

Director's Note



As we head into the winter months ahead, we here at OSSR are looking forward to all of the spring funding deadlines. Over the past few months, we've helped many faculty and graduate students apply for funding, and we anticipate many new awards for UIC scholars. I am available to meet with you and discuss any questions you may have regarding funding opportunities. I love hearing about all of the exciting and important work that you are doing.

Looking forward, Tracy

Scholar Spotlight

Professor Tarini Bedi's current work is on the Bombay/Mumbai taxi trade. She is looking at a particular community of hereditary drivers, and through this group she can trace the history of the city from early colonial times when horse-drawn carriages were driven, through the start of the auto industry, and into the present, with a liberalized economy and competition with Uber. While many other studies examine the customer-driver relationship or the rider-side of the industry, Bedi's work focuses on the labor side—including drivers, mechanics, car washes, garages—and the institutions which are involved—government officials, financing agencies, educational institutions, and labor unions. While much of her time is spent with the community doing "mobile ethnography," another big part of her research is spent in archives focusing on the ways that mobile technologies were exported from England to India. Dr. Bedi has been awarded a Post PhD Research Fieldwork Grant from the Wenner-Glen Foundation to continue this research. Professor Bedi, like many ethnographers, returns to the field (in her case, India) periodically, and her work is fundamentally informed by continued engagement with the community. In her spare time, her "guilty pleasure" is teaching and doing Zumba—an activity she likes everywhere she goes in the world. She also spends a lot of time with her 12-year old daughter, biking, dancing, and playing the sitar.

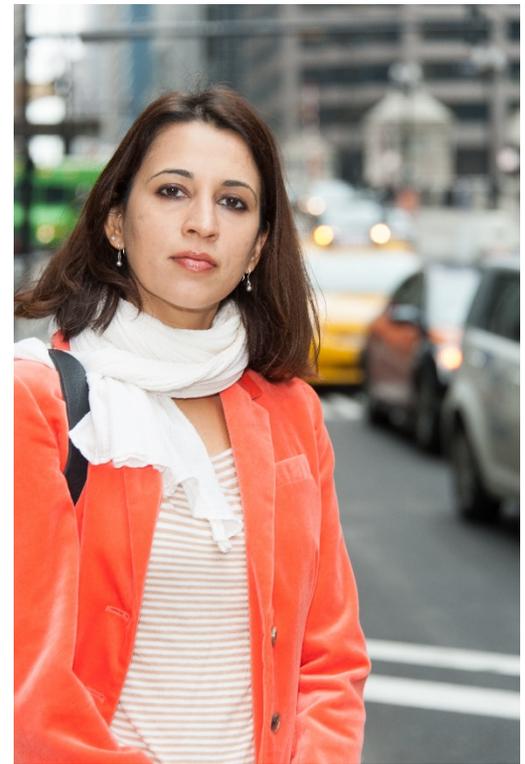


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New Grants Awarded

Nadine Naber won an award from the American University of Beirut to study national and sectarian emergencies, and whether those conditions facilitate or hinder participation and social activism by women and LGBTQ minorities.

Alicia Atwood has won a National Institute of Health grant to study how high deductible health plans affect health and health care over a four-year period.

John Monaghan and Laura Junker have been awarded funds from Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to conduct field work and excavating near the site of a World War II military loss in the Philippines.

Tarini Bedi has won the Wenner-Glen Foundation's Post PhD Research and Dissertation Fieldwork Grant for her study entitled "Everyday Technologies of the Urban: Motoring and Mobilities in Bombay/Mumbai's Taxi Trade."

Funding Opportunities

Below we have highlighted some upcoming deadlines. For *many* more opportunities, please visit our website.



- [Cultural Anthropology](#) funding is available for scholars to learn new methodological skills (**due Jan. 16**), for senior research (**due Jan. 15**), and for [dissertation work](#) (**due Jan. 17**).
- Funding is available for [doctoral](#) and non-doctoral studies in [linguistics](#) (**due Jan. 17**).
- Funding is available for [sociological research](#) (**due Jan. 17**) and to advance [qualitative methodology](#) (**due Jan. 15**).

[Public Humanities Projects](#) grants support projects that bring the ideas and insights of the humanities to life for general audiences. Projects must engage humanities scholarship to illuminate significant themes or to address challenging issues in contemporary life. **Due Jan. 11.**



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Other Deadlines

- [The Spencer Foundation](#) offers funding for education research. The upcoming deadline is **February 1**.
- The [National Institutes of Health](#) Spring deadlines are **February 5** and **March 16**. For more information, visit [our website](#) or [theirs](#).



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