

Professional Summary:

My project is a book-length manuscript that will explore the changing meanings of the concept of “citizenship” in the American context. The multifaceted contours of citizenship, along with its legal, social, and political implications, are beginning to be redefined by emerging scholarship with new notions of identity and discrimination. However, the real meaning of citizenship in our daily lives continues to become more complicated, and to some extent, more elusive, as transformations in the global economy, political systems, cultural tolerance, legislative interpretations, and technological tools reshape the balance of power between the citizen and the state. This book attempts to analyze the meaning of citizenship in relation to its historic development, focusing on American history to track the impact of various paradigms—nation-building, state hegemony, global competition, and technological dominance – on citizenship in America. This book focuses on the nature and use of state power in the definition and redefinition of citizenship, in terms of both the advances and the retreats of the rights of citizens at different points in history. The purpose is to illustrate the negotiations between the state and the citizen over ethnicity, territory, globalization, immigration, and technology.