

VAISHNAVI TRIPURANENI

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EDUCATION

- PhD University of Wisconsin (UW) – Madison. Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies (Madison, WI)
- Environment and Resources | August 2022 | Advisor: Paul Robbins
 - Life and Debt: a political ecology of agrarian debt in south India
- MS University of Michigan, School of Natural Resources and Environment (Ann Arbor, MI).
- Natural Resources and Environment: Sustainable Systems | April 2012
- MSc University of St. Andrews (St Andrews, UK).
- Finance | September 2008
- BCom St. Francis College for Women (Hyderabad, India).
- Bachelor of Commerce | April 2007

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2023-present Assistant Professor (continuing track). Department of Geography and Spatial Sciences, University of Delaware
- 2022-23 Postdoctoral Research Associate. Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Purdue University [Project: Socio-ecological management of Phragmites in Suisun Marsh, California]

PUBLICATIONS

Paul Robbins, **Vaishnavi Tripuraneni**, Krithi K. Karanth & Ashwini Chhatre (2021) Coffee, Trees, and Labor: Political Economy of Biodiversity in Commodity Agroforests, *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 111:4, 1046-1061, DOI: 10.1080/24694452.2020.1803726

Vaishnavi **Tripuraneni** & Paul Robbins (in revision) Credit and debt in agrarian India: struggles over farmer surplus value. *Geoforum*

Vaishnavi **Tripuraneni** (in preparation) Life and Debt: a story of production and reproduction in agrarian spaces in southern India. *Journal of Agrarian Change*

Vaishnavi **Tripuraneni** & Zhao Ma (in preparation) Being a good steward of the land: factors that facilitate or hinder collective action for managing invasive plants in managed wetlands *Society & Natural Resources*

AWARDS

- 2021 Graduate Student Research & Writing Award, Center for Culture, History, and Environment, UW-Madison. (\$1000)
- 2019-20 Dissertator Fellowship. Graduate School, UW-Madison.

- 2020 Student Research Grants Competition – Conference Presentation Funds. Graduate School, UW-Madison. (\$1200)
- 2019 Linda Wernecke Marshall Graduate Award in Environmental Studies. Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, UW-Madison. (\$1495)
- 2019 Student Research Grants Competition – Conference Presentation Funds. Graduate School, UW-Madison. (\$1200)
- 2018 Nelson Institute Student Travel Grant. Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, UW-Madison. (\$300)
- 2017-18 American Institute of Indian Studies: Junior Fellowship (INR 455,000 + \$490. Total: \$7480 approx (1USD=65.09INR)).
- 2017 Graduate Student Research Travel Award. Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies, UW-Madison. (\$1000)
- 2017 Research Travel Award. Center for South Asia Studies, UW-Madison. (\$2000)
- 2016 Nelson Institute Student Travel Grant. Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, UW-Madison. (\$300)
- 2016 Student Research Travel Grant – Conference Presentation Funds. Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Funding, UW-Madison. (\$1200)

INTERVIEWS, MEDIA, and OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 Flachs, Andrew, Elizabeth Brite, Maura Finkelstein, Karen Tranberg Hansen, Sandip Hazareesingh, Tanya Matthan, Alessandra Mezzadri, Meena Menon, Robert N. Spengler III, Kedron Thomas, **Vaishnavi Tripuraneni**, Udaanta, and Emily A. Wolff. 2020. The Global Lives of Indian Cotton. ESRI Story Map. <https://arcg.is/nOzaD>.
- 2018 Podcast interview, “Indian Suicides and Farmer Debt”. Talking Biotech Podcast. Hosted by Dr. Paul Vincelli. May 5, 2018 (<http://www.talkingbiotechpodcast.com/131-indian-suicides-and-farmer-debt/>)

