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General Areas of Research:

Development/political economy; gender; globalization; cultural transformation; fisheries; migration; South Asia; eastern NC.

Current Research Projects:

1. Gender, Identity & Fisherfolk Livelihoods in Southern India

A comparative study of the interplay of gender relations, labor patterns, caste-religious identity, and livelihood strategy formation among Muslim, Hindu, and Christian fisherfolk in Kerala (India) in the context of globalization and ecological crisis.



Funding: Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship (USDE); Fulbright Senior Research Fellowship (CIES/USDS); ECU College Research Award

2. Gender, Development & the Impacts of Globalization on India's Fisheries

An analysis of the gendered patterns of globalization within the fisheries sector of India with particular reference to fish marketing networks and the spatial & cultural politics of fish trade.



3. Women's Labor and Household Livelihoods in the Coir Economy of India.

Investigation of the nature of women's work in coir production and its role in household poverty reduction.



4. Gulf Migration and Changing Gender Relations in a South Indian Muslim Community

Examination of how dislocations within the fishing economy and remittances from Gulf migration in combination with Muslim identity movements are changing notions of masculinity and femininity and gender relations within the household.