

## **ANIL PERSAUD, Assistant Professor in History**

### **EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

Anil Persaud completed his BA and MA in English Literature from the University of Toronto and his PhD in History at the Jawaharlal Nehru University. His PhD explored the several ways in which the idea of indigeneity was re-constituted in British Guiana between the end of slavery and the coming of independence. His current research includes a history of sugar as a commodity in India and, along with scholars from South Africa, Argentina and India, a comparative project focused on different experiences of migration in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

His other areas of research interest are: history and Aboriginal peoples, histories of Labour, Education and the Production of Knowledge, Gender and Sexuality and the ways in which these histories intersect with each other to produce the world we inhabit.

### **PAST EMPLOYMENT**

Prior to joining AUD in February of 2011, Anil Persaud held a postdoctoral fellowship with the International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam and was part of the team of scholars working on a project titled: *Plants, People & Work: The Social History of Cash Crops in Asia, 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries*. He has also, along with others, received funding as part of the SEPHIS project titled, "Rethinking Histories, Nations, Societies and Trans-Regional Connections".

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Articles and Chapters**

"Transformed over Seas: *Medical Comforts* aboard 19<sup>th</sup> Century Emigrant Ships." Chapter in *Labour Matters: Towards Global Labour History*. Eds, Marcel van der Linden and Prabhu P. Mohapatra. New Delhi: Tulilka Press, 2009.

"The Civility of Things: *Unnatural Practices* and Making Value(s) in the British Sugar Colonies." Refereed in *WADABAGEI: A Journal of the Caribbean and Its Diaspora Volume 10, Number 3 ~ 2007*.

#### **Reviews**

"The trail where they cried" a review of *Many Middle Passages: Forced Migration and the Making of the Modern World*. Eds, Emma Christopher, Cassandra Pybus and Marcus Rediker, University of California Press, 2007, in *Studies in History*, Sage Publications, 24, 1 (2008): 166-169

"Jottings of an Embedded Tourist," a review of Rahul Bhattacharya's debut novel, *The Sly Company of People Who Care*. *Biblio: A review of books*, Vol. XV Nos. 3 & 4, March - April 2011.