

PRANATHI DIWAKAR

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EMPLOYMENT

University of Chicago | **Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in the Social Sciences**

2022, ongoing

EDUCATION

- University of Chicago | **Ph.D. Sociology** | *Chicago, IL* June 2022
Dissertation: "Resounding Caste: Practices of Distinction, Urban Segregation, and Musical Politics in Chennai"
- University of Chicago | **M.A. Sociology** | *Chicago, IL* 2015 – 2017
- Indian Institute of Technology | **M.A. Development Studies** | *Chennai, India* 2010 – 2015

RESEARCH & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Department of Sociology, University of Chicago | *Chicago, IL*

2015 – 2022

- **Doctoral researcher**
 - Designed and managed a year-long ethnographic research project that included ethnographic fieldwork, 103 qualitative interviews and ~50 participant observations in Chennai, India
 - Interviewed various members of two musical worlds including musicians, producers, technicians, sponsors, and fans, and attended community events, festivals, and shows; used qualitative coding to analyze detailed fieldnotes and interview transcripts
 - Wrote dissertation chapters, peer-reviewed published articles, and produced conference presentations
- **Lecturer & Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow**
 - Created syllabus for course instruction ("Culture and Politics in Asia" at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago); created curriculum & mentored undergraduate students in the B.A. Internship Program at UChicago

WORK EXPERIENCE

"Every Voice" podcast with WQXR, New York Public Radio

May 2020 – Present

- Researcher of blackface in opera, using archival, interview, and secondary materials

Starlight, a pop-up community arts space on Devon Ave. | *Chicago, IL*

Sep. 14 – Oct. 30, 2022

- Facilitated the transformation of the arts space along with 6 team members from SpaceShift Collective
- Created a vinyl + digital listening station and a playlist zine; helped organize events

Seasoned, a podcast about everyday foods and their sociopolitical implications

2020 – Present

- Created podcast, designed episodes following extensive research, and hosted show
- Invited interviewees, edited recordings of interviews, and produced all segments

Smart Museum of Art | *Chicago, IL*

2020 – Present

- Collaborated with public practice team in creation, design, and execution of virtual events
- Facilitated a day-long event called, "[Take Care, Be Well](#)" in collaboration with artists, museum educators, and researchers

Notes on Notes, a monthly playlist exchange

2020 – 2021

- Conceptualized and co-curated a monthly exchange of a playlist and a non-musical pairing

Hyde Park Audio Walking Tour | *Chicago, IL*

2017 – 2018

- Conceptualized and managed a research team for a proposed multimedia audio walking tour project on the history of urban renewal in Chicago's South Side neighborhood of Hyde Park
- Led research including archival research and oral history interviews with neighborhood elders, stakeholders, and community leaders

SKILLS

Languages: English, Tamil, Kannada, Hindi, French (A2 level); Software: Reaper, Anchor, ArcGIS, Microsoft Office, QGIS