

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

- 2017–T.B.D. Ph.D. Urban and Regional Planning
Taubman College, University of Michigan
Focus: Procedural Planning, Land Use, Property, Law, and Technology
- 2013 – 2015 M.R.P. City and Regional Planning
Art, Architecture and Planning (A.A.P.), Cornell University
Focus: Community development, Physical Planning, N.G.O.s, Media, and G.I.S.
- 2006-2011 B.Arch., Architecture
Faculty of Architecture and Ekistics, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi
Focus: Sustainable design, Urban Design, Affordable Housing

CERTIFICATES AND IMMERSION PROGRAMS

- 2020-TBD Graduate Teacher Certificate
Center for Research on Learning and Teaching; completed all requirements other than the teaching statement.
- 2020 - 2021 Certificate in African Studies
Department of African and Afro-American Studies, L.S.A., University of Michigan
African Urbanism, Plural property regimes, and institutional hybridity
- 2015 Sustainable Global Enterprise Immersion, Sustainable Management
SC Johnson College of Business, Cornell University
Emerging Technologies, Data analytics, Market analysis, and Supply chains

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2021-2022 Rackham Predoctoral Grant (\$34,000) for writing my dissertation.
- 2020 -2021 Arts Integrated Research Grant (\$3,000), "De-coding Informal Markets: A Digital Exhibit." Team: Taru (Primary Recipient), Suzanne Chou, Briana Broderick, and Patrick Agyeman-Budu. (Recalibrated due to COVID 19)
- 2020 SAIO Summer Research Grant (\$3,000) to conduct fieldwork in Ghana. (suspended due to COVID 19)
- 2019 -2020 IISF-RIRA Grant (\$9,000), Funding to conduct fieldwork in Ghana and India.
- 2019 RC21- IJURR Doctoral School in Comparative Urban Studies 2019: received funding (registration and living costs) to attend the summer school and the conference.
- 2019 Rackham Conference Travel Grant (\$1300).
- 2019 Rackham Pre-Candidacy Research Grant (\$1500) to conduct archival research in Accra and Kumasi.
- 2018 Rackham Conference Travel Grant (\$700).
- 2017-2018 Harvey G. and Joyce H. Behner Graduate Fellowship (\$8000).
- 2016 Peter B. Andrews Memorial Thesis Prize, for M.R.P. thesis titled "N.G.Os. in the face of Conflict and Structural Violence- The Jharkhand Story." A.A.P. Cornell University.

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- 2015 Portman Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Physical Planning, A.A.P., Cornell University.
- 2015 First prize, American Planning Association (A.P.A.) Annual Poster Award (co-recipient with Jennifer Minner and team).
- 2015 First prize, A.P.A. Upstate New York Student Project Award (co-recipient with Mildred Warner and team).
- 2014-2015 Mellon Collaborative Urbanism Studies, Research on urban flux and fragmentation in South Asia and South-East Asia: Exhibit cost (\$1,000) + travel expenditure (\$6,000) to Mekong Delta, Vietnam, China, and Thailand.
Participated in Flux Navigation Studio on Asian Urbanism, looking at South-East Asia (Mekong Delta, Vietnam, and Bangkok, Thailand).
Collaborated on studio project looking at the Mekong: Floating cities and the effect of climate change and global urbanism on water-based tropical towns.
- 2014-2015 Mario-Einaudi International Research Travel Grant (\$1200), Cornell University.
- 2014 Engaged Learning and Research Fellowship (\$1200), Cornell University.
- 2013 K.C. Mahindra Education Fellowship (\$6,000) to pursue graduate school
- 2011 Archiprix Best Thesis Nomination (2010-2011) for B.Arch. thesis titled "Redevelopment of Kathputli Colony- a Slum-Redevelopment and Affordable Housing Project under Public-Private Participation."
- 2011 Third prize, National Architectural Design Competition for an Eco-Friendly School, held by Eurogroup, Khemka Foundation, and Chandigarh College of Architecture.
- 2009 UN-Habitat Forum Fellow: participated in multiple deep-dives and think-tanks to rethink policies and possibilities for the cities of the global south.
- 2007- 2008 DAAD Exchange Scholarship to Fachhochschule of Applied Sciences, Erfurt University, Thuringia, Germany.
- 2007 First Prize (with Ali Rizvi and Mohd. Hammad), Annual National Design Competition SAARC Movie making Trophy, Bhopal, India.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association of Geographers (A.A.G.), Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), American Planning Association (A.P.A.), Transport Research Board (TRB), License in Architecture, Council of Architecture, India

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- 2021 Taru, "Reinventing Resistance to Expulsions from the Commons – Pathalgadhi and Plural Property Regimes;" submitted abstract to Annals of the American Association of Geographers.
Taru and Michael J. Borsellino. "Locating Urban Imaginaries on a Just City: Aesthetic Language in Detroit and Delhi."
Taru, "Shifting Morphologies in Post-Colonial Accra – Planning for Soft Property and Customary Land Regimes;" submitting abstract to the Journal of Urban Affairs, special issue on African Urbanism.
Taru, Naganika Sanga, "Techno-Political Resource Grab and Spatial-Flows of Resistance in Democratic Societies."

