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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Urban and Public Affairs, Cleveland State University, 2017

Dissertation: *Policy is what we make of it: An interpretive study of governance in an urban watershed*

Master of Arts in Social Work, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India, 2009

Dissertation: *The impacts of climate change on the lives and livelihood of people in the Sundarban Island System*

Bachelor of Arts (Honors) in Economics, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India, 2006

Other Training

Qualitative Research Summer Intensive, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Odum Institute for Research in Social Science, USA, 2021.

Community Engaged Research Institute (CERI), University of California Santa Cruz, USA, 2016.

Introduction to ArcGIS Certificate Course, Department of Urban Studies, Cleveland State University, USA, 2015.

ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL, AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, August 2023 – Present

School of the Environment, *San Francisco State University*, USA

Co-Director, Fall 2021 – Present

Climate HQ, *San Francisco State University*, USA

Assistant Professor, 2018 – 2023

School of Public Affairs and Civic Engagement, *San Francisco State University*, USA

Core Faculty, August 2021 – Present

Undergraduate Certificate in Climate Change Causes Impacts and Solutions, *San Francisco State University*, USA

Postdoctoral Research Associate, 2017 – 2018

Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, *Purdue University*, USA

Social Science Research Fellow, 2014 – 2015

Alliance for the Great Lakes, Chicago, IL, USA

Research Fellow, Summer – Fall 2012

Northeast Midwest Institute, Washington D.C., USA

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Samanta, A.** & McGraw, E (2024). [Examining Social equity in Soil and Water Conservation Governance in the United States](#). In *DEI handbook in Public Administration*, Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Viswanath, S. & **Samanta, A.** (2022). [Gender Ramifications of a Weberian Bureaucracy: A Feminist Appraisal of the United States Department of Agriculture](#). *Perspectives on Public Management and Governance*, 5(2), 97-110.
- Costanza, A. B., Guidino Bruce, C., Mangel, J. C., Alfaro-Shigueto, J., Verutes, G., Caillat, M., **Samanta, A.**, & Hines, E. (2021). [Participatory Risk Assessment of Humpback Whale \(*Megaptera novaeangliae*\) and Leatherback Turtle \(*Dermochelys coriacea*\) Bycatch in Northern Peru](#), *Frontiers in Marine Science*, 8.
- Samanta, A.** & Hand, L. (2021). [Examining the “In-Between” of Public Encounters: Evidence from Two Seemingly Disparate Policy Contexts](#). *Public Policy and Administration*, 37(2).
- Samanta, A.**, Eanes, F., Wickerham, B., Bulla, B., Fales, M., and Prokopy, L. (2020) [Communication, Partnerships, and the Role of Social Science: Conservation Delivery in a Brave New World](#). *Society and Natural Resources*, 33(7), 914-926.
- Samanta, A.** (2018). [Exploring the “In-Between” Place: Dialogue, Hermeneutics, and Transformation in Governance](#), *Administrative Theory & Praxis*, 40(3), 227-249.
- Samanta, A.** & Kellogg, W.A. (2017). [Swimming Together: Adaptation through Emergence of Knowledge and Learning in Networked Watershed Governance](#). *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*, 7(3), 403-415.
- Zingale, N. C., **Samanta, A.**, & West, E.J. (2017). [Loose Governance: Transformation within a Shrinking City](#). *Administrative Theory & Praxis*, 39, 1-26.
- Kellogg, W. A. & **Samanta, A.** (2017). [Network Structure and Adaptive Capacity in Watershed Governance](#). *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*, 61(1), 25-48.

Manuscripts in Preparation

- Samanta, A.** & Guite, N. Climate change impacts on Indigenous communities and their traditional ecological knowledge in Northeast India: A Secondary data analysis of the unbearable heaviness of climate (in)justice.
- Samanta, A.** & Desa, G. Resilient change: Exploring a boundary-spanning framework for climate justice focused sustainability transitions
- Samanta, A.**, Gen, S., & Kruse, K. Implications of social equity in natural resource conservation and climate policy implementation in the US: An examination of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- Blecha, J. & **Samanta, A.** Building rural climate-justice communities: An examination of the transformational work of two anti-racist, feminist, farmer support nonprofits.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Editor Reviewed Book Chapters

- Samanta, A.**, Viswanath, S., & Tran, M. A. Q. (2022). [“It is Very Much a Man’s World”: Gender Representation in Agricultural Policy and Administration](#). In P.M. Shields & N.M. Elias (Eds.). *Handbook of Gender and Public Administration*, Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Samanta, A.** & Kellogg, W.A. (2019). [Back to the Beginning: The Resurgence of the Cuyahoga River and Cleveland](#). In R. Tighe & S. Ryberg-Webster (Eds.). *Legacy Cities: Continuity and Change Amid Decline and Revival*, University of Pittsburgh Press.

