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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2018 – Present **Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Social Service, Fordham University**

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2018) **University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration**
Dissertation Title: *HIV Stigma and Gender:
A Mixed Methods Study of People Living with HIV in Hyderabad, India*

M.A. (2018) **University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration**

M.S.W. (2007) **University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice**
Concentration: Mental Health
Participant in Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, Philadelphia; Instructor: Jeff Draine;
Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility, Philadelphia Department of Prisons

M.P.H. (2007) **University of Pennsylvania, Perelman School of Medicine**
Concentration: Community Health

B.A. (2002) **University of California, Berkeley, College of Arts and Sciences**
Majors: Philosophy, Interdisciplinary Studies

LICENSURE

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)

Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation (09/2014 - Present)

California Board of Behavioral Sciences (01/2014 - Present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Doctoral Fellows Award (2018)

Total: \$3,000. Recognize doctoral students whose dissertation research reflects innovative social work ideas.

Otto & Gertrude Pollack Scholarship, University of Pennsylvania (2004-2006)

Combatting American Racism Award, Black Men at Penn School of Social Work (2007)

California Alumni Assn. Leadership Scholarship (1997-98, 2001-2002)

Kiwanis International Service Scholarship (1997-98)

Skirball Writing Award (1997-98)

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

HIV, Gender and Sexuality; Health Equity; Substance Abuse Treatment; International Social Work; Public Health Social Work; Grief and Bereavement; Criminal Justice and Mental Health; Postcolonial Studies; Sexual Trauma Treatment

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020** **International Travel Grant, Fordham University**
Total: \$2,000. Covered costs of attendance and presentation at the HIV 2020 Conference in Mexico City. *Conference canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.*
- 2019 - 2021** **HIV and Drug Abuse Prevention Research Ethics (RETI) Training Institute**
Center for Ethics Education, Fordham University
Total: \$25,000. RETI is a training grant sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (#1R25DA031608) and provides early career investigators in the social, behavioral, medical and public health fields with an opportunity to gain research ethics training.
- 2019** **Fordham Faculty Research Grant (FRG)**
Total: \$5,000. Provides pilot funding to begin exploratory research on HIV and Hepatitis C risk of cisgender female injection drug users and sex workers in Gangtok, Sikkim, India.
- 2019** **Fordham University-NYU Research Fellow Award**
Total: \$4,000. Establishes collaborative research partnership with Dr. Nadia Islam, Associate Professor, Department of Population, NYU Langone Health, and Vaidehi Jokhakar, MSW student at Fordham Graduate School of Social Service. Team will analyze data from the Marhaba project, an intervention to increase breast and cervical screening of Muslim American women in NYC.
- 2019** **Fordham Faculty Research Abroad Program (FRAP)**
Covered cost of international travel expenses to London. Funding for research collaboration with Sylvia Posocco, Senior Lecturer, Birkbeck College, University of London to interrogate critical approaches to digital scholarship, focusing on decolonizing third gender identities through analysis of the Twitter hashtag #ThirdGender.
- 2017 – 2018** **Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago Dissertation Writing Fellowship**
Total: \$68,960. Supports University of Chicago PhD candidates from all disciplines who are working in the areas of gender and or sexuality studies. Fellowship provides stipend of \$23,000 for the academic year, tuition, student fees, and health insurance.
- 2015 – 2018** **Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**
Total: \$75,000. Supports SAMHSA's mission to increase racial/ethnic minority individuals who are trained to work with underrepresented and underserved persons with or at risk for mental health and/or substance abuse disorders.
- 2017 – 2018** **Urban Doctoral Fellows Program (UUDF), University of Chicago**
Total: \$1,000. Fellowship provides intensive, peer-centered writing experience and conference travel stipend for doctoral students whose research focuses on urban issues.
- 2017** **Scholarship and Travel Grant Recipient, Postdoctoral Preparation Institute, National Institutes of Health (NIH), Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB).** Covered cost of registration, travel, and training accommodations.