UNPUBLISHED RESEARCH DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS

- 2015 Taru (with Neema Kudva and John Forester). Master's Thesis: "N.G.O.s in the face of Conflict and Structural Violence-The Jharkhand Story," focusing on implementation and grassroots reform in 2015.
2015 Taru (with Matthew Agnello and team). Feasibility Report on "Life-Cycle Analysis and Market Review of Sustainable Sanitation Infrastructure in Rural India," in 2015.
2014 Taru (with Mildred Warner and team) "Chronic-underfunding for Transportation - New York State's Response to Local Infrastructure Needs."
2011 Taru (with Taiyaba Munawar). B.Arch. Thesis: "Kathputli Colony – a slum redevelopment project."

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND SYMPOSIA

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 Michael Borsellino and Taru. "Aspiration for whom: Aesthetic language in Detroit and Delhi." Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers (A.A.G.). Denver, CO, U.S.A. (Note: The conference was held online due to COVID 19)
2019 Taru and Michael Borsellino. "Locating Urban Imaginaries on a Just City." Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Annual Conference. Greenville, SC, U.S.A.
2019 Taru. "Adapting Place in Accra in the Face of Contested Memory, Identity and Spatial Entrenchment" at the U-M/WiSER Mellon workshop on Spatial Typologies and the Built Environment: Navigating African Urban Landscapes, held in May 2019, in Johannesburg, South Africa.
2019 Taru and Naganika Sanga. "Techno-Political Resource Grab and Spatial-Flows of Resistance in Democratic Societies." Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers (A.A.G.). Washington DC., U.S.A.
2018 Taru. "Auditing Access and Inclusion in Infrastructure Planning in the Global South," at the 97th Transport Research Board Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
2017 Rashmi Gajare (presenter) and Taru (primary author). "Adivasi Identity, Haunting, and Reconciliation - Negotiating Cultural Memory and Displacement." COMOS 19th General Assembly and Scientific Symposium "Heritage and Democracy," 13-14th

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CONFERENCES, PANELS, AND COLLOQUIUMS ORGANIZED

- 2020 Co-organized (with Christine Hwang and Bader Albader). International Biennial P+ARG Conference titled "Utopia vs. the City." University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. Website: www.utopiavsthecity.com
- 2020 Co-organized (with P+ARG Board). "Round table with Saskia Sassen." University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2019 Co-organized (with P+ARG Board). Lecture and Colloquium with John Arroyo titled "Shadow Suburbanism: Mexican Everyday Life, Fear, and Space in Greater Atlanta." University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI.
Co-organized (with P+ARG Board and Debtor Urbanization). Lecture and Colloquium with Fenaba Addo titled "Racial disparities in student loan debt." University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI.

WORK EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH

- 2019 -2020 Graduate Research Assistant, University of Michigan
International Planning Case study Project (Lesli Hoey and Andrew Rumbach);
Website: www.planningcasestudies.org
- 2015 Graduate Research Assistant, Cornell University
Visualizing Past, Present, and Future using 3d G.I.S. (Jennifer S. Minner); Website: www.blogs.cornell.edu/3dgis/
- 2014 Graduate Research Assistant, Cornell University
Gender Lens: Restructuring Local Government (Mildred Warner)
Infrastructural Financing and Fiscal Stress in Upstate NewYork (Mildred Warner)
- 2011 Research Assistant, ASHRA, New Delhi
Appropriate Technology, Holistic, sustainable human settlement design (Anil Laul)

TEACHING

- 2018 Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan
UM URP570 | Global and Comparative Planning
UM URP423 | Introduction to Urban and Environmental Planning (Harley Etienne)
UM URP500 | Planning Theory (Scott Campbell)
- 2017 Assistant Professor (c), National Institute of Technology, Patna
Urban Design Studio, B.Arch. Fourth-year.
Universal Design: Principles, Systems, and Strategies, Elective, Third Year
- 2014 Graduate Assistant, Cornell University
CRP5820 | Introduction to Physical Planning and Urban Design (Thomas J. Campanella)