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## Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Sociology, University of Tennessee-Knoxville (2008-  
Current)

Assistant Professor, Sociology, Western Kentucky University (2006-08)

## Education

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**  
Ph. D, Sociology, August 2006

**Jawaharlal Nehru University, India**  
M. Phil, Sociology, July 2000  
M.A., Sociology, July 1998

**University of Calcutta, India**  
B.A. (Honors), English, 1996

## Peer Reviewed Publications

### Journals

**Banerjee, Damayanti** and Sheila L. Steinberg. 2015. "Exploring Spatial and Cultural Discourses in Environmental Justice Movements: A Study of Two Communities." *Journal of Rural Studies*. Vol 39 (June): 41-50.  
doi:10.1016/j.jrurstud.2015.03.005

**Banerjee, Damayanti**. 2014. "Toward an Integrative Framework for Environmental Justice Research: A Synthesis and Extension of the Literature." *Society and Natural Resources*. 27 (8): 805-819.

**Banerjee, Damayanti**. 2013. "Environmental Justice and the State: Expert Knowledge and Local Discourses in an Environmental Justice Movement." *Environmental Justice*. 6(5): 183-187.

**Banerjee, Damayanti**. 2013. "Understanding Environmental Inequalities: A Cross-Disciplinary Review of Research Approaches." *Environmental Justice*. Vol 6(4): 140-144.

**Banerjee, Damayanti**. 2013. "Developing Poverty: Democratic Reforms and Bureaucratic Failures in State Policies in India". Special Issue on Social Theory

and History. *Current Perspectives in Social Theory*. [Review Essay]. 31: 299-308.

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** 2012. "Narrating Place, Negotiating History: The Politics of Place in Land Between the Rivers." *Local Environment: International Journal of Justice and Sustainability*. 17 (10): 1074-1088.

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** 2012. "Just Places: Creating a Space for Place in Environmental Justice." *Societies without Borders: Human Rights and the Social Sciences*. 7 (2): 165-191.

**Banerjee, Damayanti** and Michael M. Bell. 2007. "Ecogender: Constructing Gender in Environmental Social Sciences." *Society and Natural Resources*. 20 (1): 3-19

\*Lead Article

Gasteyer, Stephen P., Cornelia B. Flora, Edith Fernandez-Baca, **Damayanti Banerjee**, Stacy Bastian, and Silvia Aleman, Margaret Kroma and Alison Mears. 2002. "Community Participation for Conservation and Development of Natural Resources: A Summary of Literature and Report of Research Finding." *Delta Development Journal*. Vol 1 (2): p. 57-75.

#### Book Chapters

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** 2008. "Environmental Rights." In Judith Blau, David Brunsma, Alberto Moncada & Catherine Zimmer (eds.). *The Leading Rogue State: The U.S. and Human Rights*. Paradigm Publications.

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** 2008. "(Re)imagining the Local in Global Environmental Narratives: The Story of Between the Rivers." In S. Dasgupta (ed). *Understanding Global Environments*. Sage Publications.

**Banerjee, Damayanti** and Michael M. Bell. 2008. "Environmental Justice." In Richard T. Schafer (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society*. Sage Publications.

Flora, Cornelia; Gasteyer, Stephen; Fernandez-Baca, Edith; **Banerji, Damayanti**; Bastian, Stacy; Aleman, Silvia. 2002. *Participacion Local En Investigacion Y Extensión Para La Conservación Y Desarrollo De Recursos Naturales: Sumario De Enfoques*. (Translated by Hugio M. Casariego), published as a book by the Maestría Sociologia Rural Latinoamericana, Argentina.

#### Book Reviews

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** 2012. "Recycling Reconsidered: The Present Failure and Future Promise of Environmental Action in the United States", by Samantha MacBride. *Social Forces*. doi: 10.1093/sf/sos170

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** 2010. "Red to Green: Environmental Activism in Post-Soviet Russia", by Laura A. Henry. *American Journal of Sociology*. 116 (3):1024-1025.

*Papers Under Preparation*

Hysjulien, Liam and **Damayanti Banerjee.** Under Review. "Waiting For a Disaster:" Food Regimes, Food Disasters, and Food Traumas. (Ready for Submission)

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** Under Review. "Ecoregulatory State Perspective: A Conceptual Framework." (Ready for Submission)

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** "Ethnography of an Environmental Movement: A Simmelian Approach."

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** Justice or Ethics? Aldo Leopold and the Environmental Justice Debates.