Technical Reports and Briefs

- Viren, P. P., Pilgreen, D. G., **Samanta, A.**, AND Kime, M. K. (2022). Frequent travelers, climate and what to do: Travelers share their thoughts. *Adventure Travel Trade Association*.
- West, E. J., Maynard, K., & **Samanta, A.** (2023). Rural Latinx Cooperatives: Growth and Power, *University of Wisconsin, Center for Cooperatives*, Madison, WI (funded via USDA Rural Cooperative Development Grant).
- Samanta, A.**, Usher, E.M., & Prokopy, L.S. (2018). Saginaw Bay Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP): Evaluation Years 2 and 3 Report. *Purdue University*, West Lafayette, IN.
- Samanta, A.**, Lyandres, O., & Brennan, T. (2015). Social Factors and Conservation Behavior: A Study of Agricultural Landowners in Lower Fox River Basin. *Alliance for the Great Lakes*, Chicago, IL.
- Kellogg, W.A., **Samanta, A.**, Taylor, B., & Micklewright, J. M. (2016). Water Resilient Cities: Climate Change, Infrastructure, Economies, and Governance in the Great Lakes Basin. *Urban Publications*, Levin College of Urban Affairs.
- Cain, C. & **Samanta, A.** (2012). New Energy for Older Cities: District Energy, Combined Heat and Power, and the Northeast-Midwest Region's Older Industrial Cities. *Northeast Midwest Institute*, Washington D.C.

GRANTS AND SPONSORED RESEARCH

- 2024 **Principal Investigator:** The unbearable heaviness of climate (in)justice: An interdisciplinary examination of climate change impacts on Indigenous communities and their traditional ecological knowledge in Manipur, Northeast India, Climate Justice Mini-Grant, SFSU, (\$10,500).
- 2024 **Co-Principal Investigator:** Resilient change: Exploring a boundary-spanning framework for climate justice focused sustainability transitions, Michael Richman Award, SFSU (with Dr. Geoff Desa, Department of Management, SFSU) (\$10,000).
- 2024 **Co-Principal Investigator:** DRC Grant: Building rural climate-justice communities: An examination of the transformational work of two anti-racist, feminist, farmer nonprofits, ORSP grant, SFSU (with Dr. Jennifer Blecha, School of the Environment, SFSU), (\$14,000).
- 2022 **Fellowship Support:** CHSS Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) for research, scholarship, creative activities, SFSU (\$12,853).
- 2021 **Co-Principal Investigator:** Climate Justice Leaders Initiative at SFSU – Private Foundation Grant (with Drs. Kai Burrus and Autumn Thoyre, SFSU) (\$2.8 million).
- 2020 **Co-Principal Investigator:** High Impact Quality Learning & Teaching (HI-QLT) Online Course Redesign Project Grant (with Dr. Autumn Thoyre, SFSU), (\$3,000).
- 2020 **Co-Principal Investigator:** DUEAP Student Success in Majors (SSM) grant 2019-20 on *Climate Change Causes, Impacts and Solutions Certificate* (with Drs. Kai Burrus and Autumn Thoyre, SFSU), (\$10,000).
- 2019 **Fellowship Support:** Institute for Civic and Community Engagement (ICCE) Call to Service Grant, SFSU (\$2,500).

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

- 2023 – 2024 [SFSU Equity Research Hub Fellow](#), San Francisco State University

Spring – Summer 2023	Riccucci-O’Leary Award for Best Article on Diversity in a Public Management Research Association journal for article “Gender Ramifications of a Weberian Bureaucracy: A Feminist Appraisal of the United States Department of Agriculture” (with Dr. Shilpa Viswanath).
2017	Kussel Kashian and Susan Oneson Publication Award, Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University (\$4400 to conduct graduate work)
2015-2016	Dissertation Research Award, Cleveland State University (\$4,650 to conduct doctoral dissertation research)
2015-2016	Ralph P. Hummel Scholarship Award, Public Administration Theory Network and Institute of Applied Phenomenology in Science & Technology (IAP) (\$500 to support data collection for doctoral research)

COURSES TAUGHT

Climate Change Adaptation & Justice, Environmental Law and Policy, Research Methods in the Environment, Megacities in Asia, Natural Resource Management, and Seminar in the Environment.

