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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Public Affairs & Demography, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ	2015
M.P.A., Development Studies, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ	2010
B.A., Sociology, Villanova University, Villanova, PA	2006
B.A., Honors [Letters], Villanova University, Villanova, PA	2006

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Sociology, University of Texas at Austin. Faculty Affiliate, Population Research Center. Faculty Affiliate, South Asia Institute.	2017 – present
Visiting Researcher, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi.	2015 – 2018
Visiting Fellow, Princeton School of Public & International Affairs.	2016 – 2017
Visiting Researcher, Centre for Development Economics, Delhi.	2011 – 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Book

1. Coffey, Diane and Dean Spears. 2017. *Where India Goes: Abandoned Toilets, Stunted Development, and the Costs of Caste*. Harper Collins.

book prize: 2017 Joseph W. Elder Prize in the Indian Social Sciences from the American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS)

media attention: National Geographic, The Economist, Foreign Policy, Mid-day, Nikkei Asian Review, The Indian Express, IndiaSpend, Hindustan Times, Business Standard, The Caravan, Huffington Post, National Herald, The Wire, Velivada, Marginal Revolution, Youth Ki Awaas, Stanford Social Innovation Review

special recognition: *The Hindu* named it one of the top 10 non-fiction books of the decade

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (including Accepted and In Press)

italics indicates graduate student or trainee co-author

2. Coffey, Diane, Payal Hathi, Nazar Khalid, and Amit Thorat. forthcoming. "Measurement of population mental health: Evidence from a mobile phone survey in India." *Health Policy & Planning*.
media attention: London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine's "HPP Debated" podcast

3. Coffey, Diane and Dean Spears. forthcoming. “Neonatal death in India: The effect of birth order in a context of maternal undernutrition.” *The Economic Journal*.
4. *Hathi, Payal*, Diane Coffey, and Amit Thorat. 2021. “When women eat last: Discrimination at home and women’s mental health.” *PLoS One*. 16(3), e0247065.
5. Thorat, Amit, *Nazar Khalid*, *Nikhil Srivastav*, *Payal Hathi*, Dean Spears, and Diane Coffey. forthcoming. 2020. “Persisting prejudice: Measuring outcomes and attitudes by caste, religion, and gender.” *Caste: A Global Journal of Social Exclusion*. 1(2), 1-16.
6. Coffey, Diane, *Payal Hathi* and Dean Spears. 2020. “Assessing high-profile public messaging for sanitation behaviour change: Evidence from a mobile phone survey in India.” *Waterlines*. 39(4).
7. *Gupta, Aashish* and Diane Coffey. 2020. “Caste, religion, and mental health in India.” *Population Research & Policy Review*. 39, 1119–1141.
8. *Gupta, Aashish*, *Nazar Khalid*, Devashish Deshpande, *Payal Hathi*, Avani Kapur, *Nikhil Srivastav*, *Sangita Vyas*, Dean Spears, and Diane Coffey. 2020. “Revisiting open defecation: Evidence from a panel survey in rural north India, 2014-2018.” *Economic & Political Weekly*. 55(21).
media attention: The Hindu, Scroll.in, First Post, The Wire, The Business Standard, Swaraj Magazine, Counterview, LiveMint
9. *Gupta, Aashish*, *Sangita Vyas*, *Payal Hathi*, *Nazar Khalid*, *Nikhil Srivastav*, Dean Spears, and Diane Coffey. 2020. “Persistence of solid fuel use despite increases in LPG ownership: New survey evidence from rural north India.” *Economic & Political Weekly*. 55(3): 55-62.
media attention: The Hindu, LiveMint, NewsCentral, Counterview
10. *Broussard, Kathleen*, *Payal Hathi* and Diane Coffey. 2019. “Feasibility of assessing public knowledge and use of medical abortion in a general-interest mobile phone survey in India.” *Contraception*. 100(6): 457-463.
11. *Vyas, Sangita*, *Nikhil Srivastav*, Divya Mary, Neeta Goel, Sujatha Srinivasan, Ajaykumar Tannirkulam, Radu Ban, Dean Spears and Diane Coffey. 2019. “Measuring open defecation in India using survey questions: Evidence from a randomized survey experiment.” *BMJ Open*. 9:e030152.
12. *LoPalo, Melissa*, Diane Coffey, and Dean Spears. 2019. “The consequences of social inequality for the health and development of India’s children: The case of caste, sanitation, and child height.” *Social Justice Research*. 32(3): 239-254.
13. Coffey, Diane, Ashwini Deshpande, Jeffrey Hammer, and Dean Spears. 2019. “Local social inequality, economic inequality, and disparities in child height in India.” *Demography*. 56(4):1427-1452.

