



# AAUW California

## AAUW Fund Event

### October 15, 2022



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# Welcome and Introductions



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## Coerced Liberation: Muslim Women in Soviet Tajikistan

*San Diego State University  
Comparative and International Studies, History*





Song by Manizha

**Forced Liberation:**

Case study of Soviet Tajikistan, 1920s-1980s

**Speaker:** Zamira Abman, PhD

# Tajikistan



# Research questions:

- What happens when an outside force attempts to modernize a society deeply rooted in centuries of religious traditions and values?
- In what ways can a devout religious rural community respond to, survive and adapt to attacks by an authoritarian regime?
- How does a state-centered, top-down approach toward women's emancipation work?





# Research Methods/Sources

- An interdisciplinary research methodology
- In Russian, Tajik (dialect of Farsi), and Uzbek
- Three archives of the Tajik Republic: the Central State Archive, the Communist Party Archive and the Regional State Archive of Sugd (former Leninabad State Archive).
- The Tajik National Library and the Tajik Academy of Sciences library
- Oral history interviews

## Briefly today:

- The role of the state in determining gender relations
- The role of the male elite, Islamic practices, ethnic, and class considerations in the Soviet emancipation campaign
- Women beneficiaries-advocates for women's rights (Turkey and Tunisia)
- Lack of women's advocacy groups in the post-Soviet Tajikistan

# Becoming Soviet

- The dramatic transformation
- Sovietization through Russification
- Detached from their own ethnicity...
- In competition with European women
- Native women professionals--minority with limited authority





# The Soviet Emancipation of women campaign

*“The saucepan is the enemy of the party cell”*

*“8th of March is the day of the rebellion of the working women against the kitchen slavery.”*

*“Down with the oppression and narrow-mindedness of the household work!”*

# The Bolsheviks in Tajikistan

**The zhenotdel:** the Communist Party Women's Department emancipation of Muslim women (1924-1930):

- The unveiling campaign (1927)
- The abolition of religious traditions
- Education
- Social welfare programs



Urban women wearing *paranji* in Turkestan in the 1920s





The Bolshevik  
emancipation campaign  
of Muslim women—The  
*Khujum*, 1920s-1930s

Stalin and a Tajik girl,  
Mamlakat Nahangova

# Rural women of Soviet Tajikistan

- The highest rate of early marriage
- The highest birth rate in the entire Soviet Union
- Early marriages--longer fertility periods--large families
- Combine work at home and childrearing with full-time work
- Lack of education—stuck in manual jobs
- Rural girls-- household chores and caring for siblings
- Rural girls rarely completing secondary school

# Muslim women leaders

- Tajik women leaders - not from traditional backgrounds
- Social attitudes rejected and judged those who broke traditional gender concepts
- Native women leaders were a small minority



Guljahon Bobosadykova



Nizoramoh Zaripova





# Learned to speak “Bolshevik”

Nizoramoh Zaripova:

“I worked in the Supreme Soviet Council of Tajikistan for twenty years, including as the chair in 1982-84. I never left work early...The Soviet regime gave us freedom and paved our way into the future. Tajik women earned an independent voice. We were finally able to say “I.” Nobody predicted that we would prove ourselves the way we have, in leadership positions, the arts and sciences and all kinds of academic jobs.”



Nizoramoh Zaripova:

# European women's advantage

“This was a common mentality of the time, Tajik women were considered incapable of mental labor. When I started working in this organization, I started at the same time as my Russian colleague, but she made more money than I did, only because she was Russian. She was regarded as more qualified. The person who determined our salaries was a Tajik man, the head of our organization.”

Interview with Dzhamilya Ismailova conducted by Zamira Abman (October 2012).



A European woman visitor sitting next to a Tajik woman

## Some conclusions:

- Trapped between the state's orders, family expectations, community norms
- Enforced by men and women
- Not observing traditional norms social suicide
- Unappealing prospects to replicate
- A unique generation without successors
- The Soviet state opened some doors but closed others



## Eurovision song, Russian women by Manizha

- Product of the Soviet emancipation of women
- Tajik born singer, Manizha
- Represented Russian Federation at the Eurovision contest
- Song calling Russian women to emancipate themselves



# Videos

- Nigina Amonkulova:
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpmm\\_mh4X8o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpmm_mh4X8o)
- Manizha:
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yf49trF\\_vaA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yf49trF_vaA)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCXkLrvoxSQ&t=727s>

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## Race, Class, and Culture: Latinx Coffee shops in Southern California

*University of Southern California*

*Sociology*

*Research Instagram (Latinxcafecitos)*

# Latina Middle Class Entrepreneurs

- Access to start-up capital differs for men and women
  - Latina entrepreneurs seen as risky investments (institutional racism and sexism)
  - Rely on personal lines of credit, personal savings, familial networks
- Gender and race/ethnicity inform operation experiences
- Missing: How motherhood impacts entrepreneurial experiences.
- Missing: How they navigate extreme economic and social crises (COVID 19)



# Navigating Entrepreneurship during COVID-19

Who: Latinx middle class coffee shop owners (men and women)

What: How have they navigated different stages of the pandemic and how do they understand the roles of their shop in their neighborhoods?

