

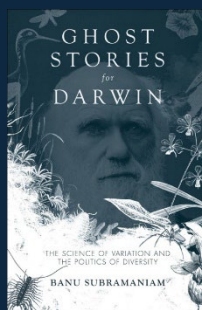
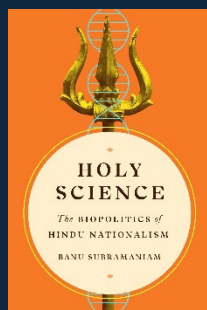
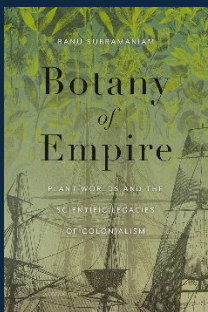
# Queering Global Flora: Plant Lives in the Afterlives of Empire

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How have histories of colonialism and their foundational language of gender, race, sexuality, and nation shaped the language, terminology, and theories of the modern plant sciences?

How and why do botanical theories remain grounded in the violence of their colonial pasts?

In wrestling with these difficult origins, I develop the concept of migrant ecologies to retheorize plant migration and reproductive biology. I explore new biological frameworks that harness the power of feminist thought in order to reimagine and reinvigorate our love of plants.



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**Thursday, April 3, 2025**  
**Dogwood Room**  
**Indiana Memorial Union**  
**4:00 pm**

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