14. Coffey, Diane. 2019. "The association between neonatal death and facility birth in regions of India." *Demographic Research*. 40(16): 417-430.
15. Gupta, Aashish, Nazar Khalid, Payal Hathi, Nikhil Srivastav, Sangita Vyas, and Diane Coffey. 2019. "Coercion, Construction, and 'ODF paper pe': Swacch Bharat, according to local government officials." *The India Forum*. 24 March.
special recognition: selected by the editor as part of a set of 25 curated articles from 2019
16. Coffey, Diane and Dean Spears. 2018. "Child height in India: Facts and interpretations from the 2015- 16 NFHS-4." *Economic & Political Weekly*. 53(31).
media attention: LiveMint
17. Coffey, Diane, Payal Hathi, Nidhi Khurana, and Amit Thorat. 2018. "Explicit prejudice: Evidence from a new survey of social attitudes." *Economic & Political Weekly*. 53(1): 46-54.
media attention: EPW engage Indian Express, Times of India, Aaj tak, The Wire, Millennium Post, Sydney Morning Herald
18. Coffey, Diane, Dean Spears, and Sangita Vyas. 2017. "Switching to sanitation: Understanding latrine adoption in a representative panel of rural Indian households." *Social Science & Medicine*. 188: 41-50.
19. Coffey, Diane, Michael Geruso, and Dean Spears. 2017. "Sanitation, disease, and anemia: Evidence from Nepal." *The Economic Journal*. doi: 10.1111/eoj.12491
special recognition: awarded the 2017 Prize for Faculty Research by UT Austin's Population Health Initiative
20. Hathi, Payal, Sabrina Haque, Lovey Pant, Diane Coffey, and Dean Spears. 2017. "Place and child health: The interaction of population density and sanitation behavior in developing countries." 2017. *Demography*. 54:337-360.
21. Coffey, Diane, Aashish Gupta, Payal Hathi, Dean Spears, Nikhil Srivastav, and Sangita Vyas. 2017. "Understanding open defecation in rural India: Untouchability, pollution, and latrine pits." 2017. *Economic & Political Weekly*. Special article in Review of Rural Affairs. 52(1):59-66.
media attention: The Economist, major English-language Indian newspapers
22. Coffey, Diane and Payal Hathi. 2016. "Underweight & pregnant: Maternity entitlements and weight gain during pregnancy." *Indian Journal of Human Development*. 10(2):1-15.
23. Hathi, Payal, Diane Coffey, and Dean Spears. 2016. "Can collective action strategies motivate behavior change to reduce open defecation in rural India?" *Waterlines*. 35(2).
special recognition: awarded the 2016 Jeroen Ensink Memorial Prize by the journal *Waterlines*

24. Coffey, Diane. 2015. "Pre-pregnancy body mass and weight gain during pregnancy in India & sub-Saharan Africa." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 112(11): 3302-3307.
media attention: New York Times, British Medical Journal, Reuters, all major English-language Indian newspapers
25. Coffey, Diane, John Papp, and Dean Spears. 2015. "Short-term labor migration from rural north India: Evidence from new survey data." *Population Research & Policy Review*. 34(3):361-380.
26. Coffey, Diane. 2015. "Early life mortality and height in Indian states." *Economics & Human Biology*. 17: 177-189.
media attention: The Hindu
27. Coffey, Diane, Aashish Gupta, Payal Hathi, Nidhi Khurana, Dean Spears, Nikhil Srivastav, and Sangita Vyas. 2014. "Open defecation: Evidence from a new survey in rural north India." *Economic & Political Weekly*. XLIX(38).
reprinted in: Social policy: Readings on the economy, policy, and society. (2016) Jean Drèze (ed.)
media attention: New York Times, The Economist, National Public Radio, Voice of America, major English-language Indian newspapers
28. Coffey, Diane. 2014. "Costs and consequences of a cash transfer for hospital births in a rural district of Uttar Pradesh, India." *Social Science & Medicine*. 114: 89-96
29. Coffey, Diane. 2013. "Children's welfare and short term migration from rural India." *Journal of Development Studies*. 49(8): 1101-1117.
30. Chattopadhyay, Aparajita, Diane Coffey, and Rajan Gupt. 2013. "Wealth and health of children in India: A state-level analysis." *Economic & Political Weekly*. XLIX(15).

