

# AKHILA L. ANANTH

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. University of California, Irvine (2014)**  
Criminology, Law & Society  
Graduate Feminist Emphasis, Gender & Sexuality Studies (2011)
- M.A. University of California, Irvine (2011)**  
Social Ecology
- B.A. New York University (2004)**  
Gallatin School of Individualized Study

### EMPLOYMENT

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- 2020 California State University, Los Angeles**  
Associate Professor, Criminal Justice & Criminalistics
- 2014 California State University, Los Angeles**  
Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice & Criminalistics

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Peer-Reviewed Publications

Ananth, A.L. (2019). Sustainable Spaces, Sustained Mass Incarceration: Environmental Protection as Racial Violence in the Design of Juvenile Incarceration. *Kalfou: A Journal of Comparative and Relational Ethnic Studies*.

Ananth, A.L. & Leiva, P. (2019). Policing the People's University: The Precarity of Sanctuary in the California State University. *Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict, and World Order*.

Ananth, A.L., Willard, M., & Herz, D. (2019). A Service-Learning Partnership Between Cal State LA and the Los Angeles County Probation Department: Making the Case for Civic Professionalism. *Journal of Higher Education, Outreach, and Engagement*.

Ananth, A. L. (2017). The Home the Law Built: White Domesticity and the Designs of Dependency Law in Los Angeles, California. *Gender, Place & Culture*.

Ananth, A. L. (2014). The Gracious Spaces of Children's Law: Innocence and Guilt in the Construction of Edelman Children's Court. *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society*.

**Book Chapters**

Ananth, A.L. (2018). Between Critique and Professional Ambition. In Ahad-Legardy, B. & Poon, O. (Eds.) *Difficult Subjects: Radical Teaching in the Neoliberal University*.

**Manuscripts in Preparation**

Ananth, A.L. (In Progress). The Retreat from Poor, White Life: Historical Narratives of Incarceration at El Retiro School for Girls in 1920's Los Angeles. To be submitted to: *Punishment and Society*.

**Journalism and Creative Non-Fiction**

Ananth, A.L. (2022, August 15). My Hindu Community Must Fight India's Injustices. In *The Los Angeles Times*. Retrieved from: <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-08-15/indian-independence-narendra-modi-hindu-nationalism-bjp>

Ananth, A.L. (2021, November 12). Caged Spaces: Juvenile Jail Tours and Abolitionist Pedagogy. In *The Sociological Review*. Retrieved from: <https://www.thesociologicalreview.org/magazine/november-2021/methods-and-methodology/caged-spaces/>

Ananth, A. L. & Mittal, V. (2014, December 20). Did Serial's Racialized Archetypes Work Against It? In *The Aerogram*. Retrieved from: <http://theaerogram.com/response-critique-serial/>

Ananth, A. L. (2009). Continuing Conversation: Studying the Trial. Association for Political and Legal Anthropology: [http://www.aaanet.org/sections/apla/spillover\\_Irvine\\_ananth.html](http://www.aaanet.org/sections/apla/spillover_Irvine_ananth.html).

**Evaluations & Reports**

Ananth, A.L. & Chan, K. (2016). Summer Night Lights Program Evaluation. Report to the Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (City of Los Angeles).

Ananth, A.L. & Dierkhising, C. (2015). CURE Diversion Program: Process Evaluation Report. Report to the Community Coalition for Responsible Development.

Ananth, A.L., Chan, K. & Hernandez, E. (2015). Summer Night Lights Program Evaluation. Report to the Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (City of Los Angeles).

**GRANTS & AWARDS**

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2019 Archival Research Assistance

Project: Archival research for *Asian Americans* Documentary Series at the Huntington Library and Archives.

2017 American Communities Faculty Fellowship, Cal State LA

Project: Policing the People's University: The Precarity of Sanctuary in the California State University.

- 2016 Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities Mini-Grant, Cal State LA (\$4,280)  
Project: Research study of youth in voluntary probation programs.
- 2015 Coalition for Responsible Community Development, Los Angeles, CA (\$24,325)  
Project: Evaluation of an alternative sentencing program for low-level gang-affiliated arrests in South Los Angeles (with Dr. Carly Dierkhising).
- 2015 Gang Reduction and Youth Development Foundation, Los Angeles, CA  
Project: Evaluation of Summer Night Lights violence prevention program.
- 2014 Research Travel Award, California State University, Los Angeles  
Project: Exploratory study of juvenile delinquency practices in Bangalore, India.
- 2012 President's Dissertation Year Fellowship (Alternate), University of California, Irvine

### INVITED TALKS

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- 2023 "Policing the People's University" with Dr. Priscilla Leiva (Feb 16)  
Department of Sociology, California State University, Long Beach
- 2021 "Love, Healing, and Abolitionist Speaker Series" with Dr. Chrissy Hernandez, Dr. Sriya Shrestha, Dr. Xhercis Mendez, and Dr. Jenn Lovell (November 12)  
Abolitionist & Decolonial Education Collective, CSU Monterey Bay (Zoom)
- 2021 "Criminal Justice Policy and Health" with Dr. Snehal Patel, MD (February 23)  
Health Policy Elective, Dell Medical School, The University of Texas at Austin (Zoom)
- 2020 "Policing California's Public Universities" with Dr. Nick Mitchell (October 22)  
CSU Abolition Network + UC Cops Off Campus (Zoom)
- 2020 "Policing the People's University" (July 30)  
California Faculty Association (Cal State LA) + CSU Abolition Network Workshop (Zoom)
- 2019 "Policing the People's University" (April 23)  
Fourth Annual Social Theory Conference: Radical Legacies of Social Sciences (California State University, Los Angeles)
- 2018 "Policing the People's University" (April 5)  
American Communities Program Faculty Fellows Roundtable (California State University, Los Angeles)
- 2016 "To Reuse, Reduce, and Recycle Youth of Color" (November 10)  
Department of Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (Scripps College)
- 2015 "Juvenile Justice in California" (August 21)  
Center for the Child and the Law (National Law School of India, Bangalore, India)

