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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1990, with Distinction.

Dissertation Title: *Structure of Public Attitudes Toward Abortion*.

M.A. Sociology Ohio University, Athens, 1983, with Distinction.

Thesis Title: *New Vrindavan: The Hare Krishna Community in Wheeling, VA*.

B.A. Public Relations, Stella Maris College, Madras, India, 1980, with Distinction.

Senior Thesis: *Trademarks and Logos*.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The University of Alabama in Huntsville

Interim Chair, Department of Sociology, 2014-present.

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, 1999 to Present.

Chair, Department of Sociology, 2002-2006.

Acting Chair, Department of Sociology, Spring 2002, 2009.

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, 1993-1999.

Graduate Faculty Status, 1994-present.

Affiliate Faculty, Women's Studies Program, 1993-present.

Denison University, Granville, Ohio

Assistant Professor, Sociology/Anthropology, 1990-1993.

University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Instructor, Sociology, 1989-1990.

Research Associate Social and Demographic Research Institute, 1986-1988.

Project: Parent and Adult Child Relations in Three Generations. (Funded by Rockefeller Foundation and National Institute on Aging).

Research Associate to Dr. Peter H. Rossi, Social and Demographic Research Institute, 1990.

Project: Data Analysis of National Survey of Families and Households.

Data Base Manager and Statistical Consultant, Project ACCES and High School Dropout Prevention, P.I.: Michael Lewis. 1987-1990.

Statistical Consultant, Sociology and University Computing Center, 1986-1988.

Data Archive Manager and Consultant, School of Management, 1989-90.

Computer Consultant, Division of Home Economics, 1989-90.

Teaching Assistant, Sociology, 1983 to 1986.

Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

Teaching Assistant, Sociology, Ohio University, Athens, 1981-1983.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introduction to Sociology (25 years)

Cultural Anthropology (23 years)

Research Methods (20 years)

Statistics for Social Sciences (23 years)

Marriage and Family (10 years)

Sociology of Gender (3 years)

Sociology of Globalization (10 years)

Social Psychology (Mind, Self, Society) (1 year)

Law, Crime and Society (2 years)

Sexuality and Society (1 year)

Honors Interdisciplinary Seminar: Images of the American Family: Literary and Sociological Perspectives (1 year)

Sociology of Religion (3 years)

Study Abroad Course: India- Idea and Experience. (1 year)

Sociology of Travel and Tourism. (1 year)

RESEARCH INTERESTS/PROJECTS

I. Public opinion and reproductive policies

Structure of public attitudes toward abortion in the United States.

II. Post-colonial feminisms

Anti-Dowry Movement and Domestic Violence in India.

Men's Rights Movement in India.

Measuring public support for secular and Islamic feminism.

III. Globalization and cultural identity

Gender, culture and work identities among call center employees in India.

Social/Professional networks of Asian Indian immigrant physicians.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Sitaraman, Bhavani. *The Middleground: The American Public and the Abortion Debate*. Garland Publishing Inc. New York, 1994.

Journal Articles

Sitaraman, Bhavani A Sociology of Tourism Perspective on Study Abroad in India. *Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad*. (Under Review)

Colclough, Glenna & Bhavani Sitaraman, Community and Social Capital: What is the Difference? *Sociological Inquiry*, 2005, 75,4:474-496.

Rossi, Alice S. and Bhavani Sitaraman. "Abortion in Context: Historic Trends and Future Changes." Reprinted in *Readings on Induced Abortion: Politics and Policy*. 2000. Alan Guttmacher Institute.

Sitaraman, Bhavani. *Law as Ideology: Women, Courts and Dowry Deaths in India*. *International Journal of Sociology of Law* 1999, 27, pp.287-316.

Sitaraman, Bhavani. *Dowry and Brideprice: The Meaning of Marriage in two Societies*. *Reviews in Anthropology*. vol. 24, 1995, 123-133.

Rossi, Alice S. and Bhavani Sitaraman. *Abortion in Context: Historic Trends and Future Changes*. *Family Planning Perspectives*. 20th anniversary special issue, 1988, vol.20, 6:273-301.