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters (including Accepted and In Press)

31. Coffey, Diane. 2019. "Where Bharat Goes." In Niraja Jayal (Ed.), *Re-forming India: The Nation Today*. Delhi, India: Penguin Books.
32. Gupta, Aashish, Diane Coffey and Dean Spears. 2015. "Purity, pollution, and untouchability: Challenges affecting the adoption, use, and sustainability of sanitation programmes in rural India." In Robert Chambers (Ed.), *Frontiers of CLTS: Innovations and Insights*.

Commentaries, Policy Research and Other Non-Peer Reviewed Articles

33. Hathi, Payal, Diane Coffey, Nazar Khalid, Nidhi Khurana, and Amit Thorat. 2018. "Experiences and perceptions of discrimination among Dalits and Muslims." *Economic & Political Weekly*. Commentary, LIII(42): 14-17.

34. Coffey, Diane and Dean Spears. 2018. "Implications of WASH Benefits Trials for Open Defecation Sustainable Development Goal." *Lancet Global Health*. Correspondence. 6:e615.
35. Coffey, Diane and Dean Spears. 2018. "Open defecation in rural India, 2015-2016: Levels and trends in the NFHS-4." *Economic & Political Weekly*. Commentary, 53(9): 10-13.
36. Coffey, Diane and Dean Spears. 2017. "Caste is stunting all of India's children." *Foreign Policy*. 15 September.
37. Coffey, Diane and Dean Spears. 2014. "Height of the problem." *Seminar*. 661.
38. Coffey, Diane, Angus Deaton, Jean Drèze, Dean Spears, and Alessandro Tarozzi. 2013. "Stunting among children: Facts and implications." *Economic & Political Weekly*. Discussion, XLVIII(34).

Works in Progress

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

39. Spears, Dean, Diane Coffey, and Jere Behrman. "Birth order, fertility, and child height in India and Africa." *IZA working paper No. 12289*.
40. Spears, Dean, *Payal Hathi* and Diane Coffey. "Willingness to sacrifice for climate mitigation in representative samples of Indian adults." *IZA Policy Paper No. 147*.
41. Smita and Diane Coffey. "The association between cesarean section delivery and breastfeeding in Odisha, India: A mother fixed effects analysis." working paper.
42. Coffey, Diane, *Yiwen Wang*, and *Aashish Gupta*. "Women's happiness in Indian families: An analysis of survey data." working paper.
43. Coffey, Diane, Reetika Khera, and Dean Spears. "Mothers' Social Status and Children's Health: Evidence from Joint Households in Rural India." working paper.
media attention: The Hindu
44. *Hathi, Payal*, Diane Coffey, and Amit Thorat. "Interviewer gender effects on social attitudes and survey outcomes in mobile phone survey in India." working paper.
45. Coffey, Diane, *Aditi Priya*, Dean Spears, Nikhil Srivastav, and *Asmita Verma*. "Excess Neonatal Mortality Among Private Facility Births in North India." working paper.
46. *Franz, Nathan*, Aashish Gupta, Dean Spears, and Diane Coffey. "New Estimates of Maternal Mortality in India." working paper.

47. Srivastav, Nikhil, Lovey Pant, *Aditi Priya*, Diane Coffey. “Understanding high mortality among private facility births in rural Uttar Pradesh.” working paper.

Book Chapters

48. *Hathi, Payal* and Diane Coffey. “Open defecation: Manual scavenging's legacy in rural India.” *The scourge of scavenging and the scavenger: The making of the polluted sweeper*. Ravichandran Bathran (Ed.), Indian Institute for Advanced Studies.

