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### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### **NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY**

Stearns Trustee Professor of History and Global Studies, 2023-ongoing

#### **TUFTS UNIVERSITY**

Professor of History, 2021-2023

Associate Professor of History, 2014-2021

Assistant Professor of History, 2008-2014

UCLA Postdoctoral Fellow, Transnational Humanities, 2007-2008

### **SPECIALIZATIONS**

Caribbean Studies and Indian Ocean Studies  
Black Studies  
Global and Transnational History

### **EDUCATION**

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**  
PhD, 2007, Department of History

Cambridge, MA

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**  
AM, 2003, Department of History

Cambridge, MA

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**  
AB, 2001, Department of History  
magna cum laude with highest honors

Cambridge, MA

### **ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP and SERVICE**

Founding Chair, Department of Studies in Race, Colonialism, and Diaspora, 2017-2021

University Senator, Tufts University Faculty Senate, 2021-2022

Chair, New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) Working Group on Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship at Tufts University

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

Manjapra, K. *Black Ghost of Empire: The Long Death of Slavery and the Failure of Emancipation*. Penguin UK and Simon Schuster USA. 2022. Translated into French and Portuguese. Shortlisted for the New England Book Award 2022 and the British Academy Global Cultural Understanding Prize 2023.

Manjapra, K. 2020. *Colonialism in Global Perspective*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Manjapra, K. 2014. *Age of Entanglement: German and Indian Intellectuals across Empire*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press. Winner of the 2019 International Merck-Tagore Book Award. Also in German translation.

Manjapra, K. 2009. *M.N. Roy: Marxism and Colonial Cosmopolitanism*. Delhi: Routledge.

### **Edited Works**

Manjapra, K and C.L. Lee, General Editors, *The Cambridge History of Colonialism and Decolonization* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2023-2029)

Manjapra, K. and Sugata Bose, eds. 2010. *Cosmopolitan Thought Zones: South Asia and the Global Circulation of Ideas*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

### **Scholarly Articles**

Manjapra, K. and James Ikeda. "Performing Public History as Anti-Gentrification." To be submitted for review in July 2024.

Manjapra, K. and Shirley Ye. 2024. "Rotten Times: Plantation Rots and the Global Plantation Regime, 1850-1950." To be submitted for review in June 2024

Manjapra, K. 2024. "Black Ancestors in the Museums." To be submitted for publication in *The Conversation* in May 2024.

Manjapra, K. 2024. "M.N. Roy Analysis Authoritarian India." To be submitted for publication in *Jacobin* in May 2024.

Manjapra, K. and Cira, Gabe. 2023. "Guerilla Maneuvers in Architectural Preservation," *Journal of Architectural Education*, vol. 77, no. 1.

Manjapra, K. and Bosa, Ulbe. 2022. "Metaphorical Overtures of Freedom in the Plantation Complex," *Journal of Capitalism Studies*, vol. 3, no. 1.

Manjapra, K. 2020. "The Scandal of the British Slavery Abolition Loan", *Social and Economic Studies*, vol. 68, no. 3.

Manjapra, K. 2019. “Necrospeculation: Emancipation, Finance, and Black Redress,” *Social Text*, vol. 37, no. 2.

Manjapra, K. 2019. “Anti-Imperialism and Interregnum” in: Peter Gordon and Warren Breckman eds., *Cambridge History of Modern European Thought*, volume 2. Cambridge University Press.

Manjapra, K, and Lowe, Lisa. 2019. “Comparative Global Humanities After Man”, *Theory, Culture, Society*, vol. 36.

Manjapra, K. 2019. “The Semi-Peripheral Hand” in: David Motadel and Christoph DeJung eds., *The Global Bourgeoisie*. Princeton University Press.

Manjapra, K. 2018. “Oral Histories of Decolonization: Bengali Intellectuals, Memory, and the Archive,” *South Asia*, vol. 41, no. 2, December 2018. And editor of the journal’s special issue in this journal: “Bengali Intellectuals in the Age of Decolonization”.

Manjapra, K. 2018. "Asian Plantation Histories at the Frontiers of Nation and Globalization", *Modern Asian Studies*, vol. 52, part 4.

Manjapra, K. 2018. "Plantation Dispossession: The Global Spread of Industrial Agriculture, 1830-1930" in: Christine Desan and Sven Beckert eds., *New Histories of American Capitalism*. Columbia University Press.

## **ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP AND REPARATIONS STUDIES**

Director of the Arts & Humanities Social Action Lab < <https://cssh.northeastern.edu/ahalab/>> at Northeastern University.

Founder and President, Black History in Action for Cambridgeport <[bhacambridge.org](http://bhacambridge.org)>  
This nonprofit works for community-based reparation and healing at a historic African-Caribbean church in Cambridgeport, and for the creation of a Black space for arts, documentation, and education.