- 2017 Faber Residency of the Arts, Sciences and Humanities, Olot, Catalonia, Spain**
Covered housing and food for two weeks of residency. Faber creates a space for writers, translators, artists of diverse disciplines, scholars and scientists to work on personal projects. Covered lodging for feminist writer's residency in Nov. 2017.
- 2014 – 2017 Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago (COSAS)**
Pre-Dissertation Research & Travel Grant
Total: \$32,000. Funds the completion of dissertation research in Hyderabad, India by supporting dissertation research and travel costs, including translation and transcription costs, participant incentives, and operating costs for research collaborations with nongovernmental organizations.
- 2014 – 2015 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) (Urdu) Fellowship
University of Chicago, U.S. Department of Education**
Total: \$67,750. Fellowship provided full coverage of tuition, fees, and an additional stipend for language (Urdu) instruction and area studies (Gender & Sexuality Studies in South Asia) relevant to dissertation research.
- 2014 – 2015 Boren Fellowship, Institute of International Education (IIE)**
Total: \$22,000. Declined due to funding redundancy. Funded by the National Security Education Program, provide funding opportunities for U.S. graduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, and underrepresented in study abroad, including South Asia.
- 2013 – 2015 Ford Foundation Scholars Program, South Side Stories
University of Chicago/Ford Foundation**
Center for Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Innovation in Sexual and Reproductive Health
Total: \$1,000. Funding provided for research analysis of South Side Stories, a collection of digital stories of African American youth on the South Side of Chicago. Conducted independent research project on sexual coercion among African American female adolescents in these stories.
- 2012 – 2017 Doctoral Fellowship, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago**
Covered the cost of tuition, fees, and stipend for first five years of doctoral study. Recipients were expected to complete research/teaching apprenticeships during the entirety of the research program of study.
- 2006 – 2007 Foreign Language and Area Studies (Urdu) Fellowship
University of Pennsylvania/U.S. Department of Education**
Total: ~\$77,980. Fellowship provided full coverage of tuition, fees, and an additional stipend in amount of \$15,000; required foreign language (Urdu) instruction to conduct research regarding intimate partner violence among South Asian Americans.
- 2004 – 2006 Otto & Gertrude Pollack Scholarship
University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice**
Total: ~\$130,000. Full merit scholarship for tuition, fees, and stipend for graduate study in social work with a concentration in providing mental health services in the international context.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (*indicates student author)

1. **Azhar, S.** Dasgupta, S. Sinha, S. & Karandikar, S. (2020). Diversity in Sex Work in India: Challenging Stereotypes Regarding Sex Workers. *Sexuality & Culture*, March 2020.

2. Abu-Ras, W. & **Azhar, S.** (2020). Working with Arab American Families. Ch. 14. In E.P. Congress & M. J. Gonzalez (Eds.), *Multicultural Perspectives in Working with Families: A Handbook for the Helping Professions*, 4th Edition. New York: Springer Publishing Company.
3. **Azhar, S.** Islamic Processes of Managing Grief and Loss. (2019). In *Working with Grief, & Traumatic Loss: Theory, Practice, Personal Reflection & Self-care for Clinicians*. Beth Counselman-Carpenter & Dr. Alex Redcay. (Eds.)
4. **Azhar, S.**, Gandham, S., Vaudrey, J., Oruganti, G., Samuel, R.S.: (2019). Social Isolation of Cisgender Women Living with HIV in Hyderabad, India. *Journal of Clinical Social Work*, Dec. 2019.
5. **Azhar, S.** (2019). Recent Changes in Gender and Sexuality Policy in India: A Postcolonial Analysis. *Conference Proceedings of the Second International Conference on Gender Research*. April 2019. Rome: Roma Tre University Press.
6. Ezell, J. E., Pasquale, D. Poudyal, S., **Azhar, S.**, Monk, E., Vidula, M., Yeldandi, V., Laumann, E., Chuanhong Liao, C. & Schneider, J.A. (2019). Are skin color and body mass index associated with social network structure? Findings from a male sex market study. *Ethnicity and Health*, March 2019. doi: 10.1080/13557858.2019.1590537
7. *Aziz, A. & **Azhar, S.** (2019). Social Exclusion and Official Recognition of Hijra in Bangladesh. *Journal of Research on Women and Gender*, Feb. 2019, Vol. 9, 3-19.
8. **Azhar, S.** (2017). Sexual Coercion of Female African American Adolescents: A Qualitative Analysis of Digital Stories from Youth on the South Side of Chicago. *2016 Proceedings of the IPAK Summer School*. Belgrade, Serbia: IPAK Research Center for Cultures, Politics, and Identities.
9. Satyanarayan, S., Kapur, **Azhar, S.**, Yeldandi, V., & Schneider, J. (2015). The Women connected to Indian Men who have Sex with Men at high risk of HIV infection: An Unexplored Social Network. *Journal of AIDS and Behavior* 19: 1031–1036.
10. **Azhar, S. V.**, Berringer, K. R., & Epperson, M. W. (2014). A systematic review of HIV prevention interventions targeting women with criminal justice involvement. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research* 5(3): 253- 289.
11. Rich, J. D., Wohl, D. A., Beckwith, C. G., Spaulding, A. C., Lepp, N. E., Baillargeon, J., Gardner, A., Avery, A., Altice, F.L., & Springer, S. (2011). **On behalf of the Centers for AIDS Research— Collaboration on HIV in Corrections (CFAR-CHIC) Working Group (Member)**. HIV-related research in correctional populations: now is the time. *Current HIV/AIDS Reports* 8(4): 288-296.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

12. *Tripathi, S. & **Azhar, S.** "No one blames men in our society": Indian police officers' perceptions of female complainants and colleagues. *Policing Quarterly*.
13. **Azhar, S.** & Gunn, A. Navigating intersectional stigma: Strategies for coping among cisgender women of color in two qualitative studies. *Qualitative Health Research*.
14. **Azhar, S.** & *Tripathi, S. A Systematic Review of Intimate Partner Violence Interventions for South Asian Women in the United States. *Journal of Trauma, Violence, and Abuse*.