Technical Reports

49. Coffey, Diane, *Payal Hathi, Nazar Khalid, Nidhi Khurana*, and Amit Thorat. 2020. Mobile Phone Survey Methods for Measuring Social Discrimination. Technical Report prepared for the National Centre for Data Innovation at the National Council for Applied Economic Research, New Delhi, India.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Coffey, Diane. (PI). “Family Dynamics, Maternal Stress, and the Biomarkers of Healthy Pregnancy.” National Institutes of Health, NICHD. 2021 - 2026. K01HD103999-01A1. Total funding awarded: \$655,785. (Years 1 – 5: \$131,157 per year)

Coffey, Diane. (PI). “Family dynamics, maternal stress, and the biomarkers of healthy pregnancy.” Seed funding for data preparation from the Population Research Center, UT Austin. 2020. Total funding awarded: \$9,600

Coffey, Diane and Dean Spears. (co-PIs). “Population, Environment, and Well-Being.” Population Health Initiative at the Population Research Center, UT Austin. 2019. Total funding awarded: \$10,000

Coffey, Diane. (PI). “Documenting and archiving the Annual Health Survey of maternal and child outcomes.” National Institutes of Health, NICHD. 2019 - 2021. R03HD098292-01A1. Total funding awarded: \$146,610. (Year 1 - \$73,305; Year 2 - \$73,305)

Coffey, Diane and Amit Thorat. (co-PIs). “Assessing the promise of mobile phone surveys for measuring gender inequality, empowerment, and other forms of social inequality.” National Data Innovation Centre, National Council for Applied Economic Research, New Delhi. 2019 - 2020. Total funding awarded: \$20,400

Coffey, Diane and Amit Thorat. (co-PIs). “Gender and mental health in Bihar and India.” International Growth Centre. 2019 - 2020. Total funding awarded: £34,700

r.i.c.e., a research institute for compassionate economics. (co-executive director). “Evidence, Solutions, Advocacy, and Collaboration for India's sanitation sector.” Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. 2015 - 2021.

Total funding awarded: \$1,679,446

Coffey, Diane. (PI). “The Annual Health Survey of maternal and child outcomes.” Seed funding for data preparation from the Population Research Center, UT Austin. 2018.

Total funding awarded: \$5,500

r.i.c.e. & 3ie. (co-executive director of r.i.c.e.). “Promoting Latrine Use in Rural India Thematic Window.” A partnership between r.i.c.e., 3ie, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support six randomized trials of behavior change interventions to improve latrine use in rural India. June, 2016 - June, 2019.

Coffey, Diane, Dean Spears, Sandip Sukhtankar, and Sangita Vyas. (co-PIs). “Promoting latrine use in rural Tamil Nadu.” J-PAL and the Government of Tamil Nadu. 2015-2016.

Total funding awarded: \$70,000

Geruso, Michael and Dean Spears. (co-PIs). Coffey, Diane. (co-I). “The nutritional value of toilets: Impacts of sanitation on child and maternal health.” National Institutes of Health, NICHD. 2014 - 2016. R03-HD081209.

Total funding awarded: \$116,005. (Year 1 - \$58,002.50; Year 2 - \$58,002.50)

Coffey, Diane and Dean Spears (co-PIs). “Switching to sanitation in South Asia: A study of health technology adoption.” International Growth Centre. 2013-2014.

Total funding awarded: £10,000

r.i.c.e., a research institute for compassionate economics. (co-executive director). “Research on the Relationship of Population Density and Neighborhood-Level Sanitation Access to Fecal-Associated Health Impacts.” USAID TRAction. 2013-2014.

Total funding awarded: \$62,267

r.i.c.e., a research institute for compassionate economics. (co-executive director). “Evidence based sanitation advocacy for India.” Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. 2013 - 2015.

Total funding awarded: \$262,340

AWARDS AND HONORS

2017	Prize for Faculty Research by UT Austin's Population Health Initiative
2017	Joseph W. Elder Book Prize in the Indian Social Sciences from the American Institute of Indian Studies
2016	Jeroen Ensink Memorial Prize by the journal <i>Waterlines</i>
2014	Westoff Prize in Demography, Office of Population Research, Princeton University

2013 – 2015 Yun Kim & Harold Kim Graduate Fellow in Public & International Affairs
2011 – 2013 The Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (Sylff Fellowship)
2006 Dorothy Day Thomas Merton Award, Villanova University
2005 Truman Scholarship
2002 – 2006 Villanova University Presidential Scholarship

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

(scheduled) “Title TBD.” Center for the Advanced Study of India Seminar Series. University of Pennsylvania. October 7, 2021.

