

# INTRODUCING THE 2024 DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Dr. Afroza Anwary** received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Minnesota in 1997. She has taught at Minnesota State University Mankato since 2000. She was Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Minnesota and taught at Concordia College and Carleton College before coming to Minnesota State University, Mankato. She was a Visiting Professor at the College of Law, Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus, Sydney, Australia and was a Visiting Scholar at the School of Economics, University of Delhi, India. She was key-note speaker in conferences organized by the department of Sociology, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. Dr. Anwary is an Invited Member of International Criminal Court (ICC): Feminist Judgement Project, New South Wales, Australia.

Her research focuses on Global Land Conflict and Extractive Capital, Human Rights, Genocide, Migration, Climate Change and Gender-based-violence. Her recent scholarship highlights women's human rights in the context of genocide and conflict zones. Her scholarship proves that sexual violence against women is used as a strategic, systematic, and calculated tool of genocide. Dr. Anwary's work challenges the United Nation's narrow definition of 1948 Genocide Convention and highlights the International Criminal Court's (ICC) poor conviction record for gender-based crimes. She is the author of more than twenty papers published in peer reviewed journals and has authored chapters in books published by Cambridge University Press, Stanford University Press, Springer, and Routledge.

She has received numerous Minnesota State University, Mankato awards including Presidential Teaching Scholar award. She also has received many external grants, such as Ford Foundation Global Scholar Grant and Midwest Sociological Society Grant that supported her scholarship.

**Jessica (Jess) Schomberg** is a Professor in the department of Library Services. Their research focus is on taking a critical approach to disability in libraries. They have published in journals including Library Trends, the Journal of Library Administration, as well as the edited anthology The Politics and Theory of Critical Librarianship. They have also co-written a book called Beyond Accommodation: Creating an Inclusive Workplace for Disabled Library Workers. They currently serve on the editorial board of the peer-reviewed, open access journal In the Library with the Lead Pipe and they are co-founder of the new open access journal Disability in Libraries.



**Laura Harrison** is a professor and the Chair in the Department of History and Gender Studies. She received her doctorate in Gender Studies from Indiana University. Her most recent book project, *Losing Sleep: Risk, Responsibility, and Infant Sleep Safety* (NYU Press, 2022) takes on socially constructed beliefs about infant safety, including how medicine, law, and policy reward some parents while punishing others. Her first book, *Brown Bodies, White Babies: The Politics of Cross-racial Surrogacy* (NYU Press, 2016) examines the implications of surrogacy arrangements for contemporary understandings of race, kinship, and gender. Professor Harrison's work on subjects ranging from reproductive justice, surrogacy, representations of motherhood, race and public health, and gender and feminist backlash appears in journals including *Signs*, *Frontiers*, *Feminist Formations*, *Genders*, *Feminist Media Studies*, and *Women's Studies International Forum*. Her writing on the infant formula shortage, Josh Duggar and feminist backlash, and pregnancy monitoring technology can be found in the *Washington Post*, and her writing on product safety as a feminist issue appears in *Ms. Magazine*. Professor Harrison is committed to increasing access to and quality of prison education in Minnesota, and serves on the advisory board of Minnesota State University, Mankato's Scholars Serving Time program.