When: 2019-2022

Where: Southern California (case study in Los Angeles)





# Economic Uncertainty, Silver Linings, and Re-Directed Goals

"It's very laborious. Especially food businesses. You have to be fully present, mind, body, soul, everything. You can't half-ass it. And having that mental space to come home after a long day to apply to that, it can be hard, especially if you don't have the help." -Cassandra

"I haven't had a vacation at all since we started this venture which was like close to two years now and it was kind of a blessing in disguise, you know, and it's like the first two weeks, I just rested. I did nothing but just rest and take care of my kids and I haven't had a chance to do that in two years." -Cynthia

"My desire, ultimately, here is to create that network of entrepreneurship, for Latinas interested in entrepreneurship and I actually have a mug that says 'empresaria'. That's what I'm trying to do here. Of course, COVID didn't allow for me to have workshops. But my goal is to have a series of workshops, running different phases of the business, depending on where you're at. And just have people come in and provide resources. I mean, social work again, you know? So just different ways of applying what I've already done, school-wise. Because I tell them, most of the social workers that I've met- we have the social capital, we have the knowledge, we know the resources. We just need to, tweak it a little and look at it from a business perspective. You should add the business piece to anything, right?" -Linda



# Takeaways

- Small business policies need to support women small business owners, especially those from underrepresented populations and those that are mothers.
- Ensuring that women owned businesses survive future social and economic crises is important.
- We need to support women's economic security and **rest time**.



Thank you AAUW!



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**Examining Discourses of  
Pregnancy and  
Punishment Among Perinatal  
Nurses**

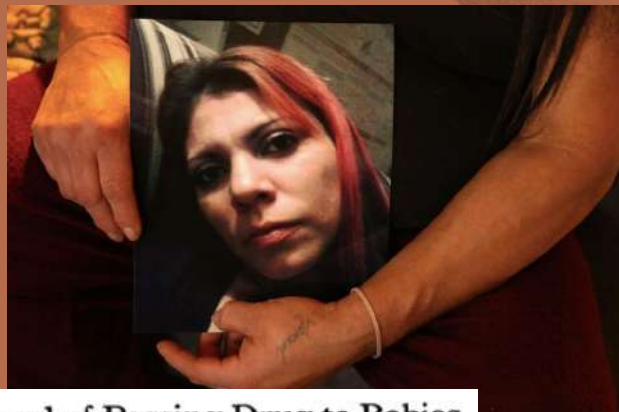
*University of California, Santa Cruz  
Social Psychology*



*"To be pregnant and poor in the United States is to play a game of roulette with one's privacy, presumed confidential relationship with medical providers, and basic constitutional and medical rights."*

(Goodwin, 2020, p. 15)

# Healthcare Providers' Role in Policing Women



## Mother Cleared of Passing Drug to Babies

By TAMAR LEWIN

The Supreme Court of Florida yesterday overturned the conviction of Jennifer Clarice Johnson, the first woman in the nation convicted of delivering drugs to her newborn infants through the umbilical cord in the seconds after their births.

Ms. Johnson, 26 years old, of Altamonte Springs, was charged and found guilty under laws intended to apply to drug traffickers. About 160 such criminal cases have been brought nationwide.

"It's a great victory for public health, for women and newborns and common sense," said Lynn Paltrow, litigation director of the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, which provided legal representation for Ms. Johnson. "It's the first Supreme Court in any state to address a conviction of a pregnant woman for giving birth to a substance-exposed newborn. It's significant both because it's a unanimous decision and because now all the courts that have ruled on these



Jennifer Clarice Johnson

umbilical cords, an act that could have killed her and her children.

The dissenting judge, Winifred J. Sharp, noted that the Florida Legislature had considered, and rejected, a specific statutory provision authorizing criminal penalties against mothers for delivering drug-affected children.

The unanimous decision yesterday by seven judges of the Florida Supreme Court quoted that dissent extensively, and ruled that the Florida Legislature had never intended "to use the word 'delivery' in the context of criminally prosecuting mothers for delivery of a controlled substance to a minor by way of the umbilical cord."

The state argued that the prosecution was justified under the plain language of the criminal law prohibiting delivery of any controlled substance to a minor.

"The court declines the state's invitation to walk down a path that the law, public policy, reason and common sense forbid it to tread," the State Supreme Court opinion said.