“The consequences of caste and untouchability for health and human capital.” Bridgeport Hospital Global Health Initiative Seminar. June 21, 2020.

“The consequences of caste and untouchability for health and human capital.” Spring 2021 Center for Contemporary South Asia Seminar Series: Caste and Economics. Watson Institute, Brown University. May 21, 2021.

“Caste and gender discrimination, and the health of all Indians.” Fall 2020 South Asia Seminar Series: For the Times They Are A-Changin’: Perspectives on the Study of South Asia. September 24, 2020.

“When women eat last: Discrimination at home and women’s mental health.” G.B. Pant Social Science Institute, Central University of Allahabad, Virtual International Symposium on Putting the Brakes on COVID 19: How to Safeguard the Health and rights of Women and Girls Now? July 13, 2020.

“Measuring mental health through phone surveys.” International Growth Centre and r.i.c.e. webinar on Mental health and gender in Bihar and India. July 10, 2020.

“Progress and enduring challenges for the health of children in India.” Center for International Development Speaker Series, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. October 5, 2019.

“Neonatal death in India: The effect of birth order in a context of maternal undernutrition.” LBJ School PhD and Faculty Colloquium, UT Austin, 21 February 2019.

“Neonatal death in India: The effect of birth order in a context of maternal undernutrition.” Population Research Center Seminar Series, UT Austin, 08 February 2019.

“Neonatal death in India: The effect of birth order in a context of maternal undernutrition.” Colloquium, Demography Unit, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University, Sweden, November 2018.

“Child height in India: Facts and interpretations from the NFHS-4, 2015-16.” Video recorded for conference on Strengthening Actions for Nutrition in India: Insights from the National Family Health Survey, Delhi, India, September, 2018.

“Measuring open defecation with field surveys.” Consultation on rural sanitation progress under the SBM: Learning from the field, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi, India, June 2018.

“Where India Goes: Abandoned toilets, stunted development, and the costs of caste.” Book talk, ID Insight, Delhi, India, June 2018.

“Explicit prejudice: Evidence from a new survey of social attitudes.” Center for the Study of Regional Development, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, Delhi, November 2017.

“Where India Goes: Abandoned toilets, stunted development, and the costs of caste.” Book talk, Ambedkar Studies Circle seminar, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, October, 2017.

“Explicit prejudice: Evidence from a new survey of social attitudes.” School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi, October 2017.

“Measuring explicit prejudice: Findings from Social Attitudes Research, India.” Humanities & Social Sciences Department, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, October, 2017.

“Where India Goes: Abandoned Toilets, Stunted Development, and the Costs of Caste.” Book launch, India Habitat Centre, Delhi. with r.i.c.e. & American Institute of India Studies. July, 2017.

“Little women: Maternal nutrition, social hierarchy, and health in India.” Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania. March, 2016.

“Little women: Maternal nutrition, social hierarchy, and health in India.” Population Research Center, UT Austin. January, 2016.

“Sanitation, disease, and anemia: Evidence from Nepal.” Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, India, November 2015.

“Little women, stunted children: The intergenerational consequences of women's social status for children's health in India.” Friedman School of Nutrition, Tufts University, October 2014.

“Confronting the challenge: Sanitation behavior change in rural north India.” UNC Water and Health conference side event with r.i.c.e. and the Building Demand for Sanitation initiative of BMGF, October, 2014.

“Pre-pregnancy body mass and weight gain in pregnancy in India & sub-Saharan Africa.” Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, September 2014.

“Maternal nutrition, the status of women, and health outcomes for Indian children.” Notestein Seminar Series, Princeton, September 2014.

“Women's status and children's height in India: Evidence from joint rural households.” International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, DC, July 2014.

“Culture and the health transition: The case of sanitation in rural north India.” International Growth Centre - Indian Statistical Institute Development Conference, Delhi, July 2014.

“Nutrition in pregnancy in India & other developing regions.” Centre for Health & Well-being, Princeton, April 2014.

“Women's status and children's height in India: Evidence from joint rural households.” International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai, May 2013.

“Using fixed effects as an identification strategy.” International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai, May 2013.

“Women's status and children's height in India: Evidence from joint rural households.” Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, April 2013.

