



#### Candidate statement:

I was hired at Cornell as an assistant professor over ten years ago to teach and research in what was considered a new field for my department, South Asian history, which consolidated Cornell's already existing strengths in scholarship on Asia. I was part of an expansion in the faculty in the early 2000s and also a partner hire. These professional and personal parts of my biography make me cognizant of the importance of academic innovation, which I believe go along with diversity and inclusion. I have been involved with various interdisciplinary initiatives in the South Asia Program, the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, the Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Program, the Society for the Humanities, and the Institute for Social Sciences. I am proud that interdisciplinarity, particularly in the humanities and social sciences, has long been a hallmark of Cornell's culture of learning and I am excited that internationalization has become a top priority. I am keen to continue to support collaboration and cooperation between faculty and students across the different units of the university. Even as we face a period of fiscal retrenchment, our shared goals of innovation, inclusion, and interdisciplinarity should be central to questions of faculty governance.

#### Biographical statement:

I am associate professor of history and affiliated with Asian Studies and Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Cornell. I teach and research modern South Asian history, which includes the nations of the Indian subcontinent. I focus on the history of colonial governance and law, gender, sexuality, and have recently begun work on the two new projects, one on tensions between security and democracy and another on civic disputes over the public memorials and commemorations. I am the author of *Sex and the Family in Colonial India: the making of empire* and with Dane Kennedy, the co-editor of *Decentering Empire: Britain, India and the Transcolonial World* as well as over a dozen chapters and articles in volumes such as *Archive Stories*, the *Oxford Handbook of the History of Terrorism*, the *American Historical Review*, *Gender and History*, and *Modern Asian Studies*. I have served as director of graduate studies in history, as a member and chair of the Humanities Council, as a member and co-chair of the Academic Integrity Hearing Board, as acting director of the South Asia Program, and as a member of the Faculty Advisory Committee on Tenure Appointments (FACTA). I have been fortunate to be the recipient of the Robert and Helen Appel Fellowships for Humanists and Social Scientists (2008) and the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly prize for mentoring and advising (2015), as well as a number of prestigious extramural fellowships.