RECOGNITIONS

- 2022 Exceptional Service Teaching Assistant Award, UW-Madison. \$1000.
- 2018 Future Faculty Partner at Teaching Academy, UW-Madison.
- 2018 Graduate Student Peer Mentor Award-Honorable Mention. Multicultural Graduate Network, UW-Madison.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Being a good steward of the land: How does governance structure facilitate or hinder collective action for managing invasive plants in managed wetlands?” Vaishnavi **Tripuraneni** and Zhao Ma. International Association of Society and Natural Resources, Portland, ME
- 2023 Invited panelist: Cross-sectoral collaboration and research with the non-profit sector. International Association of Society and Natural Resources, Portland, ME
- 2023 “Life and debt: production and reproduction in agrarian south India.” American Association of

Geographers, Denver, CO

- 2019 “Life or debt: An oral history approach to understanding the role of debt in farmer lives and livelihoods in Telangana, India”. American Association of Geographers, Washington, DC
- 2018 “Life and debt. Farmer livelihoods in South India”. Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI
- 2018 “A political ecology of agrarian debt: Crop choices and smallholder livelihoods in South India”. American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Fellows Conference. New Delhi, India
- 2016 “Why cotton? Crop transitions and debt in rainfed agriculture in South India.” Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI
- 2016 “Crop choices and debt in rainfed smallholder agriculture in South India.” Earth Day Conference, Madison, WI
- 2016 “Cotton, Borewells, and Debt. Crop choices in rainfed smallholder agriculture in South India.” Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA

TEACHING

Invited guest lectures

- Invasive plant species management – social approaches. For FNR 375 Human Dimensions of Natural Resource Management, Purdue University. Spring 2023 [upcoming]

Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, UW-Madison, Instructor (Madison, WI)

- Envir St 112: Environmental Studies – Social Science Perspectives
 - Summer 2019 (in-person)
 - Summer 2020 (online)
 - Summer 2021 (online)
 - Summer 2022 (online)
- Envir St 317: Community Environmental Scholars Program Seminar
 - Spring 2021 (online)
 - Fall 2021 (in-person)
- Envir St/ Med Hist 213: Global Environmental Health – An Interdisciplinary Introduction
 - Spring 2022 (in-person, supervised 3 teaching assistants)

Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, UW-Madison, Co-Instructor (Madison, WI)

- Envir St 901: Graduate orientation seminar. Fall: 2018, 2019, 2020

Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, UW-Madison, Teaching Assistant (Madison, WI)

- Envir St 213: Global Environmental Health – An interdisciplinary introduction. Spring: 2016, 2018 (lead TA), 2019
- Envir St 112: Environmental Studies – The Social Perspective. Spring 2017, Fall 2018
- Envir St 113: Environmental Studies – The Humanistic Perspective. Fall 2016
- Envir St 260: Introductory Ecology. Fall 2013

SERVICE

- 2014-20 Graduate Student Representative, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, UW-Madison
- 2019 Mentor, Mentor Match program, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, UW-Madison
- 2019 Focus group for the Environmental Conservation professional masters program's 5-year review, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, UW-Madison
- 2016-18 Student Representative, Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Groups

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2015 -- American Association of Geographers (AAG)
- 2015 -- Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers
- 2016 -- Center for Culture, History, and Environment. UW-Madison
- 2022 -- International Association of Society and Natural Resources

TRAINING

- 2023 Community Economies Institute Summer School: Researching Postcapitalist Possibilities. June 2023 (Virtual)
- 2021 The Discussion Project virtual course. UW-Madison
- 2020 'Applying Active Learning: Using Writing to Teach in Any Discipline'. Spring course from the Delta Institute, UW-Madison
- 2020 'Teaching Online in Summer & Fall 2020: How to design and run an effective and equitable online course.' NSF Aspire Alliance's mini course
- 2016 Learning Environment And Pedagogics workshop. Teaching Academy, UW-Madison

SOFTWARE SKILLS

R, Stata, MAXQDA, NVIVO

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English, Telugu, Hindi