15. Millner, U.C., **Azhar, S.** & *Jokhakar, V. Perspectives on Working with South Asian Communities in Mental Health. In S. Bandari, (Ed.) *South Asians in the US: The Model Minority*. New York: Routledge Press.
16. **Azhar, S.**, Alvarez, A., Flores, A.F. & Klumpner, S. “*You're so exotic looking*”: An Intersectional Analysis of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans (APIs) Stereotypes in the #thisis2016 Hashtag. *Affilia*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

17. **Azhar, S.**, Alleyne-Green, B. McCutcheon, K. D. & Grocher, K. How racism against women of color operates in social work academia. *Advances in Social Work*, Special Issue: Dismantling Racism.
18. **Azhar, S.**, *Jokhakar, V., Islam, N. & Wyatt, L. Associations between Spirituality, Perceived Ethnic Discrimination and Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening for Muslim American Women in New York City. *Perspectives in Sexual and Reproductive Health*.
19. **Azhar, S.**, *Tao, X. & Fisher, C. Facilitators and barriers to oral vs. long acting injectable (LAI) PrEP utilization for MSM and transgender women of color. *AIDS Care*.
20. **Azhar, S.**, *Jokhakar, V., *Tao, X. & Fisher, C. Understanding ethical issues in participation in LAI PrEP research for MSM and transgender women of color. *AIDS and Behavior*.
21. **Azhar, S.**, *Tao, X., *Jokhakar, V. & Fisher, C. Identifying gaps in HIV services and research for queer communities of color.
22. **Azhar, S.**, Gandham, S., Vaudrey, J., *Burr, S., Oruganti, G. & Samuel, R. Gender Fluidity among Hijra and Third Gender People Living with HIV in Hyderabad, India.
23. **Azhar, S.**, Vaudrey, J. Gandham, S., *Jokhakar, V. Oruganti, G. & Samuel, R. Associations between HIV Stigma & Medical Care Utilization for People Living with HIV.
24. **Azhar, S.**, Vaudrey, J. Gandham, S., Oruganti, G. & Samuel, R. Associations between HIV Stigma and Depression for People Living with HIV in Hyderabad, India.
25. Flores, A., Alvarez, A., **Azhar, S.** & Klumpner, S. Microaggressions and Racism against Asian Americans: An Analysis of Tweets in the #ThisIs2016 Twitter Hashtag.

VIDEOS, WEBINARS & ONLINE RESOURCES

1. **Azhar, S.** (2019). The Third Gender. Fordham University Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFnn-9Fgcpo>
2. **Azhar, S.** (2019). Understanding Gender Issues in the International Context. Video in the international Social Development Online Course, Fordham GSS. <https://bulletin.fordham.edu/gss/courses/#text>
3. *Tripathi, S. & **Azhar, S.** (2019). A Systematic Review of Intimate partner violence among south Asian women living in the United States. International Prospective Register of Systematic Reviews (PROSPERO). Retrieved from: https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/prospero/display_record.php?RecordID=128431

4. **Azhar, S.** (2017). MSM Implementation Toolkit. Module 2: Violence against Gay, Bisexual and other Men who have Sex with Men. Global Forum on Men who have Sex with Men and HIV (MSMGF). Oakland, CA. Available online at: <http://bit.ly/2tOumZ5>
5. **Azhar, S.** (2017). Promoting the Health of Men who have Sex with Men Worldwide. Module 3: Barriers to Health: Stigma and Discrimination. Global Forum on Men who have Sex with Men and HIV (MSMGF). Oakland, CA. Available online: <https://mpactglobal.org/>
6. **Azhar, S.** (2017). Promoting the Health of Men who have Sex with Men Worldwide. Module 5: Mental Health. Global Forum on Men who have Sex with Men and HIV (MSMGF), now MPACT. Oakland, CA. Available online: <https://mpactglobal.org/>
7. **Azhar, S.V.,** Berringer, K.R. & Epperson, M.W. (2014). A Meta-analysis of HIV Prevention Interventions Targeting Women with Criminal Justice Involvement. International Prospective Register of Systematic Reviews (PROSPERO). Registry #: CRD42014008674. Available from: http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/PROSPERO/display_record.asp?ID=CRD42014008674
8. **Azhar, S.** (2011). Integrating an evidence-based behavioral intervention, CLEAR, into Comprehensive Risk and Counseling Services (CRCS). California STD/HIV Prevention Training Center (Webinar). Available from: http://www.stdhivtraining.org/recorded_webinars.html
9. **Azhar, S.** (2010). SNIFFER: *Adapting Evidence-Based HIV Prevention Interventions*. SNIFFER: HIV risk reduction intervention for injection drug users, originally developed by Don Des Jarlais, Beth Israel Medical Center). (Webinar). Los Altos: Sociometrics.

