

# **PARIN DOSSA**

**Professor Emeritus**

## **SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY**

### **BIOGRAPHY**

Dr. Parin Dossa, Professor of Anthropology and Associate Member in the Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, received her education on three continents: Africa, Europe and North America. Her long-standing interest on displacement and critical feminist ethnography has led her to focus on the interface between social inequality, health, gender and social palliation. Based on her research on social suffering and narratives of trauma, Dr. Dossa explores the differential effects of structural violence on the lived realities of Muslim women: homelands and diasporas. She grounds her analysis in methodologies that capture the reconstitution of lives on the margins of society. This orientation questions the conceptualization of the local and the everyday as discrete from the body politic, paving the way for presenting an alternative view of the margins as sites for the making of a just world.

Dr. Dossa's field work on Muslim women has resulted in several interrelated projects: racialized bodies and disabling worlds; policy implications of storytelling; testimonial narratives and social memory; place, health and everyday life; social suffering; and violence in war and peace.

### **EDUCATION**

PhD (Anthropology), University of British Columbia  
MA (Islamic History), Edinburgh University  
BA (English, History), Makerere University, Uganda

### **AREAS OF INTEREST**

Migration, gender and health; critical feminist anthropology; transnational aging; politics of disablement; structural violence, storytelling and witnessing; Muslim Women.

Geographical Focus: Canada, Kenya, Afghanistan and India

### **SELECT PUBLICATIONS**

#### **BOOKS**

2020 Dossa, Parin. *Social Palliation:*



Dossa, P. (2011 reprint). Social suffering: Exploring the interface between health policy and testimonial narratives of Canadian Afghan women. In D.L. Spitzer (Ed.) *Engendering Migrant Health*, pp. 147-166, University of Toronto Press.

Dossa, Parin A. 1990. "Toward Social System Theory: Implications for Older People with Developmental Disabilities and Service Delivery." *International Journal of Aging & Human Development* 30 (4): 303-19.

Dossa, Parin A. 1989. "Quality of Life: Individualism or Holism? A Critical Review of the Literature." *International Journal of Rehabilitation Research* 12 (2): 121-36.

Dossa, Parin. 1988. "Women's Space/Time: An Anthropological Perspective on Ismaili Immigrant Women in Calgary and Vancouver." *Canadian Ethnic Studies* 20 (1).

## **ENCYCLOPEDIA**

Dossa, P. & Golubovic, J. (2018). Community-

Experiences of Immigrant Women Living with Chronic Pain and their Caregivers, University of Ottawa (2022).

E-Entrepreneurship and Women Empowerment in Pakistan, University of Punjab (2021).

Evaluation of 9 applicants for promotion to Associate Professor: The University of Punjab (2022).

## **AWARDS AND FUNDING**

Dossa, Parin "Envisioning Social Justice from the Margins," President's Faculty Lecture (02/2021).

SSHRC Connection Grant, "Producing Islam(s) in Canada," (Participant, PI Jennifer Selby, Memorial University of Newfoundland), 04/2017 - 03/2018.

SSHRC Insight Grant, "Anti-Muslim Hate Crime Study," Co-Principal Investigator (in collaboration with Barbara Perry and Dennis Helly), 05/2017 - 4/2021.

SFU Community Engagement Initiative Grant, "From Knowledge to Collaborative Engagement: Inclusive Palliative Care for Immigrant Muslims," 2014 - 2016.