Other Publications

Sitaraman, Bhavani "Public Relations in U.S. Universities' printed in *Precis*, A journal of the Public Relations Society of India, Chennai Chapter. 2007. pp. 6-9.

Review of *Family Planning in India*. Alka Srivastava, Classical Publ. Co., New Delhi, 1990 in *South Asia in Review*, Vol. 15, # 4, August 1991.

Review of *Elderly in India*. Kumudini Dandekar, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 1992 in *Contemporary South Asia* (1997), 6(2), 202-203

Review of *Assessing the gender impact of development projects. Case studies from Bolivia, Burkina Faso and India*. Vera Gianotten, Verona Groverman, Edith van Walsum and Lida Zuidberg. The Netherlands: Royal Tropical Institute, 1994 in *Contemporary South Asia*

Review of *Hierarchy and its Discontents. Culture and the politics of consciousness in caste society*. Steven M.Parish, University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia, 1996 in *Contemporary South Asia* (1999), 8(1), 103-105.

Works in Progress

Rhetorical strategies of the men's rights movement in India.

Policing Poor Families: Domestic Dispute Resolution in All Women Police Stations in India.

Culture, Work and Identity among Call Center Workers in India.

Ethnic and professional networks of immigrant physicians in the United States.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED LECTURES

2014 “Clothing Matters: Politics of Muslim Women’s Clothing” Philanthropic Educational Organization, Huntsville AL.

2014 “Clothing Matters: Politics of Muslim Women’s Clothing” Burritt Museum, International Heritage Festival.

2013 “What is Hinduism? A sociological perspective.” Knowledge Sharing Forum, Huntsville AL.

2013 “Caste and Race: Similarities and Differences.” Whitesburg Middle School, Huntsville, AL.

2013 “Cultural Globalization.” Whitesburg Middle School, Huntsville, AL.

2012 “Civil Liberties: Sex, Gender and Inequality in the United States.” U.S. Department of State Program on Civic Engagement, University of Alabama in Huntsville.

2010 “Women Count: A feminist accounting of globalization.” Global Studies 200, University of Alabama in Huntsville.

2008 “Public Relations in U.S. Universities.” Public Relations Society of India, Chennai, India.

2008 On “Gandhi—the Movie” Foreign Languages Film Seminar, University of Alabama in Huntsville.

2008 “Globalization, Nationalist Boycott and Beauty Queens in India,” Global Studies Lecture, UAH.

2005, 2006, 2007 “Veiling and Transnational Feminism,” Global Studies 200, UAH.

2006, 2007 “Globalization and Anti-Globalization: India.” Global Studies 200, UAH.

2004 “Globalization and Political Economy of Development in Five Lectures” UAH Global Studies Interdisciplinary Seminar.

2004 “UAH CGM-PLUS Program Evaluation and Update.” Grant to retain minority students at the university. Educating All of One Nation. Bell South CGM Initiative Session, Atlanta.

2004 Panelist, International Trade and Twenty-first Century Empire: Projecting America

Worldwide: Culture, Power, Trade. International Business Studies Initiative, UAH.

2003 "The Specter of the Burning Bride: Social Construction of domestic violence in India." Annual meetings of Law and Society, Pittsburgh.

2003 Chair and Session Organizer, Cultural Construction of Domestic Violence, Annual Meetings of Law and Society Association.

2002 "Policing Poor Families: Domestic Dispute Resolution in All-Women Police Stations. Annual Meetings of Law and Society, Vancouver.

2001 "The Future of Marriage in America." Invited lecture. Stella Maris College, Chennai, India, November.

2001 "What is Social Capital?" Madras University, Madras, India.

2001 "India: Democracy and Nation-Building." Guest Lecture. Comparative Government and Politics, UAH.

1999 Martyrs or Victims? Judicial Views of women's agency in dowry-death cases. Annual meeting of the Association of Third World Studies, San Jose, Costa Rica.

1999 Marriage-Money-Murder: The social construction of the dowry-problem in India. Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, Illinois.

1998 Law as Ideology: Women, Courts and "dowry deaths" in India. Annual meetings of the Society for Cross-cultural Research, St. Petersburg, Florida.

1997 "Questionnaire Construction: Abortion Attitudes" in Political Science Graduate Research Methods course.