NON-REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. **Azhar, S.** (2001). Sex Trafficking in South and Southeast Asian on the Rise. *Hardboiled* 51(1). <http://hardboiled.berkeley.edu/issues/51/51-01-sextrafficking.htm>
2. **Azhar, S.** (2001). Sola Singhar: Beauty Myths in South Asia. *Hardboiled* 51(2).

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. **Azhar, S.,** Jokhakar, V., Islam, N. & Wyatt, L. (2020, Oct.). Associations between spirituality, perceived discrimination and breast/cervical cancer screening for Muslim American women in New York City. American Public Health Association Conference, San Francisco, CA.
2. **Azhar, S.,** Farina, A., Alvarez, A. & Klumpner, S. (2020, Jan. 18) “Microaggressions Against Asian Americans: Utilizing Critical Race Theory to Analyze Racial Stereotypes in the #ThisIs2016 Hashtag.” Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Conference, Washington, D.C.
3. **Azhar, S.,** Vaudrey, J. & Jokhakar, V. (2019, Nov. 5) “Associations between HIV Stigma and Depression for People Living with HIV in Hyderabad, India.” American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
4. **Azhar, S.** (2019, June 3). “Decolonizing Notions of Third Gender and Transgender Identities in the Digital Archive.” International Symposium on Digital Scholarship. Fordham University London Centre & Birkbeck, University of London.

5. **Azhar, S.** (2019, Apr.) "Recent Changes in Gender and Sexuality Policy in India: A Postcolonial Analysis." International Conference on Gender Research, Ipazia, the Scientific Observatory on Gender Issues at Roma Tre University, Roma, Italia.
6. **Azhar, S.** (2019, Jan.) "Examining Diversity in Sex Work in India." Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Conference, San Francisco, CA.
7. Farina, A., Alvarez, A., **Azhar, S.** & Klumpner, S. (2018, Nov.) "Experiences of racism, discrimination, and microaggressions among Asian Americans: Analysis of #ThisIs2016." Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Conference, Orlando, FL.
8. **Azhar, S.** (2018, Jan.) "Challenges in Providing Social Services to the South Asian American Community." Society for Social Work & Research (SSWR) Conference, Washington, D.C.
9. **Azhar, S.** (2018, Jan.) "Depression and Social Exclusion of Third Gender People in Hyderabad, India." Society for Social Work & Research (SSWR) Conference, Washington, D.C.
10. **Azhar, S.** (2017, Apr.) "State, Structures, and Stigma: Policy Implications." Engendering Change Conference, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL.
11. **Azhar, S.** (2017, Mar.) "Addressing Intersectionality in the Study of HIV, Gender and Stigma." Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Conference, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD.
12. **Azhar, S.** (2017, Feb.) "The Secret Lives of Hijra: How Gender-nonconforming People in Hyderabad, India are Defining and Redefining Themselves." Gender & Sexuality Studies Working Group, University of Chicago.
13. **Azhar, S.** (2017, Jan.) "HIV Stigma and Depression for Cisgender Women and Hjjira/Trans Women in Hyderabad, India." Society for Social Work & Research (SSWR) Conference, New Orleans, LA.
14. **Azhar, S.** (2016, Nov.) "HIV Stigma for *Hijras* in Hyderabad, India." HIV & Women Research Symposium. Center for AIDS Research, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL.
15. **Azhar, S.** (2016, Oct.) "HIV Stigma and Gender Inequity of Cisgender and Transgender Women Living with HIV/ AIDS in Hyderabad, India." American Public Health Association Conference, Denver, Colorado.
16. **Azhar, S.** (2016, Aug.) "Aurath: HIV Stigma of Hijras Living with HIV in Hyderabad, India." Summer Seminar for Sexualities, Cultures and Politics. IPAK Research Center for Cultures, Politics and Identities, Belgrade, Serbia.
17. **Azhar, S.** (2016, July.) "HIV Stigma of *Hijras* and Transgender Women Living with HIV in Hyderabad, India." International AIDS Conference. International AIDS Society, Durban, South Africa.
18. **Azhar, S.** (2016, May.) "Postcolonial Impacts on *Hijras* and Transgender Women in India. Gender Equality Norms and the Politics of Development Corporation. Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark.

