Research Assistant (Sept 2016 – Nov 2017)**
- Co-ordinated logistics and social media for 10 Development Seminars and mentored 5 interns under Development Economics vertical
  - Facilitated interviews with 10+ consultants, 6 SPVs, and embassy reps, synthesizing insights for report overseeing entire project from proposal to end. Authored 5 published articles, contributing to policy discussions and research communications on India's Smart Cities Mission

## RELEVANT CONFERENCES

- "Mobility And the Mobile Phone: Cell Phone as An Ethnographer's Tool and Subject". Paper Presented at Chicago Ethnography Conference: Ethnography and Qualitative Literacy: Communicating Research in Uncertain Times. Virtual. 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022
- "Madurai Mobilities: Examining Gendered Mobility Through Mobile Media". *Panel: Techno-Human Narrations*. Organized And Presented at Society for Social Studies in Science. Hybrid. 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
- with Sreenidhi Krishnan. "Language Games: The Transnational Digital Engagements & Socio-Cultural Implications of South Indian Matrimonial Linguistic Landscapes." Association For Asian Studies 2022 Annual Conference. Virtual Conference March 2022.
- With Krishnan, Sreenidhi "When the Try Guys Post: The Pleasures and Vulnerabilities of a Digital Media Fandom." Mental Health, The Pandemic, And Fandom. Fan Studies Network – North America Virtual Conference October 2021.

## SOFTWARE

NVIVO • STATA • SPSS • LATEX • ODK Collect • Qualtrics • ArcGIS Pro • ArcGIS • QGIS • Open Street Maps • ArcGIS Fieldmaps • ArcGIS Storymaps • Adobe Illustrator • Adobe InDesign • Airtable • Wordpress • Emma Marketing • Slack • MS Office Suite

## HOBBIES

Storyteller certified by World Storytelling Institute; Trained in the Carnatic tradition as a violinist and vocalist.