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Brief Biography

Prema A. Kurien is Associate Professor and Graduate Director of Sociology, and founding Director of the Asian/Asian American Studies program at Syracuse University. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology from Brown University and taught at the University of Southern California before moving to Syracuse.

She has been involved in committees in the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Association for the Sociology of Religion, and the Religion section of the American Sociological Association. She is on the editorial board of the American Sociological Review and the annual publication of Society for Asian North American Christian Studies (SANACS). She has also been a panelist for the Woodrow Wilson International Center Fellowship competition and is a member of the National Science Foundation Dissertation Panel. She has received post-doctoral fellowships and grants from the Woodrow Wilson International Center, the Carnegie Corporation grant, the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Center for the Study of Religion at Princeton University, the American Institute of Indian Studies, the Louisville Institute, and the New Ethnic and Immigrant Congregations Project.

Some of her publications related to the topic of religion and diversity are:

Books:

2007 [A Place at the Table: Multiculturalism and the Development of an American](#)

Hinduism. Rutgers University Press.

2009 *Honorable Mention from the Sociology of Religion section, American Sociological Association.*

2002 Kaleidoscopic Ethnicity: International Migration and the Reconstruction of Community Identities in India. Rutgers University Press.

2003 *Book award from the Asia and Asian American section of the American Sociological Association.*

Journal Articles:

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2005 Distinguished Article Award, Sociology of Religion section, American Sociological Association.

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