19. **Azhar, S.** (2016, May). "A Conceptual Framework for Understanding Gender & Sexuality Nonconformity Stigma in Hyderabad." Sexuality Studies Association Conference. Congress on the Humanities and Social Sciences, Calgary, Canada.
20. **Azhar, S.** (2016, Jan). "Gender Power Dynamics and Sexual Coercion Among Female African American Adolescents." Society for Social Work & Research Conference, Washington, D.C.
21. **Azhar, S.** (2015, June). "HIV Issues Facing the Hyderabad Hijra Community." Social Exclusion Seminar on Cross- National Perspectives: Actors, Actions, and Impacts from Above and Below. TATA School of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India.
22. **Azhar, S.** (2014, Jan). "A Meta-Analysis of HIV Prevention Interventions for Women with Criminal Justice Involvement." Society for Social Work & Research Conference, San Antonio, TX.
23. **Azhar, S.** (2011, May). "The Best Kept Secret in Best Practices: The Diffusion of Effective Behavioral Interventions." HIV/AIDS & Social Work Conference, Main Conference Plenary, Atlanta, GA.
24. **Azhar, S.** (2011, Oct). "Innovative Initiatives Integrating Medical Care, Mental Health Care and Psychosocial Support." APA's Institute for Psychiatric Services, San Francisco, CA.
25. **Azhar, S.** (2009, Oct). "Stigma and Discrimination of People Living with HIV in Delhi, India." United States Conference on AIDS (USCA), San Francisco, CA.
26. **Azhar, S.** (2006, Feb). "Qualitative Experiences of HIV Stigma in Delhi." National Association of Social Workers Regional Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
27. **Azhar, S.** (2005, Oct). "Discriminatory Practices against People Living with HIV in New Delhi, India." International Conference on Urban Health, Toronto, Canada.
28. **Azhar, S.** (2007, Nov). "Substance Abuse Treatment Compliance of Drug Offenders in Philadelphia." American Public Health Association Conference, Washington D.C.
29. **Azhar, S.** (2003, Feb). "HIV among Youth of Color." Ryan White National Youth Conference on HIV/AIDS, Dallas, TX.
30. **Azhar, S.** (2002, Dec). "HIV & Substance Abuse among Women of Color." Nat. Harm Reduction Conference, Seattle, WA.
31. **Azhar, S.** (2002, Apr). "The Reddy Case: Sex Trafficking of Indian Women in the SF Bay Area." API Issues Conference, San Francisco, CA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. **Azhar, S.** (2020, May – *rescheduled due to COVID-19 pandemic*). "Women on the Frontlines of Change: a Symposium on Media Activism, Environmental Justice, and Career Development." Fordham University - Rose Hill Campus.
2. **Azhar, S.** (2017, Dec.) "HIV along the India-China Border." US.-China Forum: Innovation on the Urban-Rural Continuum. Hong Kong University.

3. **Azhar, S.** (2017, Nov). "Sex Work, HIV and Neocolonialism in South Asia." Seminaris Interdisciplinaris, Unitat d'Historia de la Medicina. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), Barcelona, Spain.
4. **Azhar, S.** (2017, Nov). "Third Gender Identities in Hyderabad." Faber Residency, Olot, Spain.
5. **Azhar, S.** (2017, Jan). "Working with South Asian Americans in Social Services" Niles Family Services, MSW Graduate Student Interns Educational Workshop, Niles, IL.
6. **Azhar, S.** (2016, Oct). "Aurath: HIV Stigma of Cisgender and Transgender Women in Hyderabad, India." Doctoral Theory and Teaching Workshop, University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL.
7. **Azhar, S.** (2015, Feb). "Teaching on Issues of Race and Gender in Social Work," Doctoral Theory and Teaching Workshop, University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL.
8. **Azhar, S.** (2014, March). "A Meta-Analysis of HIV Prevention Interventions for Women with Criminal Justice Involvement." Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, Chicago, IL.
9. **Azhar, S.** (2002, May). "Asians and the Sex Trade." UC Berkeley Asian American Association Panel, Berkeley, CA.
10. **Azhar, S.** (2000, Apr). "Sex Trafficking of South Asian Women." API Issues Conference, San Francisco, CA.
11. **Azhar, S.** (2000, Apr). "Forced Prostitution in South Asia." Berkeley Human Rights Conference, Berkeley, CA.
12. **Azhar, S.** (2000, Mar). "AIDS, Prostitution, and Domestic Violence Amongst South Asian Women." Indus Intercollegiate Conference Berkeley, CA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 09/2012 – ***Principal Investigator***
 Present **Graduate School of Social Service, Fordham University**
 Studies: (1) Anti-Asian American and xenophobia in the time of COVID-19
 (2) Racialization of COVID-19 Stigma Survey (ROCSS)
 (3) Facilitators & barriers to long-acting injectable PrEP use among queer communities of color
 (4) Examining guru-chela culture in Swat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan
 (5) HIV stigma and gender in Hyderabad, India
- Coordinate research design, data analysis and logistics for multiple research studies
 - Manage research teams of graduate research assistants and staff in New York City; Mingora, Pakistan; Hyderabad, India; San Francisco through email and Zoom meetings
- 09/2015 – ***Research and Curriculum Consultant***
 12/2016 Principal Investigator: George Ayala, PhD
 Global Forum on Men who have Sex with Men and HIV, Oakland, CA
 Study: *MSM Implementation Toolkit, Training Curriculum for Provider*
- Developed curricula for online trainings on sensitization to working with gay/bisexual men
 - Adapted materials developed in consultation with UN Population Fund and Johns Hopkins School of Public

