

: Brief Profile :

Professor Mangai Natarajan is an active policy-oriented researcher who has published widely in three areas: drug trafficking; women police and domestic violence. She is one of the leading women researchers on drug trafficking and her edited volume with Professor Mike Hough of Kings College, London, (*Illegal Drug Markets: From Research to Policy*, 2000) is widely cited. Her latest article (2006) on “Understanding the Structure of a Large Heroin Distribution Network” uses wiretap data collected in New York and is published in the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. Since her doctoral work comparing the work and ambitions of women officers in India and the United States, she has continued to study the role of women police in India. She has incorporated her two decades of empirical research on women policing into a soon to be published book titled *Women Policing in a Changing Society: Back Door to Equality* (Ashgate Publishing, UK).

In 2005, she served as editor for the encyclopedia *Women Police* for Ashgate Publishing, UK and an encyclopedia on *Domestic Violence: The Five Big Questions* for Ashgate Publishing, UK was recently published (June 2007).

She is currently working on three volumes: *Drugs of Abuse-The International Scene (Vol. 1)*; *Prevention and Treatment of Drug Abuse (Vol. 2)*; and *The Drugs and Crime Connection (Vol. 3)* for the *Library of Drug Abuse and Crime* (Ashgate Publishing, UK). Her wider academic interests revolve around crime theories that promote crime reduction policy thinking and her related areas of expertise include Social Network Analysis, Crime Mapping and Crime Analysis, Problem Oriented Policing and Situational Crime Prevention. Dr. Natarajan is not only an active researcher but is also a dedicated teacher in the undergraduate, graduate and Ph.D. programs and is the founding coordinator of the International Criminal Justice Major, one of the fast growing and popular majors at John Jay. She recently published a text for use in the major titled *International Crime and Justice* (McGraw-Hill, 2005), consisting of 50 short chapters that she commissioned from national experts.