

DIRTY LAUNDRY

Director's Bio

Professor Sanjeev Chatterjee has an M.A. in English Literature from Delhi University, India, and an M.F.A. in Television Production from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. He has taught at the University of Miami since 1994.

Professor Chatterjee's main documentary work explores issues of identity among people in the Indian diaspora. His films on the topic are *Bittersweet* (1995) about Asian Indians in the United States and *Pure Chutney* (1998) about people of Indian origin in Trinidad. *Pure Chutney* won second place at Film South Asia in Kathmandu, 1999. Currently he is in the final stages of shooting a documentary about people of Indian origin in South Africa.

Professor Chatterjee's other documentary works include *From the Shadow of History* (1996) about the role of preventive diplomacy in the Republic of Macedonia during the Yugoslav war. The film has been seen on the History Channel and locally on WPBT Channel 2, Miami. The film won awards at the Vermont International Film Festival and Silver State Documentary Festival.

In 1999-2000 Professor Chatterjee was commissioned by the National Geographic Channel to produce television reports about environment and culture in India. The topics of these reports, which were part of National Geographic's prime time magazine show *National Geographic Today*, ranged from deforestation and habitat fragmentation to the survival of folk and classical dance in India. Currently, a story about the restoration of the Taj Mahal is due for showing.