## METHOD AND PARTICIPANTS

Interviews with 20-25 registered nurses who work with pregnant patients (e.g., perinatal, labor and delivery, postpartum, public health)

## STUDY CONTEXT

Central Valley, CA

# Study Goals

- 01 Gain a deeper understanding of nurses' attitudes toward maternal-fetal conflicts, beliefs about pregnancy "risks," and how these beliefs inform attributions for adverse birth outcomes
- 02 Investigate how nurses' constructions of motherhood are informed by intersecting race, class, and gender stereotypes
- 03 Examine how nurses balance fiduciary duties to pregnant patients with legal obligations to report suspected fetal health risks
- 04 Assess nurses' support for and opposition to the criminalization of pregnancy



Thank you, AAUW!

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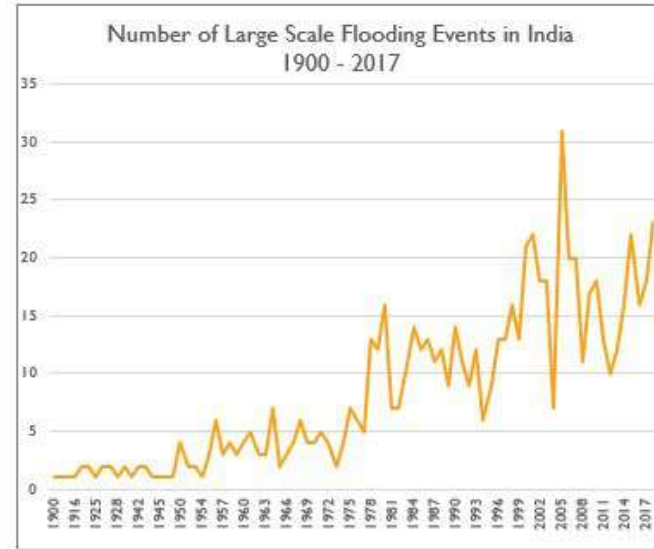


**Wellbeing impacts of extreme  
weather events - Case studies from  
India**

*University of California, Irvine  
Urban Planning*

# Flooding in India

- 1.47 billion people worldwide at risk of flooding
- Floods Impact multiple dimensions of wellbeing:
  - Health
  - Security
  - Poverty
- Future projections predict an increase (IPCC, 2021)

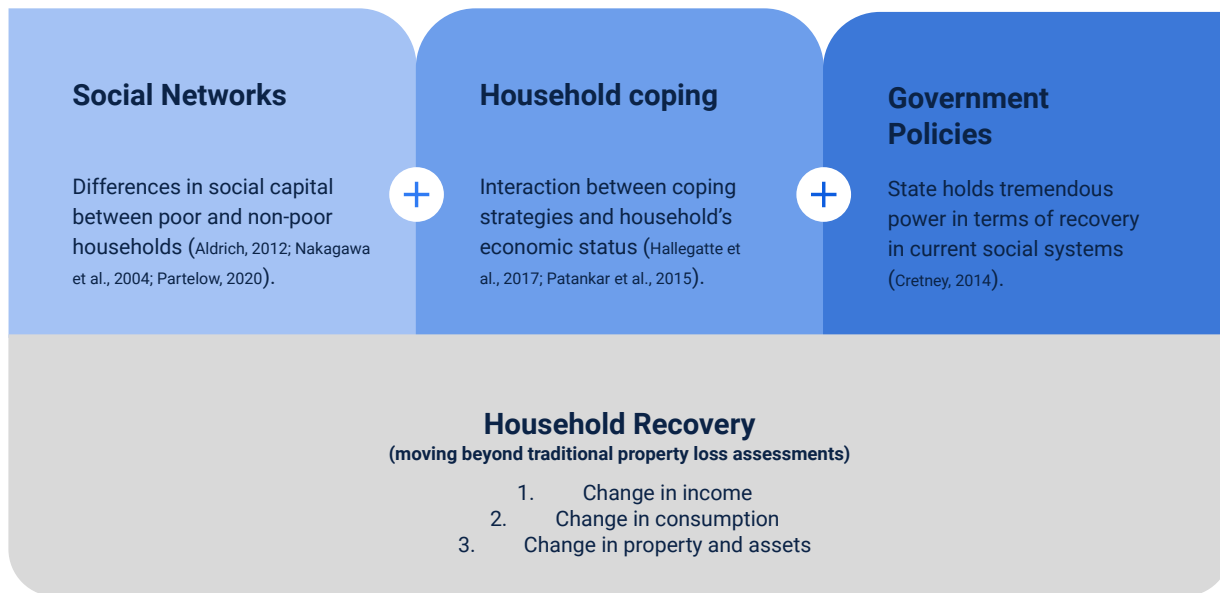


Source: Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (EM-DAT)