Health for healthcare provider training

- Created three online, publicly viewable learning modules related to issues pertaining to gay/bisexual men, namely on the topics of stigma, violence, and mental health

11/2012 –
06/2015

Ford Scholar

**Center for Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Innovation in Sexual and Reproductive Health,
University of Chicago**

Principal Investigator: Melissa Gilliam, MD

Study: Gender Dynamics and Sexual Coercion among African American Female Adolescents on the South Side of Chicago

- Attended seminar on sexual/reproductive health issues and meetings with youth advisors
- Completed independent research project, qualitatively analyzing themes from digital stories, collected from African American youth on the South Side of Chicago

9/2013 –
08/2014

Graduate Research Assistant

School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago

Study: NIH R34 feasibility study for substance abuse prevention of youth in Kazakhstan

- Developed questionnaires/tools for data collection for substance abuse prevention intervention
- Submitted and received funding for grant application in the amount of \$20,000 to the Center for Health Administration Studies at the University of Chicago for study regarding social orphanage in Azerbaijan

09/2012-
08/2013

Graduate Research Assistant

School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago

Principal Investigator: Matt Epperson, PhD

Study: NIJ-funded mixed methods study on experiences of probationers with mental health systems

- Conduct literature reviews regarding criminal justice involvement, probation/parole
- Qualitatively coded interviews for study on mental health services in criminal justice settings
- Completed meta-analysis on HIV prevention interventions for women with criminal justice involvement

10/2009 –
04/2010

Research Consultant

Sociometrics Corporation, Los Altos, CA

Principal Investigator: Charles Klein, PhD

Study: HIV prevention program replication & adaptation

- Created/analyzed online needs assessment for HIV prevention professionals
- Developed storyboards and curricula for trainings on program replication and adaptation
- Collaborated with research staff on the development of grant proposals and project reports

09/2003 –
06/2004

Health Research Service Corps Fellow

American India Foundation, New Delhi, India

Principal Investigator: Sangeeta Kaul, MD; Sunil Mehra, MD

Study: Prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV in Delhi

- Worked as program assistant for Mamta Health Institute for Mother and Child
- Completed research study documenting stigma/discrimination of people living with HIV
- Counseled pregnant mothers living with HIV on prevention of mother-to-child transmission
- Created capacity-building assistance program for NGOs working on HIV care in Delhi

08/2000 –
06/2003

Research Assistant/HIV Prevention Counselor

Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS) University of California, San Francisco

Principal Investigators: Willi McFarland, Henry Fisher Raymond, Kimberly Page

Study: STI prevalence in low-income neighborhoods in the San Francisco Bay Area

- Conducted in-home interviews as part of research study on STIs of men living in low-income neighborhoods
- Coordinated prevention efforts in bars, cafes, clubs, public sex venues for men at risk for HIV

2002 – 2003 **Research Grants/Contracts Manager**
AIDS Community Research Consortium, Redwood City, CA

- Managed research contracts and ensure administration of study protocol
- Administrated funding of grants for various on-site studies
- Worked with principal investigators and research staff for IRB/CHR compliance

GRANT WRITING/REVIEWING EXPERIENCE

- 2018 Grant Reviewer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 SEP-19-001: Injury Control Research Centers Notice of Funding Opportunity
 Total Award: \$37,812,870
- 2017 Grant Reviewer, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute
 (PCORI) Improving Healthcare Systems
 Average Award: \$1.7 Million (2017-2022)
- 2015 Grant Reviewer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) PS15-1502:
 Comprehensive High-Impact Prevention Projects for Community-Based Organizations
 Average Award: \$400,000 (2015-2020)
- 2014 Grant Reviewer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 PS14-1403: Capacity Building Assistance for High-Impact HIV Prevention
 Average Award: \$1.5 million (2014-2019)
- 2014 Grant Writer, “Developing an Integrated Family-Based Mental Health Prevention Program
 for Institutionalized Children in Azerbaijan”
 Funded by: Center for Health Administration Studies, University of Chicago. Award: \$20,080
- 2007 Grant Writer, “HIV Care Services,” Ryan White HIV Prevention and Care Act Funding
 Funded by: Philadelphia AIDS Activities Coordinating Office
 Funded to: Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Philadelphia. Award: \$235,000

CLINICAL AND PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- 06/2016 – **Hindi/Urdu-Speaking Mental Health Therapist**
 07/2018 **Village of Niles, Niles, IL**
- Wrote and implemented social service policies impacting Village of Niles residents
 - Provide therapy and case management to monolingual Hindi/Urdu speaking residents of Niles, including applying for financial benefits, food stamps, housing, employment
 - Collaborate with local police officers on crisis intervention services for clients
- 07/2011 – **Clinical Social Worker II, Ward 86**
 08/2012 **UCSF/San Francisco General Hospital, San Francisco, CA**
- Conducted therapy and benefits assistance for clients living with HIV
 - Managed Ward 86’s Women’s Clinic, manage case conferences & treatment team meetings

