



# Course

**SPRING QUARTER 2012**

**HUM 595C**

**FEMINISMS, INSTITUTIONS, AND ALLIANCES:  
A MICROSEMINAR WITH RICHA NAGAR**  
(1 credit, C/CN)

Instructors: Amanda Swarr (Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies) with Richa Nagar (Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies, University of Minnesota)

**Course Meeting Dates and Times:**

Wednesday, May 16, 3:30-5:30 pm, Communications 226

Thursday, May 24, 6:00-8:00 pm, Smith 409

Friday, May 25, 3:30-4:30 pm, Smith 304

Wednesday, May 30, 3:30-5:30 pm, Communications 202

This microseminar will explore the transnational feminist analyses, methodologies, storytelling, research ethics and politics, and alliance building of **Richa Nagar**. For the past three decades, Nagar's research, creative writing, and organizing work has focused on understanding the politics and processes of NGO work and women's empowerment projects as well as ways in which multiple hierarchies associated with these can be interrupted through collaborative knowledge production and dissemination across the borders of North/South, academia/activism, and Awadhi/Hindustani/English.

Through close reading of Nagar's scholarship, as well as a workshop with and public lecture by Nagar, seminar participants will become familiar with diverse feminist methodologies, the possibilities and pitfalls of alliance work, and how to relate these ideas to their own graduate work in oral and written forms.