# Study Objectives

Aim: To assess the factors influencing household recovery and the degree to which the outcomes are equitable and fair



# Sangli, Maharashtra (2019)



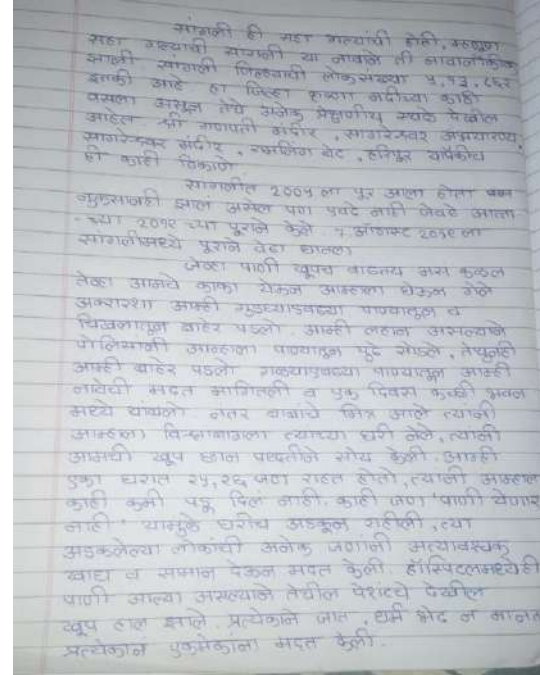
# Chiplun, Maharashtra (2021)



# 1. Social Networks

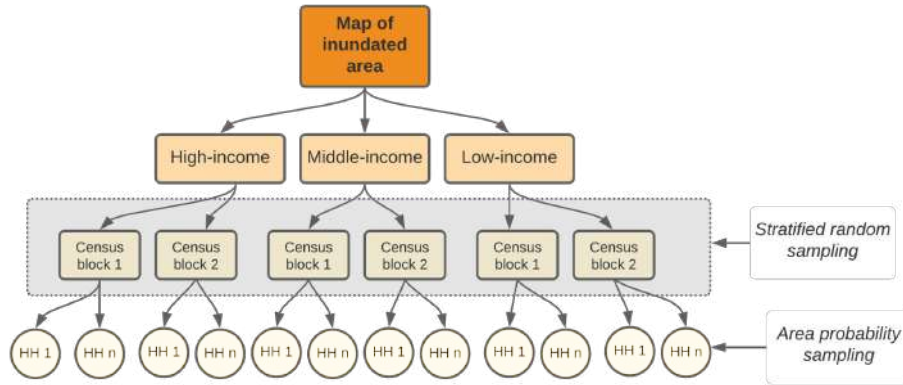
How are different forms of social capital - bonding, bridging, and linking - associated with the economic recovery of affected households in the long term?

India Human Development Survey - Panel data (n = 41,554)



## 2. Household coping

How do household characteristics influence the uptake of erosive coping strategies and household recovery?



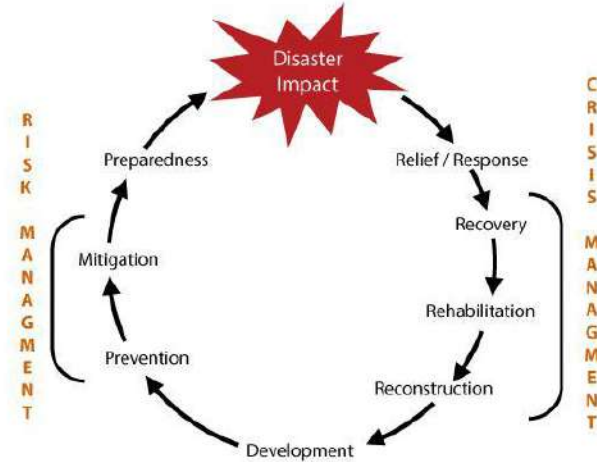
Survey - 380 households in Chiplun, Maharashtra



# 3. Disaster Governance

How did government policies during different stages of DM shape household resilience in Chiplun?