**Non-Peer Reviewed Publications**

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** 2006. "Between the Rivers: Reconstructing Environmental and Social Histories of Struggle." *The Rural Sociologist*. March-April. 26 (1): 29-31

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** 2006. "Emplacing the Local: Identity Formation and Sense of Place in Between the Rivers." *Regeneration!* Summer Issue. College of Natural Resources: UC Berkeley

**Unpublished Manuscripts**

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** "Between the Rivers: Reconstructing Social and Environmental Histories of a Forest Community." (Doctoral Dissertation)

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** "Punjabi Ethnolinguistic Identity in India and United Kingdom: A Comparative Analysis." (Masters' Thesis)

**Fellowships & Grants**

**Scholarly and Research Incentive Fund**, Office of Research, University of Tennessee Knoxville, 2013

Faculty Fellow, **Junior Faculty Research Fellowship**, Western Kentucky University, 2006-2007

Doctoral Fellowship, **Ford Foundation Community Forestry Program**, Ford Foundation & the College of Natural Resources, University of California, Berkeley, 2005-2006

**Evelyn Crowe Dissertation Research Grant**, Department of Rural Sociology University of Wisconsin –Madison, 2005-2006

**Dissertation Travel Grant**, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2005-2006

**Rural Sociological Society Dissertation Endowment Grant**, Rural Sociological Society, 2004

**Eugene Havens Foundation Dissertation Fellowship**, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2004

**Raymond J. Penn Dissertation Fellowship**, Land Tenure Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2004

**Rural Sociological Society Minority Travel Grant**, Rural Sociological Society, 2004

**Evelyn Crowe Travel Scholarship**, Department of Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2004

**Rural Sociological Society Minority Travel Grants**, Rural Sociological Society, 2004

**Evelyn Crowe Travel Scholarship**, Department of Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2003

## **Honors & Awards**

Section Chair and Faculty Fellow, Deliberative Democracy Section, Center for Social Justice, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, 2010-current

Pass with Distinction (highest honors), Environmental Sociology Preliminary Qualifying Exam, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2003

**George H. & Maude Drew Von Tungen Outstanding Student Award**, Department of Sociology, Iowa State University, 2002

**Thielen Family Foundation International Scholarship Award**, Global Studies Program, Iowa State University, 2002

**Women's Studies Travel Award**, Department of Women's Studies, Iowa State University, 2002

First Class (highest honors) Master of Philosophy (Sociology), Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, 2000

**National Eligibility Award for Lectureship**, University Grants Commission, India, 2000

First Class (highest honors), Master of Arts (Sociology), Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, 1999

#### **Invited Lectures**

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** Invited Speaker. "Science, Ethics, and Justice: Reconsiderations and New Directions." National Science Foundation sponsored Workshop. San Francisco State University. 2011

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** Invited Speaker. Community Forestry Research and Environmental Partnership (CFERP), Land Between the Rivers, KY. 2007

#### **Conference Presentations**

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** 2013. "Unequal Environments: Theorizing Environmental Justice." Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.

Chen, Chien-Fei, Yang Li, and **Damayanti Banerjee.** 2012. Exploring Social-psychological Factors Related to Energy Conservation Behavior among Chinese Employees. American Sociological Association. Denver, CO.

**Banerjee Damayanti.** Justice as Rights: Revisiting Environmental Justice Theory. Special Panel on "New Frontiers of Environmental Justice Studies and Struggles." American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** Moving In and Out of My Skin: An Ethnographer's Personal Journey. American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** The Accidental Catastrophe: TVA's Fly Ash Spill in an Era of Normal Accidents. Rural Sociological Society. Madison WI.

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** 2007. "Building Justice, Building Democracy: Reconceptualizing the Environmental Justice Framework." Faculty Diversity and Environmental Justice Symposium. School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan Ann Arbor

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** 2005. "Land Between the Rivers: Narrating the Environmental and Social Histories of a Forest Community." Rural Sociological Society, Tampa, FL

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** 2004. "Between the Rivers: Reconstructing the Natural and Social Histories of Struggle." American Sociological Association. San Francisco, 2004 Banerjee, Damayanti, Michael M. Bell, Steve Stevenson, and Josh Posner. "Sustainable Farming in Wisconsin: A Complex System Analysis." Rural Sociological Society. Sacramento

**Banerjee, Damayanti** and Aya Hirata Kimura. 2003. "Governmentalizing Nature: The Case of Bt. Cotton in India." American Sociological Association. Atlanta

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** 2002. "Claiming One's Space: Gender Identity Construction among Immigrant South Asian Women in the United States." International Sociological Association. Brisbane

**Banerjee, Damayanti,** Silvia Aleman and Kutlwano Mulale. 2002. "Environmental Policy Analysis in a Globalized Third World: Comparative Study of India, Mexico and Botswana." International Sociological Association. Brisbane

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** 2002. "Miracle Seeds': Application of Foucault's Power/Knowledge Concept in Analyzing the Shift from Local Knowledge System to the Corporate Knowledge System in Third World Agriculture." Rural Sociological Society. Chicago

**Banerjee, Damayanti** and Michael M. Bell. 2001. "Ecogender: Constructing Gender in Ecological Debate." Rural Sociological Society. Albuquerque

**Banerjee, Damayanti** and Cornelia B. Flora. 2001. "Shared Vision: A Journey from Power to Empowerment" Rural Sociological Society. Albuquerque

**Banerjee, Damayanti** and Michael M. Bell. 2001. "Home Ecologies: Reviewing an Old Discipline in a New Way." Agriculture and Human Values Society. Minneapolis

