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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2015- Present Ph.D. Sociology
 University of Texas at Austin, USA
- 2009 MSc Gender and Social Policy (Merit)
 London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, UK
- 2008 BA (Honors) Political Science (First Division)
 Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi, India

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Reproductive health and technologies; Gender and labor; Sexuality; State; Contemporary India; Qualitative Methodology; Social Movements; Surrogacy

PUBLICATIONS

EDITED BOOKS:

- 2014 (co-edited with Sarojini N) *Reconfiguring Reproduction: Feminist Health Perspectives on Assisted Reproductive Technologies*. Zubaan

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES:

- Under Review (co-authored with Sarojini, N) Surrogacy and Social Movements in India: Towards a Collective Conversation. *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*
- 2015 (co-authored with Misra, G) Whither Men: Reflections on the inclusion of men in women's rights programs. *Economic and Political Weekly*. 1 (13): 62-68
- 2013 Gender bending, gender testing: reflections on the Pinki Pramanik case. *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*. 10 (1): 45-48
- 2011 (co-authored with Sheno, A and Sarojini, N) Globalisation of birth markets: a case study of assisted reproductive technologies in India. *Globalization and Health*. 7:27
- 2011 (co-authored with Sarojini, N) Reinventing Reproduction, Re-conceiving Challenges: An Examination of Assisted Reproductive Technologies in India. *Economic and Political Weekly*. 46 (43): 104-111

BOOK CHAPTERS:

- Under Review Reproductive Health in India and the issue of sex selection. In Kumar, S (ed) *Women's Empowerment: A Critical Reader*. Orient Blackswan
- Forthcoming (co-authored with Sarojini N) Body as resource: New frontiers and dilemmas in surrogacy and biomedical research. In Prasad, P and Jesani, A (eds) *Access and Equity: Health Care Studies in India*. Oxford University Press
- Forthcoming (co-authored with Sarojini N) The Gendered Nature of Infertility and Assisted Reproductive Technologies. In Unisa, S and Virginie, R (eds) *Assisted Reproductive Technologies in the Global South and North: Issues, Challenges and the Future*. Routledge
- Forthcoming (co-authored with Misra, G) Criminal law, activism, and sexual and reproductive justice: What we can learn from the sex selection campaign in India. In Roseman, M and Miller, A (eds) *Beyond Virtue and Vice: International Human Rights and the Criminal Regulation of Sexuality, Gender and Reproduction*. University of Pennsylvania Press
- 2014 How surrogacy is challenging and changing our feminisms. In Sarojini, N and Marwah, V (eds.) *Reconfiguring Reproduction*. Zubaan
- 2014 (co-authored with Venkatachalam D, and Nayak, P) How Bodies Gender: Examining Infertility and Assisted Reproductive Technologies. In Sarojini, N and Marwah, V (eds.) *Reconfiguring Reproduction*. Zubaan
- 2013 (co-authored with Sarojini N) 'Shake her, she is like the tree that grows money!' Contests and Critiques in Surrogacy. In Misra, J (ed) *Of Mothers and Others: Stories, essays, poems*. Zubaan
- 2011 Terminologies and Identities. Masters course book: *Theories of Women's and Gender Studies*. Indira Gandhi National Open University

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

- 2016 The surrogacy story: Beyond the Bollywood babies is an industry that needs regulation. www.scroll.in
- 2015 Women in labour. 'Labour and its discontents'. *Himal Southasian*. 28 (2): 124-133
- 2013 (co-authored with Sen, P) Do our bodies belong to us? *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*. 10 (4): 273-274
- 2013 A tale of two panels. Blog: www.kafila.org
- 2013 (co-authored with Misra, G) Taking a comprehensive view of sexual violence. Blog: www.opendemocracy.net/50.50
- 2011 Renting Wombs. www.himalmag.com
- 2011 Commercial Surrogacy in India. *GeneWatch*. 24: 3-4

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2015- Present Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, UT Austin
(Introduction to the Study of Society, Race and Reproductive Justice)

WORK EXPERIENCE

INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT: July 2014 to August 2015

Commonhealth: Coalition for maternal- neonatal health and safe abortion

- Coordinator and rapporteur for conference ‘Strengthening Alliances for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights’ in New Delhi, December 2014.

Sama- Resource Group for Women and Health

- Conducted capacity building, advocacy, and research on commercial surrogacy
- Presented research findings at Sama’s international conference ‘Biomedical technologies: Understanding issues of ethics, market, and labour’ in Delhi 2015

Nirnaya Women’s Fund

- Resource person on Gender for Nirnaya grantees

PROGRAM COORDINATOR, CREA: September 2012 to July 2014

Coordination

- Managed the annual Sexuality, Gender and Rights Institutes: India (English) and Global
- Restructured and managed the Disability, Sexuality, and Rights Online Institute
- Organized sexual rights advocacy events and campaigns

New Program Development

- Developed India’s first school based LGBT sensitization program with Tagore International School
- Conceptualized and planned CREA’s Global Dialogue on Decriminalization, Choice and Consent with leading sexual and reproductive rights activists

Invited talks/ trainings:

- YWCA’s regional meet in Goa 2013 and national convention in Kerala 2014
- Lady Shri Ram College’s Gender Congress in Delhi 2014
- Indian Institute of Mass Communication training for junior officers of the Indian Information Services
- University of Hawaii- Manoa’s exchange students in Delhi 2013
- UN Information Centre panel on women’s safety in Delhi 2013
- CREA’s Hindi sexuality institute 2014 and Ibida women’s network training 2013

PROJECT COORDINATOR, SAMA: November 2009 to March 2012

Research experience (methodology, literature review, fieldwork, analysis and writing)

- *Birthing a Market: A Study on Commercial Surrogacy* (2011-12)
- *Constructing Conceptions: A mapping of Assisted Reproductive Technologies in India* (2008-10)
- *The Framing of Gender and Labour: Conversations around contemporary and commercial sex and reproduction in South Asia* (2011)

Policy Advocacy

- Critique of ART 2010 Bill from a gender and public health perspective, and its dissemination to policymakers, media, industry, academia, and civil society
- Presented on ART and Commercial Surrogacy, with special focus on the proposed law, during a lecture tour of USA (Harvard School of Public Health, Hampshire College, Tufts University, among others in New York, Boston and San Francisco)

Invited talks/ trainings:

- YWCA's national seminar in Delhi 2011, and regional workshop in Kerala 2012
- Sama's national conference 'Advancing Feminist Debates on Reproductive Technologies' in Delhi 2012
- National Institute of Health and Family Welfare in Delhi 2011
- Centre for Public Health and Equity's Community Health Fellowship Program in Bhopal 2011
- Indian Medical Association's National Conference in Bangalore 2011
- National conference of the All India People's Science Movement in Simla 2010

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Summer Research Award, Department of Sociology, UT Austin 2016

Travel fellowship for ASA conference, Department of Sociology, UT Austin 2016

Lady Shri Ram College's Shri Desai leadership prize 2008

Ford Foundation fellowship for 'Replenishing Democracy' summer institute at Amherst College 2007

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Volunteered with the Naz Foundation (India) Trust as a peer educator for HIV/AIDS 2006-2008

President, Students Union, Lady Shri Ram College 2007-08

LANGUAGES

English: fluent written and spoken

Hindi: fluent written and spoken