- Warning and evacuation
- Monetary assistance
- Silt cleaning



*Interviews - Affected households and government officials*

# THANK YOU!

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## Interfaith Communities: Relationships in Thirdspace

*Claremont Graduate University  
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# INTERFAITH COMMUNITIES: RELATIONSHIPS IN THIRDSAPCE

Jessica Spence Moss, PhD candidate

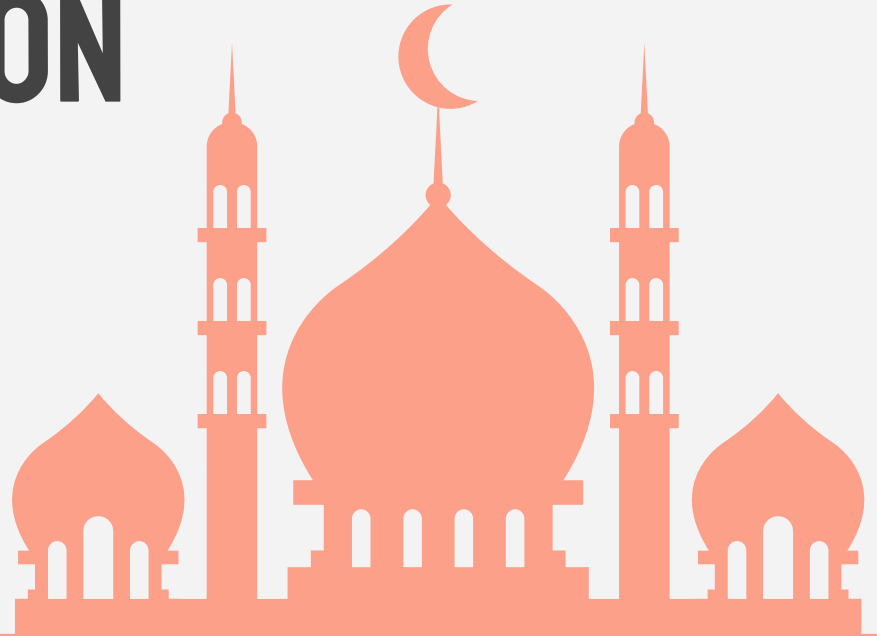
Claremont Graduate University, Cultural Studies



# INTRODUCTION

Post-colonial transdisciplinary approach

- 58 oral histories
- Cultural geography
- Psychoanalytic





## INTERFAITH IN AMERICA

Research question, conceptualization of terms, and guiding thesis

What are the motivations, experiences, contributions, and critiques of women and non-binary individuals in interfaith spaces?

Interfaith, as defined by contributors, is a grounded space with the potential for affectual experiences of discomfort, tension, and hope for the future – personally and communally.



01

## INTERFAITH IN AMERICA

Research question, conceptualization of terms, and guiding thesis

02

## INTERFAITH MOTIVATIONS

Family of origin, religious identity, historical events, and politics

03

## RELATIONSHIPS

Institutional and organic interfaith

04

## LIVED RELIGION IN THIRDSAPCE

Interpretations and resonance

05

## IMAGININGS

Hope and repair



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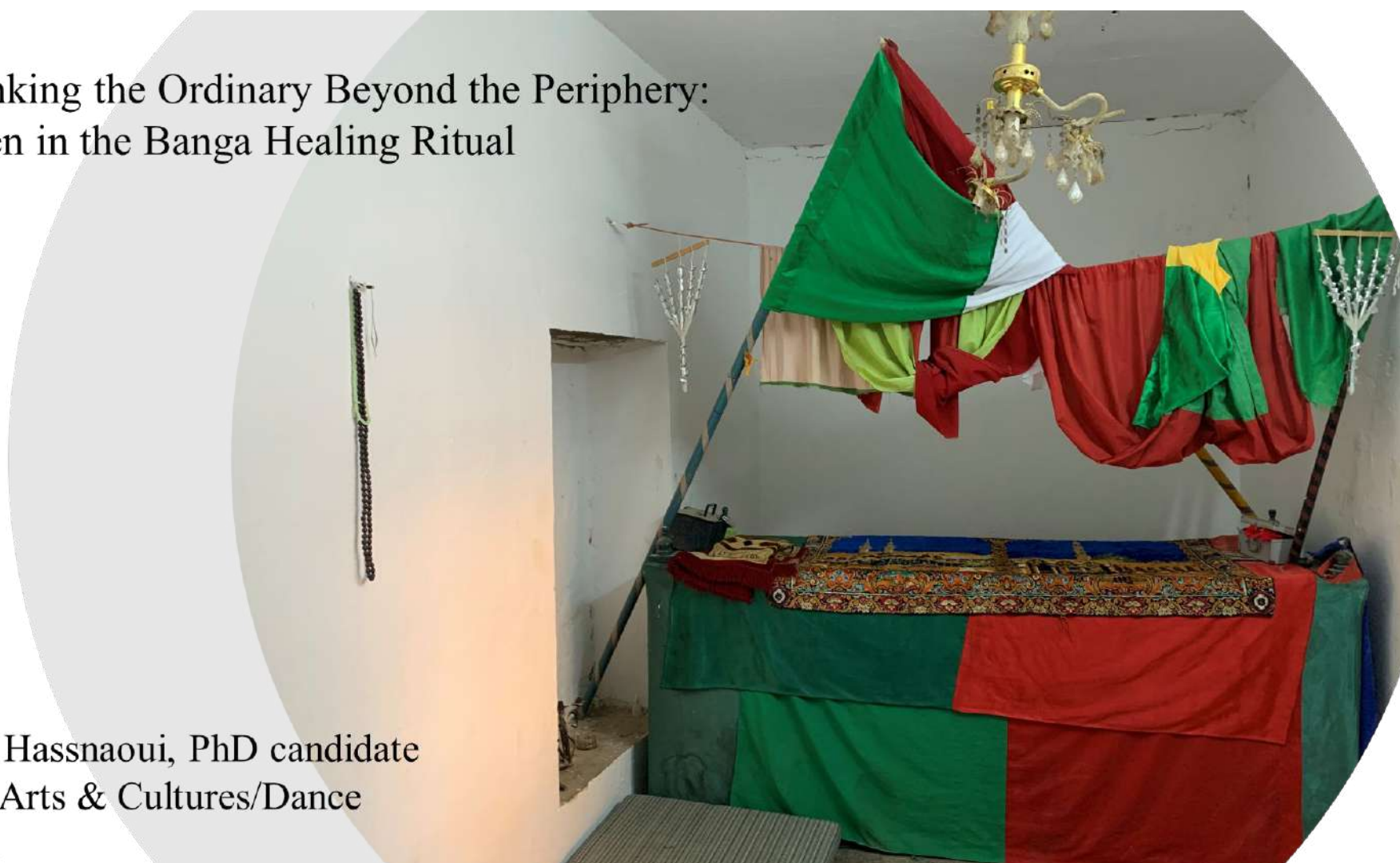
**Culture and Performance Studies**