1997 "Women, Nation and Colonialism in 19th Century India." Honors Seminar, UAH.

1996 "International Feminism: UN Conferences on Women." Women Studies Seminar, UAH.

1997 Discussant, Panel on Applied Research as Community Action, Southern Sociological Society.

1996 From Text to Structure to Process: Historical shifts in anthropological studies of kinship and marriage in India. Annual American Anthropological Association Meetings, San Francisco.

1996 Dowry and Marriage Change in India: Demographic, Economic, and Cultural Perspectives. Annual Southern Sociological Society Meetings, Richmond, VA.

1992 Emergent Ethnicity: Asian Indian Immigrants in the United States. Global Studies Seminar, Denison University.

1990 Abortion Situations and Abortion Morality: A Factorial Survey Analysis of Abortion Attitudes. Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston.

Professional Development

CAHS Faculty Development Session: "Online Instruction in 2015." August 17, 2015.
 RAND Summer Faculty Workshop in Policy Analysis, Santa Monica, CA 2015. Canvas Crash Course Training, UAH, 2014.
 Panopto Workshop, UAH, 2014.
 American Association of University Professors (AAUP) Summer Institute, Chicago, 2012.
 Global Studies Program and Curriculum Review Workshop, UAH, 2007.
 ASA Chairs Meeting, Southern Sociological Society Meetings, New Orleans, 2006.
 India in Three Keys. Asian Studies Development Workshop, College of DuPage, 2004.
 Teaching Diversity Workshop, Denison University, Ohio, 1992.
 Mid-Semester Teaching Workshop, Antioch College, Ohio, February 1991.
 ICPSR Summer Workshop: "Use of Resources from the 1990 Census," Summer 1991.

Grants

2015 RAND Policy Analysis Fellowship Stipend, \$2400.
 2014 Distinguished Speaker Series, UAH, \$2000.
 2007 Instructional Mini-Grant, Global Issues Film Series, UAH, \$700.
 2006 Global Studies Study Abroad Planning Grant, UAH, \$1220.
 2005 Humanities Center Grant to Enhance Library Collection on India, UAH, \$2056.08.
 2005 Distinguished Speaker (Dr. Pepper Schwartz) Series Award, UAH, \$1500.
 2000 Instructional Mini-grant award, UAH, \$3000.
 1997 Instructional Mini-grant award, UAH, \$2003.
 1997 Humanities Center Travel Grant, Research at Library of Congress, \$1000.
 1996 Humanities Center Travel Grant, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, \$500.
 1998 Humanities Center Travel Grant, Society for Cross-Cultural Research Annual Meeting, \$500.
 1995 Humanities Center Lecture/Events Grant, Social Issues Symposium, UAH, \$500.
 1995 Research Mini-grant award, UAH, \$1750.

1994 Humanities Center Lecture/Events Grant, Social Issues Symposium, UAH, \$500.
1991 Faculty Development Grant, Denison University, Summer \$2000.
1986 Dissertation Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, \$500.00.
1986 Dissertation Research Support, Social and Demographic Research Institute, University of Massachusetts, \$1000.

Reviewer

Sociological Inquiry
Oxford University Press
International Journal of Hindu Studies, 1997-1998
Law and Society Review
Social Science Journal
Contemporary South Asia
South Asia in Review

Professional Memberships

Member, American Association of University Professors (AAUP) 2012-present.
Founder Member, UAH Chapter of AAUP, 2012-present.
Law and Society Association, 2001-2004.
Society for Cross-Cultural Research, 1998.
Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1999-2000.
Association for Third World Studies, 1999-2000.
Reviewer, Contemporary South Asia, 1994-1998.
Publicity Manager, Society for Women Sociologists, Southern Sociological Society, 1995-1997.
American Sociological Association, 1993-1994.
Association for Asian Studies, 1993-1994.
Southern Sociological Society, 1994-2000, 2005.
American Anthropological Association, 1995-1996.

INSTITUTIONAL, COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Academic Program Reviews

Unit Supervisor, Sociology SACSCOC Accreditation, 2015.
Participant, Decennial, Sociology Department Self-Study and Review, 2013-2014.
External Reviewer, Decennial History Department Self-Study and Review, 2013-2014.
Supervisor, Decennial Sociology Department Self-Study and Review, 2003-2004.
Participant, Southern Association of Colleges Accreditation Review, 2005-2006.
External Reviewer, Political Science Department Program Review, 2005-2006.