SELECTED INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

- Examining Social Equity in Soil and Water Conservation Governance in the United States, *American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference*, April 2024.
- Gender and Representation in Agricultural Bureaucracy: A Feminist Standpoint Critique, *Perspectives on Public Management and Governance (PPMG) Reappraising Bureaucracy in the 21st Century Symposium (Virtual)*. March 11, 2021.
- Gender and Representation in Agricultural Bureaucracy: A Feminist Standpoint Critique, *Public Administration Theory Network (PATNET) Annual Conference*, Virtual meeting, June 3-6, 2021.
- Participatory Natural Resource Management, *California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) Academic Roadshow*, Estuary & Ocean Science Center, Tiburon, CA, March 2020.
- Lessons Learned about Communication and Partnership Building in a Regional Multi-Stakeholder Agricultural Conservation Initiative. *Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences Annual Conference*, Orlando, FL, June 2019.
- Public and Environmental Affairs in a Post-Truth Era: Can Democratic Engagement Provide a Way Forward? *Public Administration Theory Network (PATNET) Annual Conference*, Denver, CO, May-June 2019.
- Change and Adaptation in Urban and Environmental Systems, *Department of Geography and Environment, SFSU, Fall Forum*, San Francisco, CA, October 2018.
- From Traditionalism to Pragmatism and Phenomenology: The Evolving Role of Public Administrators in the New Era of Land and Water Conservation and Management. *Public Administration Theory Network (PATNET) Annual Conference*, Cleveland, OH, June 2018.
- Forging non-traditional collaborations: What skills do government agencies need? Evidence from two collaborative governance processes in Michigan and Indiana. *International Symposium on Society and Resource Management*, Snowbird, UT, June 2018.
- Interpretation and Meaning in a Networked Governance World. *Public Administration Theory Network (PATNET) Annual Conference*, San Antonio, TX, May 2016.

Curriculum Vitae: Aritree Samanta, Ph.D.

Collaborations as Deliberative Processes for Policy Implementation: The Case of Cuyahoga Watershed. *International Association for Great Lakes Research (IAGLR) Annual Meeting*, Burlington, VT, May 2015.

Networks, Informal Action, and Policy Interplay in a Governance Space: The Case of a Contested Urban River. *Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Fall Research Conference*, Albuquerque, NM, November 2014.

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT/WORKS

SFSU magazine Fall/Winter 2023 – [A Hub for Hope](#), featured interview

SFSU magazine Fall/Winter 2020 – [The Shape of Things to Come](#), featured interview article

Interview with Paige Bardolph for KCET, Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) member television station in Los Angeles for article *Five Reasons* [Why Native Knowledge is Essential to Understand the Environment](#)

SERVICE

Ongoing Service Activities

Reviewer for Peer-Reviewed Journals: *Administrative Theory & Praxis, Journal of American Water Works Association, Human Dimensions of Wildlife, Local Environment, Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences, Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems, Environmental Science and Policy, International Journal of Organization Theory and Behavior, Organization & Environment*

Editorial Board Member

Public Administration Theory Network, July 2024 – Present

Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences, October 2018 – Present

Advisor, North America Partnership, [International Science Partnership Fund](#), UK Government, May 2024 – Present.

Mentor, [The Hidden Dream](#) (A national non-profit to mentor and support immigrant youth), 2021 – Present

Selection Committee Member, [Willie L. Brown, Jr. Fellowship Program](#), San Francisco State University, 2024 - Present

Past Service Activities

External Thesis Advisor, M.S. Interdisciplinary Marine & Estuarine Sciences candidate, Estuary & Ocean Science Center, San Francisco State University, California, USA, 2021.

Public Administration Theory Network (PATnet) Conference Session Chair, “Values and Institutional Change,” June 2021.

Advisor, SFSU Global Museum project development (advising the MA students in Museum Studies and the project team) on the [exhibition “Clearly Polluted: The Fight for Environmental Justice in the Bay Area,”](#) 2021.

Dissertation Committee Member, Master of Sustainability candidate in the Sustainability Science and Society (SSAS) Graduate Program at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, 2020.

Research Advisor, Latinx Agricultural Cooperatives, University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives, Madison, WI, USA, 2020.

Curriculum Vitae: Aritree Samanta, Ph.D.

Convener and chair, concurrent session on “Navigating the Age of Uncertainty: Tinkering with Hermeneutics, Pragmatism, and Democracy to Forge a Way Forward for Public Administration” at Public Administration Theory Network Annual Conference, Cleveland, OH, 2018.

Faculty partner, City Surf Project (a San Francisco nonprofit organization) through the Institute of Civic and Community Engagement (ICCE) at SFSU, 2019

DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYTICAL SKILLS

Statistical Analysis	SPSS
Qualitative Data Analysis	NVIVO and Atlas.ti
Data Collection	Qualtrics
Mapping	ArcGIS

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society for Public Administration
Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences
Public management Research Association
Public Administration Theory Network