*University of California, Davis*  
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Rethinking the Ordinary Beyond the Periphery:  
Women in the Banga Healing Ritual

Amira Hassnaoui, PhD candidate  
World Arts & Cultures/Dance  
UCLA











*We Are Dancing For You: Native Feminisms and the Revitalization of Women's Coming-of-Age Ceremonies*

“in order to demonstrate (re)writing, (re)righting, and (re)riteing Native histories that do not silence or treat Native women as peripheral members of society but instead foreground how Native women are central to Native cultures and to decolonizing Native futures” (2018: 25)

Cutcha Risling Baldy





**Chelsi Sparti M.S.**

Career  
Development  
Grant



**Rethinking Resilience:  
Social Impacts of Electric System  
Governance in Puerto Rico**

*University of California, Berkeley  
Environmental Science and Policy*

# Honoring Those Who Came Before Me

- Inspiring women on this call
- Women who paved the way
- Boricua research partners
- Mentor, AAUW alumna
- Professors at Berkeley who push me to ask bold questions
- My family and ancestors whose courage and support sustain me



The matriarchs of my family

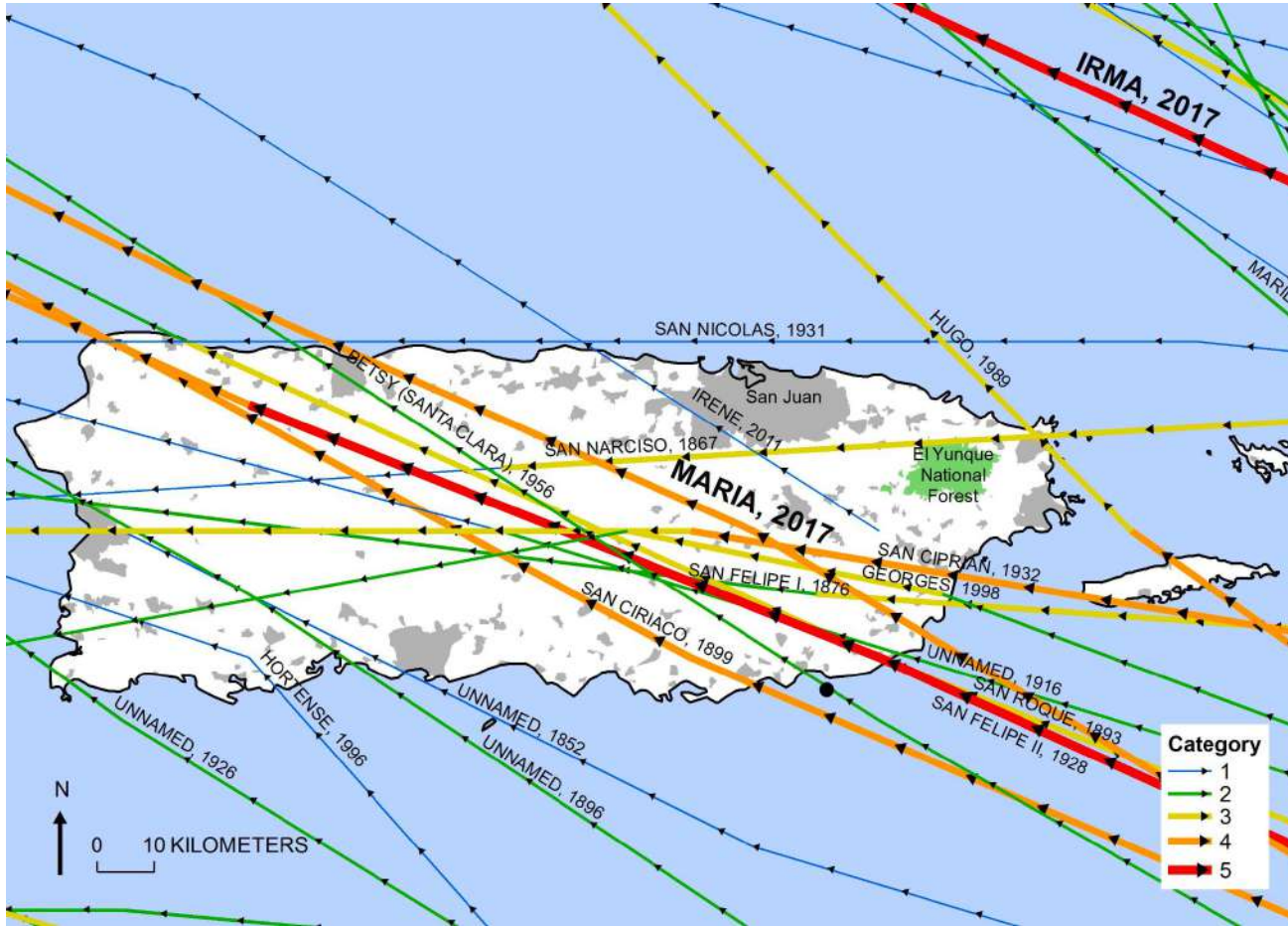
# Background

- 2013 **Biology** undergrad
- 2014 Fulbright Scholar to **Borneo Island** (Sarawak, Malaysia)
- Eight years of professional work
  
- Nonprofit work in **energy policy**, advancing **environmental justice** and policy on radioactive waste stored at U.S. nuclear power plants
  
- Current Master's Student at UC Berkeley's Energy and Resources Group
- Graduate Student Research Assistant at Berkeley National Lab focused on **energy justice** and **hazard mitigation** in Hawaii and California