Co-organizer of the Movement University < <https://www.movementuniversity.org/>>  
I work with the directors of two civic organizations in the US South – Southern Echo in Jackson, Mississippi, and Project South in Atlanta, Georgia – to provide a public online course on Civics and Movement Education.

## **Public History essays**

Manjapra, K. 2022. “Beware the ‘ghostliners’: people who mask Britain’s ongoing racial rule and mute calls for justice.” August 27, 2022. [The Guardian](#).

Manjapra, K. 2022. “D.C.’s Enslavers Got Reparations. Freed People Got Nothing.” June 16, 2022. [Politico](#).

Manjapra, K. 2022. “Juneteenth celebrates just one of the United States’ 20 emancipation days – and the story of how emancipated people were kept unfree needs to be remembered, too.” June 15, 2022. [The Conversation](#).

Manjapra, K. 2022. “Voter Suppression Grew Up from the Soil of Emancipation Itself.” April 8, 2022. [TIME Magazine](#).

Manjapra, K. 2022. “For the royals, slavery is a family affair.” April 2, 2022. [The Globe and Mail](#).

Manjapra, K. 2020. “How the long fight for slavery reparations is being won”. October 6, 2020. [Guardian Long Read](#).

Manjapra, K. 2018. “When will Britain face up to its Crime Against Humanity?”. March 28, 2018. [Guardian Long Read](#).

### **RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS**

Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professorship at Birmingham University on “Comparative Colonialisms: Body, Environment, Economy”, April-July 2023.

Faculty Fellow at the Heilbroner Center, The New School, Spring 2023.

Finalist, Andrew Carnegie Fellowship, 2019

Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg (Berlin Academy of the Sciences), Berlin, 2017-2018

Fellow, Beatrice Shepherd Blane Fellow, Radcliffe Institute, 2015-2106

Recipient, Newhouse Center for the Humanities at Wellesley College Fellowship, 2015-2016 (declined)

Mellon Sawyer Seminar in the Comparative Global Humanities, 2016-2017. Co-convener with Lisa Lowe.

Emerging Scholar Award, Diverse: Issues In Higher Education, 2015

Visiting Professorship, École des hautes études en sciences sociales, June 2013, Paris.

Chair of the selection committee, The John F. Richards Book Prize for South Asian History, American Historical Association, 2012-2013. Member of the Richards Prize Committee 2011-2012.

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Junior Fellowship, Free University, Berlin, affiliated with the chair of Sebastian Conrad, 2010-2011.

Neubauer Faculty Fellowship for Outstanding New Faculty, Tufts University, 2009-2010

UCLA Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Transnational Humanities (2 years), 2007-2009

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Selection Committee Member, Selection Committee of the International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, 2019-2022

Radcliffe Institute Selection Committee for the Humanities and Social Sciences, 2019-2023

## **TEACHING and SERVICE AWARDS**

Gerald Gill Distinguished Service Award 2021

Awarded annually by the Africana Center to a faculty or staff member whose achievements in the classroom, community, and programming in their departments, organizations, and/or offices exemplifies a commitment to enriching the lives of students, faculty and staff.

Lillian and Joseph Leibner Award for Excellence in Teaching and Advising of Students, 2017

Teaching with Technology Award, Tufts University, 2012.

## **MAJOR GRANTS**

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Race, Colonialism, and Diaspora Professorships at Tufts University (\$1.5 million). Main author.

NEH Implementation Grant. Translating Race Lab. (\$200,000). Decision in Spring 2022.

Mellon Sawyer Seminar: Comparative Global Humanities (\$175,000). Co-convened with Lisa Lowe.

“Speaking out Against Empire: Oral Histories and Interpretive Humanities on Postcolonial Thought and Culture in the English-Speaking Caribbean”. NEH Collaborative Research Grant (Proposed \$300,000. Decision in August 2017)

Tufts Innovates Grant (\$30,000) for the creation of the Tufts Corpora video database to support our long-distance co-located teaching initiatives. 2012-2013.

Tufts University Collaboration Grant (\$40,000) for the design and implementation of the “Islam on the Indian Ocean Rim” course, co-taught via videoconferencing with LUMS University. < <http://youtu.be/ZYjhnJnbjFM> >. 2011-2012.

National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborate Research Award, 2010-2011 (\$75,000) for the “Bengali Intellectuals in the Age of Decolonization Project” <https://corpora.tufts.edu/>. 2010-2011.

Berger Grant (\$30,000) for the Digital Humanities, Tufts University, 2009-2010 for the “Bengali Intellectuals in the Age of Decolonization Project”. 2009-2010.