“Women's status and children's height in India: Evidence from joint rural households.” Center for Health & Well-being, Princeton, October 2012.

Conference Presentations

“When women eat last: Discrimination at home and women’s mental health.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Poster session (virtual), May, 2021.

“Excess Neonatal Mortality Among Private Facility Births in North India.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Session 1306-2: Access and quality of care in neonatal health (virtual), May, 2021.

“Measurement of population mental health: Survey methods and outcomes from India.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Poster session (virtual), Washington, DC, April 2020.

“Assessing Public Awareness and Use of Medication Abortion Via Mobile Phone Survey in India.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Session 1232: Fertility and Technology, New York, August 2019. (presented by Kathleen Broussard)

“The Association between Neonatal Death and Facility Birth in Regions of India.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Poster session 6, Austin, April 2019.

“Neonatal death in India: The effect of birth order in a context of maternal undernutrition.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Session 408, Austin, April 2019.

“Social disadvantage and mental health: A developing country perspective.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting poster presentation, Denver, April 2018.

“Hospital birth and health in Uttar Pradesh: Trends, challenges, and possible opportunities.” National Institute for Public Finance & Policy. New Thinking in Health Policy workshop, Delhi, October, 2017.

“Local social inequality, economic inequality, and disparities in child height in India.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2017.

“Intergenerational effects of women's status: Evidence from joint rural households.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 2016.

“Sanitation, disease, and anemia: Evidence from Nepal.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 2016.

“Place and child health: The interaction of population density and sanitation behavior in developing countries.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Diego, April 2015.

“Sanitation externalities, disease and children's anemia.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston, May 2014.

“Nutrition, sanitation and anemia in South Asia.” National Food Security Act Conference, Allahabad University, March 2014.

“Open defecation and hemoglobin deficiency in young children.” Delhi School of Economics Conference on Sanitation & Stunting, Delhi, August 2013.

“Women's status and children's height in India: Evidence from joint rural households.” Economic Demography Workshop, Population Association of America Annual meeting, New Orleans, April 2013.

“Short-Term internal labor migration from rural, northwest India: Evidence from new survey data.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco, May 2012.

ADVISING AND STUDENT-RELATED SERVICE

Dissertation committees

Kathleen Broussard, Ph.D. in Sociology at UT Austin. in progress. (Member).
Yiwen Wang, Ph.D. in Ph.D. Sociology at UT Austin. in progress. (Member).
Jasleen Kaur, Ph.D. in Public Affairs at UT Austin. in progress. (Member).
Samuel Arenberg, Ph.D. in Economics at UT Austin. in progress. (Member).

Asmita Verma, Ph.D. in Humanities & Social Sciences at Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. in progress. (Member).
Melissa LoPalo, Ph.D. in Economics at UT Austin. 2019. (Member).
Priya Rampal. Ph.D. in Development Studies at Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research, Mumbai. 2018. (Member).
Randeep Kaur, Ph.D. in Economics at UT Austin. 2017. (Member).

Master's Thesis Committees

Nikhil Srivastav, Master's in Public Affairs, LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT Austin. 2020. (Second Reader).
Ghida Ismail, Master's in Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT Austin. 2018. (Second Reader).

Graduate Research Assistant Supervision

Samuel Arenberg
Rachel Karen (supervised summer, 2020 independent study SOC W380/82385)
Nathan Franz

Undergraduate Honors Theses

Lauren Schneider, Polymathic Scholars Program, UT Austin. 2019. (Supervisor).

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Departmental Service

Graduate Steering Committee Member. 2020-2021.
Health Area Coordinator, Sociology Department. Spring, 2020; Fall 2020; Spring, 2021.
Lecturer Review Committee. 2019-2020. (teaching observation for Dr. Lynette Osborne, October 24, 2019.)
Committee Member for Biosocial Approaches to Health Disparities Cluster Hire, Fall 2019.
Organizer for "Caste, Race, and Sociology," an event with the Race & Ethnicity Working Group. October 31, 2019.
Seminar Organizer for "Measuring Caste and Gender Discrimination in India," an event with visiting professor Amit Thorat. Sponsored by the Sociology Department and the South Asia Institute. October 28, 2019.
Panelist for "Methodological Synergies: Questions of Gender and Health," sponsored by the Research Design Working Group. September 23, 2019.
Executive Committee of the Sociology Department, 2018-2019.
Panelist for "How to transform your dissertation into a book," sponsored by the Urban Ethnography Lab. November 16, 2018.