# Hurricanes 19th Century to Present Day



Source  
USGS

# Outcomes are Determined by Choices Today

- When storms hit Puerto Rico, 3 million people lose power
- The Puerto Rican grid is fueled by 97 percent **imported** petroleum, liquified natural gas, and coal.<sup>1</sup>
- Imagine the impact on residents when a hurricane hits a polluting power plant.
- This project explores the **climate justice** implications and **social benefits** of electricity system resilience as a disaster recovery strategy.
- I'm conducting interviews to understand: How have grid managers adjusted environmental justice and outage reduction priorities post-storms?

1 Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration [eia.gov/state/print.php?sid=RQ](http://eia.gov/state/print.php?sid=RQ)



# Grateful For Your Support

- This research is:
  - Co-led with local Puerto Ricans
  - Deeply relational
  - Interdisciplinary
  - Humble
- I have so much gratitude to AAUW members for the ways you support many generations of scholars.



# Romina Garcia

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## Advocacy as Punishment: Domestic Violence Victim Services, Anti-Black Punitivity, and the Production of Meaning

*University of California, Riverside  
Ethnic Studies*





# Lived Experiences as Praxis

- What brought me to this work?
  - Crisis Center
  - Shelter
  - Court Advocate
  - State sponsored responses to Domestic Violence



# Creating the World After the End of the World

- Speculative Advocacy



# Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle

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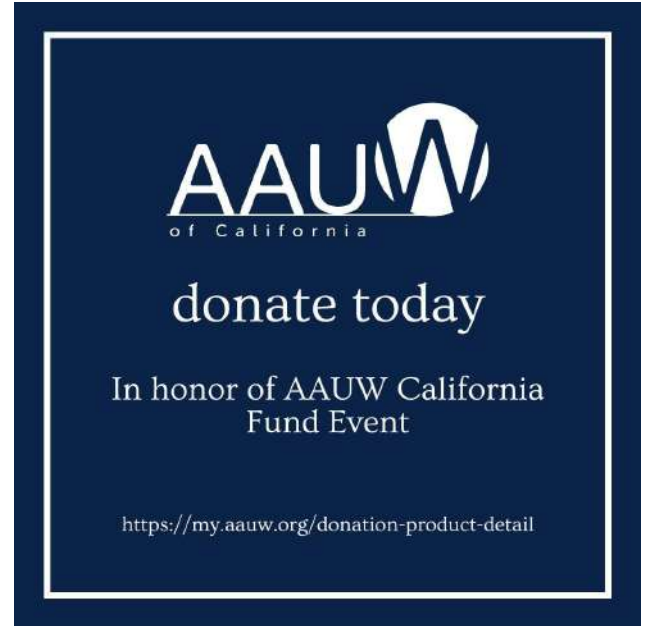
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# AAUW Fund