- 07/2008 – **Behavioral Intervention Trainer/Capacity Building Assistance Provider**
06/2011 **UCSF/California STD/HIV Prevention Training Center, Oakland, CA**
California Department of Public Health, STD Control Branch
- Facilitated trainings on CDC behavioral interventions for STI/HIV prevention & contact tracing
 - Developed and revised curricula for trainings for HIV medical providers, social workers, disease investigation specialists (DIS)
 - Conducted capacity-building assistance for health departments and community-based organizations throughout the U.S. & U.S. territories
- 10/2008 – **Crisis Intervention Counselor**
10/2009 **San Francisco Suicide Prevention, San Francisco, CA**
- Conducted crisis intervention for clients calling suicide prevention hotline, HIV Nightline, Mental Health Access line
- 03/2008 – **Clinical Social Worker I, Acute Inpatient Psychiatry**
6/2008 **UCSF/San Francisco General Hospital, San Francisco, CA**
- Conducted crisis intervention and psychosocial assessment of suicidal, homicidal, or gravely disabled patients admitted on an involuntary psychiatric hold
 - Collaborated with County Conservators' offices for discharge planning to locked subacute facilities, residential/outpatient care, and board and care homes
- 09/2007 – **Clinical Case Manager Supervisor**
02/2008 **Asian and Pacific Islander Wellness Center, San Francisco, CA**
- Conducted psychotherapy with Asian clients living with HIV with limited English proficiency
 - Facilitated weekly substance abuse therapy group and supervised Ryan White case managers
- 09/2004 – **Addictions/Mental Health Therapist**
08/2007 **Northeast Treatment Centers, Philadelphia, PA**
- Completed psychological assessments, treatment plans, monthly reports and discharges
 - Conducted therapy for clients in intensive outpatient treatment for substance dependence
 - Managed "intensive" caseload of 35 clients with co-occurring disorders
- 05/2006 – **HIV Intensive Case Manager**
09/2006 **BEBASHI (Blacks Educating Blacks about Sexual Health Issues), Philadelphia, PA**
- Managed caseload of 20 African American clients with HIV and mental illness/addiction
 - Connected clients to services, food access, welfare, health insurance, medications, housing
 - Offered clients counseling to handle addictions and mental health issues
- 05/2005 – **HIV Education & Prevention Specialist**
05/2006 **Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Philadelphia, PA**
- Carried out one-on-one HIV counseling and testing sessions for Spanish speakers
 - Completed grant applications and requests for proposals for government/foundation funders
 - Revised pre/post assessment forms, procedure manual, data reporting tools
 - Worked with counseling/testing staff to complete monthly/quarterly statistical reports
 - Offered preventive outreach and risk assessment on STD prevention, harm reduction strategies
- 08/2005 – **Child & Adolescent Therapist**
06/2006 **Joseph J. Peters Institute, Philadelphia, PA**
- Offered therapy to children and adolescents who are juvenile sex offenders or survivors of sexual abuse
 - Utilized cognitive-behavioral and play therapy techniques to facilitate behavioral modification
 - Implemented techniques for treating sexual trauma, e.g. sand tray, creative arts therapy

08/2004 – **Behavioral Therapist**

05/2005 **Girard Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA**

- Conduct behavioral modification for court-mandated residential substance abuse treatment
- Carry out daily CBT groups and weekly individual therapy sessions

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Practice with Abusers of Alcohol and other Substances (SWGS 6417)

Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service (Since Fall 2020)

- Teach graduate level course on substance use screening, assessment, diagnosis, intervention and treatment
- Cover neurobiological aspects of the development of addiction
- Provide research evidence base for use of particular practice modalities, including CBT, family therapy, and medication-assisted therapy (MAT), harm reduction, and 12-step programs

Instructor, Incorporating Human Rights and Social Justice into Practice (SWGS 6040)

Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service (Since Fall 2018)

- Taught graduate level course required by all first year MSW students at Fordham
- Provided lectures and facilitated discussion on utilizing a human-rights based approach in the provision of social services

Instructor, Advanced Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis (SWGS 6440)

Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service (Since Spring 2019)

- Taught MSW course identifying conceptual framework, strengths and weaknesses of DSM-5
- Identified tenets of psychopathology and preliminary guidelines for assessments of serious mental illness, substance dependence, suicidality and other psychiatric disorders

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Research Methods for Social Work (SSAD 302)

University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration (Winter 2017)

- Taught graduate level course, providing overview of research methodologies used in social sciences, including longitudinal surveys, randomized controlled trials, in-depth interviews

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Data for Policy Analysis and Management (SSAD 485)

