Embodied Belongings: A Two-Day Symposium
Exploring the Politics of ‘Queer’ in South Asia

Thursday, October 5
500 Hall of Languages

7 p.m. Vivek Shraya—a Toronto-based artist whose body of work includes several albums, films, and books—will kick off the symposium with a multimedia performance. Vivek has read and performed internationally at shows, festivals, and post-secondary institutions, including sharing the stage with Tegan & Sara. She is one half of the music duo Too Attached.

Friday, October 6
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9:15 a.m. Keynote: Gayatri Reddy, “With Respect to Sex, Revisited”
Reddy, associate professor of anthropology at the University of Illinois at Chicago, is a sociocultural anthropologist whose research and teaching interests lie at the intersections of sexuality, gender, health, and the politics of subject and community-formation in India, as well as within the immigrant South Asian queer community in the U.S.

6:30 p.m. Shyam Selvadurai, a widely published, award-winning author, was born in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in 1965. His novel Funny Boy draws on his experience of being gay in the violent 1980s of Sri Lanka.

The two-day symposium is open to the public. For the full schedule of activities, please visit www.maxwell.syr.edu/queersouthasia

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