- Are you inspired by these amazing women? We are tenacious and trailblazing—advocating for women into the future.
- You may schedule one of these speakers to attend a branch or IBC event.
- We encourage donations towards our annual goal of \$525,000. We're close at \$405,437 ytd.
- Donate now! State that donation is in honor of an AAUW Fund Event.



# How Does AAUW Fund Help Your Branch?

- Provides guidance and support for branch fundraising activities done on behalf of AAUW Fund.
- Plans AAUW Fund events and programs to educate members about the Fund.
- Encourages giving to the AAUW Fund.
- Schedules fellowship and grant recipients to speak at branch meetings and the Fund events.



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<b>9110-AAUW Greatest Needs</b>	Allows AAUW to respond rapidly, in our communications and advocacy, to critical issues affecting women as they emerge. Not restricted to fellowships or specific projects.
<b>4450-Education &amp; Training</b>	Addresses the barriers that prevent women from thriving in school and pursuing the careers of their dreams by championing equal access to education and ensuring women can learn in environments free from harassment and discrimination.
<b>4449-Economic Security</b>	Promotes women's livelihoods through advocacy for fair-pay, legislation, researching the pay gap, training women to negotiate for the salaries they deserve, and advising employers on fostering fair cultures.
<b>4452-Leadership</b>	Supports AAUW's work to bolster the number of women in top roles across all industries by addressing systematic biases and giving women the skills and resources they need to lead.
<b>4451-Governance &amp; Sustainability</b>	Enables AAUW to function as effectively and efficiently as possible—following the latest best practices for hiring and governance and incorporating state-of-the-art technology into our member database and other systems.
<b>2504-NCCWSL</b>	National Conference for College Women Student Leaders Scholarships provide access for a broader and more diverse audience to be a part of the leadership training, inspiration and networking opportunities provided during this event.
<b>4229-Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle Special Projects</b>	The Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle honors the memory of longtime AAUW member, Mooneen Lecce who believed deeply in volunteerism and charitable giving. When you become a member of this trailblazing group of philanthropists, you join other Circle members in selecting strategic, innovative gender equity projects where your gift will have the greatest impact.
<b>4504-Dianne Owens Honorary</b>	Given in honor of Dianne Owen's outstanding contribution as AAUW California State President 2020-2022 <a href="#">LINK</a> to donate





# KEY DATES

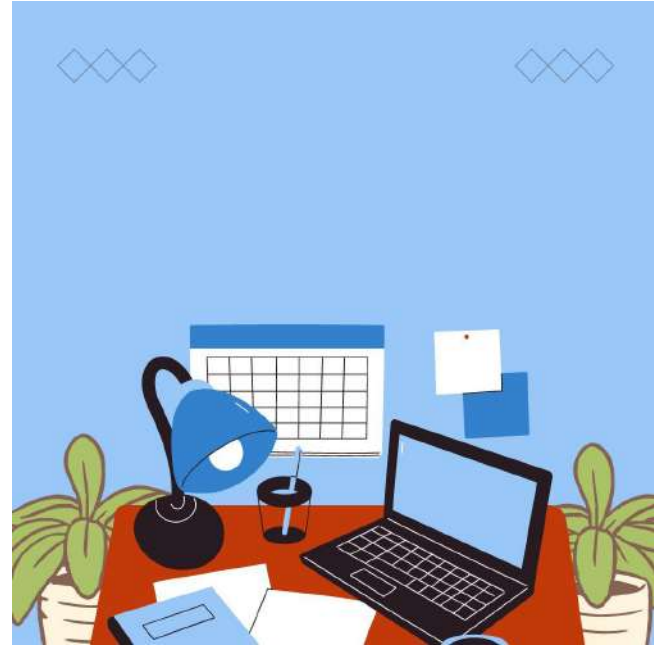
## AAUW Fund Donations

- December 31 - Deadline for this year's donations

## Named Gift Nominations

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- Feb 1, 2023 - Deadline for State Named Gift nominations
- March 1, 2023 - Deadline for Branch Named Gift nominations (one for each \$750 donated)



# The Success Of This Event Was A Team Effort

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