University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration (Winter 2016)

- Taught graduate level applied statistics course for social work students
- Assist students with learning techniques for descriptive/bivariate/multivariate statistical analysis and for graphing results in statistical programs SPSS and STATA

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Social Intervention: Direct Practice (SSAD 301)

University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration (Winter 2015)

- Provide lectures and lead group discussions on course, required by first year MSW students on the practice of social work interventions at the individual, family, and group levels
- Grade weekly student assignments, provide office hours, and writing assistance to students

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Hindi/Urdu

Proficient in Spanish

Proficient in reading Arabic

DATA ANALYSIS TRAINING

Qualitative Research Seminar (2016-17), Professor Gina Samuels, University of Chicago.
Software/Methods: Atlas.TI, NVivo, Dedoose. Thematic Analysis, Narrative Analysis, Grounded Theory.

Summer Seminar for Sexualities, Cultures and Politics (Aug. 2016).
IPAK Research Center for Cultures, Politics and Identities, Belgrade, Serbia

Summer Program for Research on Black Americans (PRBA) (June 2016).
Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan School of Social Work

Statistical Methods, Regression Analysis, Policy Analysis (2012-15), University of Chicago.
Software: STATA, SPSS, Comprehensive Meta-Analysis (CMA), Access, Excel

CLINICAL TRAINING

Gottman Couples Counseling Training (Level 1), Gottman Institute (2018)
Differential Diagnosis in DSM-V (2017)
Assessment/Treatment of Sexual Trauma, San Francisco General Hospital (2012)
Treatment of Substance Dependence and other Addictions, Northeast Treatment Centers (2007)
Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, University of Pennsylvania (2006)
Motivational Interviewing, Girard Medical Center (2006)
Play Therapy for Children and Adolescents, Joseph J. Peters Institute (2005)

JOURNAL REVIEWER CONTRIBUTIONS

Action/Associate Editor, *Journal of Community Psychology* (2019 - 2022)

Ad hoc Reviewer, *Qualitative Health Research*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Health Education Research Journal*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *International Health and Human Rights*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Plos One*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Stigma and Health*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Human Rights & Social Work*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Section Councilor, Public Health Social Work Section, American Public Health Association (APHA)

(Member since 2007, Section Councilor since 2019)
International AIDS Society (since 2016)
Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) (since 2014)
Council on Social Work Education (since 2015)
National Association of Social Workers (NASW) (since 2007)

STUDENTS RECEIVING MENTORSHIP

Doctoral Student Mentor, Saumya Tripathi, PhD student, Fordham GSS (2018-present)

Master's Thesis Advisor, Vaidehi Jokhakar, MSW/MPH student, Fordham GSS (2018-present)

Research Mentor, Casey Dean, MSW student, Fordham GSS (2020-present)
Research Mentor, Margaret Cohen, MSW student, Fordham GSS (2020 – present)

Master's Thesis Advisor, Imtyaz Ahmad – Political Science, Hazara University, Mansehra, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan (2018-present)

Master's Thesis Advisor, Aziz Monir, MA, International Studies, Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences, Holland. Thesis Title: “Social Exclusion of Hijra in Bangladesh.” (2018)

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Salary and Benefits Committee Member, Fordham Faculty Senate (2019-2022)

Member, Provost's Human Relations Issues Task Force for COVID-19 (2020)

- Helped to draft and edit “Fordham Forward” Reopening Plan for faculty/staff during the pandemic
- Reviewed current literature, provided specific public health recommendations regarding testing, contact tracing, ethical disclosure, privacy and confidentiality

Symposium Committee Member, Mapping (In)Justice: Digital Theory + Praxis for Critical Scholarship, Fordham University (Nov 2019)

Affiliated Faculty, Global Studies Consortium, Fordham University
Affiliated Faculty, Digital Scholarship Consortium, Fordham University

SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL

International and Global Service Committee Member, Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service (GSS) (2018 – present)

Faculty Committee on Race (FACOR), Fordham GSS (2018 – present)

Committee for the Advancement of Research and Scholarship (CARS), Fordham GSS (2018 – present)

Faculty Research & Development Fund (2020 – present), Fordham GSS (2020 – present)

Conference Planning Committee Member, 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service (Dec 2018)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Member, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) South Asian Social Work Faculty & Doctoral Student Task Force (2016 - Present)

Interviewer for applicants, Penn Alumni Program, University of Pennsylvania, College of Arts and Sciences (2018)

Interviewer, Boren Foundation Fellowship Selection Committee, University of Chicago (2016)

Board of Directors Member, AIDS Services in Asian Communities (ASIAC) Philadelphia, PA (2005-07)

- Assist in restructuring funding streams, conduct strategic planning, conduct program evaluations

Board of Directors Member, San Francisco Asian & Pacific Islander HIV Women's Advisory Board (2001-03)

- Conduct program planning, budgeting, and grant application preparation