**Banerjee, Damayanti.** 2001. "Sikh Ethnolinguistic Identity in India and United Kingdom: A Structuralist Analysis." Midwest Sociological Society. St. Louis

**Professional  
Affiliations**

*American Sociological Association*  
*Rural Sociological Society*

**Teaching**

Undergraduate Courses:  
Introductory Sociology (2006, 2007, 2008)  
Introduction to Social Justice (2008, 2009, 2011)

American Racial & Ethnic Minorities (2005)  
 Rural and Urban Communities (2006)  
 Introduction to Community and Environmental Sociology (2006)  
 Rural Sociology (2006)  
 Social Inequalities (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 2013 2014)  
 Environment and Resources (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)  
 Introduction to the Study of Environmental Issues (2015)

*Graduate Courses:*

Foundations of Environmental Sociology (2010)  
 Advanced Studies in Environmental Sociology: Environmental Movements  
 (2010)  
 Pedagogy and Graduate Instruction (2012)

**Advising &  
 Committee  
 Membership  
 (Graduate)**

*\*PhD Committees:*

Tony VanWinkle. Graduated (2014). Dissertation Research Topic: Communities of Abundance: Sociality, Sustainability, and the Solidarity Economies of Local food Related Business Networks in Knoxville, Tennessee

Alex Stoner. Graduated (2013). Dissertation Research Topic: Sociobiophysicality and the Cold War Origins of Contemporary Ecological Subjectivity

Carmel Price. Graduated (2011). Dissertation Research Topic: The intersection of gender and environmental concern: A comprehensive study including a meta-analysis, testing for mediating and moderating effects, and focus groups

Harwood Schaffer. Graduated (2010). Dissertation Research Topic: The Assumption of Non-coerciveness and the Total Food Market

Regina White Benedict. Graduated (2009). Dissertation Research Topic: Giving Back Not Giving Up: Generativity Among Older Female Inmates

*\*Masters' Committees:*

Hysjulien, Liam. Graduated. Masters' Thesis Topic: Growing a Local Movement: New Social Movements, Food, and Activism

Nicholas Zeller. Graduated. Masters' Research Topic: The Mekong River Commission and Lao PDR: The Role of a Transnational Regulatory Organization in Creating Southeast Asian Waterscapes

Lindsey Dixon. Graduated. Masters' Research Topic: Public Trust in the Mass Media

**Advising**  
**(Undergraduate)**

\*Undergraduate Advisees:  
7 (2009), 15 (2010), 27 (2011), 25 (2012), 25(2013), 20(2014), 10(2015)

**Professional**  
**Service**

Service as a Reviewer for Peer Reviewed Journals

*American Journal of Sociology, Social Forces, Rural Sociology, Social Problems, Social Currents, Sociological Theory, Sociological Quarterly, Environmental Politics, Environmental Justice, Humanity & Society Population & Environment, Human Ecology, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, Journal of Rural Studies, Social Currents, Theory, Culture & Society*

**Department &**  
**University Service**

Steering Committee Member, American Studies Program, University of Tennessee-Knoxville (2012-current)

Faculty Fellow and Chair, Deliberative Democracy Subsection, Center for Social Justice, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (2010-current)

Department Representative, Dean's Advisory Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee-Knoxville (2010-2012)

Elected Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee-Knoxville (2010-2014)

Faculty Coordinator, Graduate Colloquium, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee-Knoxville (2010-2011)

Affiliated Faculty, Interdisciplinary Theory Certificate, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Member, PhD Comprehensive Exam Committee for Environmental Sociology

Member, Ad Hoc Committee for Distinguished Alumni Award (2011)

Member, Academic Standing Committee, Western Kentucky University (2006-2007)



**Service to the  
Field of Sociology**

Treasurer (elected), Environment and Technology Section, American Sociological Association (2011-2014)

Council Member, Environment and Technology Section, American Sociological Association (2011-2014)

Member, Nominations Committee, Environment and Technology Section, American Sociological Association (2011-2012)

Member, Allan Schnaiberg Outstanding Publications Committee, Environment and Technology Section, American Sociological Association (2010-2011)

Member, Nominations Committee, Environment and Technology Section, American Sociological Association (2010-2011)

Member, Diversity Committee, Rural Sociological Society (2008-2011)

Member, Natural Resource Research Group, Rural Sociological Society (2005-2006)

Expert Advisor, Advisory Panel, Effects of Technological Disasters on Dimensions of Social Capital: A Longitudinal Study of the 2008 TVA Kingston Fossil Plant Ash Release. Disaster Research Institute, University of Colorado (Project funded by the National Science Foundation)

Presider, Environment & Technology Roundtables, "Food, Agriculture, and Environment." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (2014)

Presider, Environment & Technology Roundtables, "Environmental Perceptions, Attitudes, and Behavior." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (2012)

Discussant, "Sociological Perspectives on Human Rights," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (2012)