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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### Panels Organized

- 2022 “Reckoning and Resistance: Understanding Caste-Based and Islamophobic Violence in India and the Diaspora” (Co-organized with Marcelle Alvarado). Association of Ethnic Studies Conference (November 5).
- 2019 “Carceral Landscapes in the U.S. and Mexico: Incarceration, Detention, and Deportation” (Co-organized with Floridalma Boj-Lopez). American Studies Association Annual Meeting (November 7-10).
- 2012 “Media(ted) Resistance: Blueprints, Archives, and the Politics of Visibility” (Co-organized with Anjali Nath). American Studies Association Annual Meeting (November 14-18).
- 2012 “Diffusing Governance: Community, Justice, and the Changing Role of Local Government in Los Angeles” (Organizer and Discussant). International Law and Society Conference (June 5-8).

### Papers Presented

- 2023 “Abuse and Negligence at MacLaren Children’s Center: Micro-Histories of Non-Delinquent Detention in Los Angeles.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (June 1)
- 2022 “The Retreat from Poor, White Life: Historical Narratives of Incarceration at El Retiro School for Girls in 1920’s Los Angeles.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (July 15)
- 2019 “Disability and Diagnosis in the Design of Juvenile Detention.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting (Nov 7-10)
- 2019 “Policing the People’s University.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (May 31-June 2)
- 2017 “Between Critique and Professional Ambition.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting (November 9-12)
- 2017 “To Reuse, Reduce, and Recycle Youth of Color.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (June 20-24)
- 2017 “Critical Studies, Critical Futures: Los Angeles Youth in Probation.” National Association of Chicano and Chicana Studies Annual Meeting (April 24)
- 2016 “The Green Prison: Ecological Preservation and Environmental Racism in the Design of Juvenile Detention.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting (November 17-20)
- 2016 “The Green Prison: Ecological Preservation and Environmental Racism in Alameda County.” Royal Geographical Society-Institute of British Geographers Annual Conference (August 29-September 1).

- 2015 “From Benevolent to Incarcerative Surveillance: An Examination of Federal Child Welfare Legislation.” Law and Society Conference (May 28-30).
- 2013 “Deconstructing Black Motherhood: Race, Kinship, and the Domestic Spaces of the Edelman Children’s Court.” Law and Society Conference (May 30-June 2).
- 2013 “Policing Black Domesticity.” USC American Studies & Ethnicity Graduate Student Conference (March 29-30).
- 2012 “Blueprints on Pink Walls: Reading the Blueprints of the Edelman Children’s Court.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting (November 14-18).
- 2012 “On the architectures of childhood and criminality.” International Law and Society Conference (June 5-8).
- 2011 “The Gracious Spaces of Children’s Law.” West Coast Law and Society Retreat (February 11-12).
- 2010 “The Gracious Spaces of Children’s Law.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (June 10-12).
- 2009 “Children’s Courts and Public Architecture.” West Coast Law and Society Retreat, Stanford University (October 16-17).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Graduate Courses**

Administration of Justice  
 Academic Research and Writing  
 Multicultural Issues in Criminal Justice

### **Undergraduate Courses (In-Person, Hybrid and Online Instruction)**

Wicked Problems in the Social Sciences  
 Record Clearance & Expungement Law  
 Global War on Terror  
 Judicial Organization  
 Juvenile Justice  
 California Criminal Justice Policy (6 terms)  
 Multiculturalism in Criminal Justice  
 Service Learning in Criminal Justice (8 terms)  
 Ethics and the Politics of Justice  
 Naturalistic Field Methods

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**SERVICE**

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**University Service**

Membership & Organizing Co-Chair, California Faculty Association-Cal State LA (2022-now)  
At-Large Representative, California Faculty Association-Cal State LA (2021-now)  
Department Representative, California Faculty Association-Cal State LA (2017-2022)  
Member & Chair, College of Health and Human Services Fiscal Affairs Committee (2020-now)  
Board Member, American Communities Program (2019-now)  
Member, Educational Effectiveness and Assessment Council (2015-2016)

**Department Service**

Faculty Adviser, Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honors Society (2020-now)  
Member, Department RTP-B Committee (2021-now)  
Chair, School Assessment Committee (2017-2020)  
Contributor, School Self-Study for WASC Assessment (2016-2017)  
Member, School Curriculum Committee (2015-2017)  
Program Development, Service Learning in Criminal Justice Internships Program  
Facilitator, Student Success in Academia workshop (2015)  
Member, School Assessment Committee (2014-2015)

**Service to Profession**

Manuscript Reviewer, *Politics & Gender* (2014 to now)  
Manuscript Reviewer, *Law and Social Inquiry* (2015 to now)

**Community Involvement**

Co-Founder and Organizer, Resisting Indian Fascism (2022-now)  
Director of the South Region, LA-32 Neighborhood Council (2021-now)  
Volunteer, El Sereno Community Garden (2022-now)  
Volunteer, People's Pantry (2020-2022)  
Board Member, Community Services Unlimited, Inc. (2016-2021)  
Community Partner & Volunteer Educator, Youth Justice Coalition (2016)  
National Organizer and Chapter Co-Founder, South Asians for Justice Los Angeles (2011-2014)

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**LANGUAGES**

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English (Native)  
Spanish (Fluent)  
Kannada (Conversational)

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Society for the Study of Social Problems: 2019 – Present.  
Law and Society Association: 2007 – Present.  
American Studies Association: 2011 – Present.