University Governance and Faculty Affairs

Participant, Provost Panel on Post-Tenure Review, 2008.
 Faculty Senate Representative, Department of Sociology, 1998-2000, 2006-present.
 Member, Faculty Senate Scholastic Affairs Committee, 1998-1999.
 Secretary, AAUP Chapter, 2012-present.
 Blog Manager, AAUP Chapter Higher Education Google+ News Blog.
 Member, Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 2011.
 Chair, Faculty Senate Personnel Committee, 2011.
 Member, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee, 1999-2000, 2006-present.
 University Faculty Appeals Committee. 2006-2007, 2009-2011.

Curriculum Development

Member, Humanities Center Steering Committee, 2007-2013.
 Member, Global Studies Steering Committee. 2004-present.
 Member, Women's Studies Programming Committee, 1993-2000.
 Member, Faculty Senate University Curriculum Committee, 1999-2000, 2009-present.
 Chair, College of Liberal Arts Internship Committee, 2003.
 Teaching and Student Life Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 1994-1996.
 Member, College of Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee, 1995
 Member, Committee on International Education and Research, 1994-95.

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs

Member, ALAHEDO (Alabama Association of Higher Education Diversity Officers), since 2012.
 Member, The University of Alabama in Huntsville Title VII Advisory Committee 2006-07.
 Member, Black Studies Committee, Denison University, 1992-1993.
 Member, Women's Studies Interest Group, Denison University, 1990-1993.

Faculty Tenure/Reappointment Review

Member, University Review Board for Tenure and Promotion, 2012.
 Faculty Tenure and Reappointment Committees (numerous), 1994-present.
 Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2001 & 2013.

Professional Consulting

Survey Consultant, University of Alabama Faculty Senate Campus Climate Survey, 2014.
 Consultant, Diversity in Huntsville with Director of Multicultural Affairs, Office of the Mayor, 2012.
 Consultant, Huntsville Times Article "Is Huntsville a Cosmopolitan City?" 2012.
 Evaluator, Bell South Grant for College Going Minorities, 2003-present.
 Consultant, Census of the Homeless in Huntsville, North Alabama Homeless Coalition, 1999.
 Consultant, Huntsville Teen Runaway Shelter Task Force, Needs assessment for teen shelter, 1996.
 Proposal for Faculty Day Care facilities at Denison University (with Dr. Susan Diduk), 1991-1993.

Teaching and Student Life

Member, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Recruitment Committee. 2008.
 Member, Fulbright Scholarship Committee, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2009.
 Designed College of Liberal Arts Experimental Freshman Seminar taught by ten faculty, 1997.
 Discussant and Organizer, Film Screening of *Black Robe*, Dean's Committee on Teaching and Student Life and the World Issues Society, UAH 1996.
 Organizer, Film Series on Sacred and the Profane for Dean's Committee on Teaching and Student Life, 1995.
 Participant in the Freshman Orientation discussion of Frankenstein (film and book), 1995.
 Discussant, *Mississippi Masala*, Film Series on Gender and the Personal Vision, UAH 1995.
 Faculty Counsellor, Campus Sexual Assault Training Program, Denison University, 1991-1992.

Symposia and Distinguished Lectures

Organizer, Distinguished Lecture Series, Dr. Ellen Schrecker, "The Lost Soul of Higher Education," 2014.
 Organizer, Distinguished Lecture Series, Dr. Pepper Schwartz, "The Politics of Desire," 2006.
 Organizer, Social Issues Symposium featuring Dr. Rhys Williams, "Promise Keepers", 2001.
 Organizer, Social Issues Symposium featuring Dr. Dan Cornfield, "Labor Movement Decline: Assessing the potential for revitalization." 1994.
 Organizer, Sociology Social Issues Symposium featuring Dr. Katherine Newman, "The Working Poor in the Inner City." 1995.

Languages

English – Very fluent (Read, write and speak)
 Hindi- Speak
 Tamil- Read and Speak
 French- Read
 Spanish- Beginning fluency