University and Local Service

Presentation of a Revise & Resubmit of a journal article for graduate student participants at FAMDEM working group. February 3, 2021.
Mini-presentation Sociology Department Colloquium “The Latest in Sociology Research: A *Pecha Kucha* Session with Department Faculty.” September 24, 2020.
Guest lecture on “Fertility and Population Policy in India,” SOC 307K – Prof. Jennifer Glass, Spring, 2020.
Hamilton Book Awards Review Committee, Office of the Vice President for Research, UT Austin. Spring, 2019.
Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Selection Committee Member, South Asia Institute, UT Austin. Spring, 2019.
Brown Bag Seminar Series Organizer, Population Research Center, UT Austin. Spring, 2017.
Guest lecture, SOC 389K – Prof. Petit, Fall 2019.
Guest lecture, SOC 389K – Prof. Brayne, Spring 2019.
Guest lecture, PAA 388K – Prof. Lentz, Spring 2017.

International Service

Co-organizer. Gender and mental health in Bihar and India: Developing tools for effective measurement. Half-day webinar, International Growth Centre and r.i.c.e. July, 2020.
Co-organizer & Co-instructor. Professional development: Papers, presentations & publishing. one week workshop, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi. October, 2017.
Co-organizer & Co-instructor. Survey research & experimental methods using survey research. one week workshop, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi. November, 2016.
Co-organizer & Co-instructor. How to write descriptions & decompositions using Stata. one week workshop, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi. November, 2015.

Professional Service

Organizer, Session on Population Processes. American Sociological Association meeting. Chicago, August 7 – 10, 2021.
Co-organizer, Conference on Purity, Untouchability, and Open Defecation, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India, September 29, 2015.

Peer-Reviewer (ad hoc since 2013)

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Demography, Journal of Health & Social Behavior, Social Science & Medicine, Population Research & Policy Review, Studies in Family Planning, The Economic Journal, Economic Development & Cultural Change, Economics & Human Biology, Economic & Political Weekly, Journal of Development Studies, India Review, India Growth & Development Review, PLoS One, BMC Public Health, Indian Journal of Labour

Economics, Journal of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene for Development, India Review, Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Hygiene and Medicine, Texas Undergraduate Research Journal

Professional Memberships

Population Association of America, 2009 – present
American Sociological Association (Section on Population), 2019 – present
National Council on Family Relations, 2019 – present

LANGUAGES

English (native), Hindi and Spanish (proficient)

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES & OTHER WRITING

1. “Budget 2021-22: Healthcare takes centre stage, again.” *Ideas for India*. February 24, 2021. with Dean Spears.
2. “What can we learn about Swacch Bharat Mission from the NFHS-5 factsheets?” *Ideas for India*. February 2, 2021. with Dean Spears.
3. “Mental Health Disparities in India.” *Ideas for India*. November 13, 2020. with Aashish Gupta and Meghana Mungikar.
4. “Gender and Mental Health in Bihar and India.” *Ideas for India*. November 12, 2020. with Payal Hathi, Nazar Khalid, and Amit Thorat.
5. “Phone Survey Methodology.” *Ideas for India*. November 11, 2020. with Payal Hathi, Nazar Khalid, Nidhi Khurana, and Amit Thorat.
6. “Human development in India’s Economic Survey, 2019.” *Ideas for India*. February 21, 2020. with Dean Spears.
7. “In rural India, segregation can make you taller.” *Works in Progress*, American Sociological Association blog. October 30, 2019.
8. “What the Swacch Bharat Mission did not change.” *Ideas for India*. October 2, 2019. with Dean Spears. reprinted in Hindi.
9. “Where, in India, is hospital birth safer for babies than home birth?” *N-IUSSP*, IUSSP's online news magazine. April 29, 2019.
10. “Child height in India: New data, familiar challenges.” *Ideas for India*. February 11, 2019. with Dean Spears. reprinted in *LiveMint*.
11. “Using mobile phones to measure discrimination.” *Ideas for India*. January 9, 2019. with Payal Hathi, Nazar Khalid, Nidhi Khurana, and Amit Thorat.
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