

Shilpa Reddy

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Expected 2023 Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology
University of Maryland, College Park
Comprehensive exams: Gender, Work and Family; Postcolonial Feminism
Dissertation: "Platonic Co-parenting in the Global North: A New Lens into the Gender Revolution" (Co-chairs: Drs. Reeve Vanneman and Sangeetha Madhavan)
- 2018 M.A. Sociology
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2010 M.Sc. Gender, Development and Globalization
London School of Economics and Political Science, UK
Thesis: "Stuck in a time warp: Bollywood's gender ideology in the era of cultural globalization"
- 2002 Bachelor of Commerce
Mount Carmel College, Bangalore University, India

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender, Work & Family | Marriage & Family | Sociology of Gender | Women's/Gender/Feminist Studies | Social Stratification | Race & ethnicity | Migration | Global Inequalities | Gender & Globalization | Postcolonial Feminism | Postcolonial Sociology | South Asia | India | U.S. | Qualitative Methods

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 (Upcoming) Desai, Sonalde, Feinian Chen, **Shilpa Reddy** and Amy McLaughlin. "Measurement of Women's Empowerment in Developing Countries" *Annual Review of Sociology* Volume 48
- Under Review **Reddy, Shilpa** and Reeve Vanneman. "Does employment protect women from violence? Individual & community level effects of women's employment on marital abuse in India."
- In Progress **Reddy, Shilpa** and Roberto Korzeniewicz. "What are Sociology students in the US reading? An analysis of the syllabi of required courses in the top graduate programs."
- In Progress **Reddy, Shilpa** and Reeve Vanneman. "The uneasy relationship between domestic violence and women's empowerment in India."

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019-2021 Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland
[Women's Empowerment: Data for Gender Equality \(WEDGE\)](#) with Drs. Sonalde Desai, Feinian Chen and Amy McLaughlin
- Fall 2018 Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland
[India Human Development Survey \(IHDS\)](#) with Drs. Sonalde Desai, Feinian Chen and Amy McLaughlin

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Summer 2019, 2020 & 2021 Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park
Instructor
- Introduction to Sociology (online)
- Summer 2017, 2019 & Winter 2018 Department of Kinesiology, University of Maryland, College Park
Instructor
- Beginner's Yoga
- 2016-Present Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park
Teaching Assistant
- Sociology of Gender (cross listed with Women's Studies)
 - Social Stratification
 - Human Societies
 - Why does educational inequality persist in the US?
 - Logic of Social Inquiry
- 2012-2015 School of Communication, Manipal University, India
Assistant Professor, Journalism
- Reporting & Writing
 - Advanced Reporting (graduate level)
 - Investigative Journalism (graduate level)
 - Media Seminar and Current Affairs
- Spring 2012 Asian University for Women, Bangladesh
Lecturer, Gender Studies
- Women & Gender in Indian Cinema

COMMUNICATIONS AND JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

- Oct-Dec 2011 Communications Manager, Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh
- May-Sept 2011 Communications Consultant, [Vimochana](#) and [FEDINA](#), Bangalore, India
(Vimochana is a forum for women's rights providing protection, counseling and legal help for victims of marital violence and dowry harassment. FEDINA is an NGO that empowers the structurally marginalized including tribals, dalits and women.)

April 2003-Oct 2007 Journalist in India
Covered health, education, poverty, gender inequality and other development issues at leading English language newspapers

- *Senior sub-editor, Mid-Day, Bangalore (June 2007-Oct 2007)*
- *Senior reporter, The Indian Express, New Delhi (May 2006-Jan 2007)*
- *Reporter, The New Indian Express, Bangalore (July 2005-Mar 2006)*
- *Copy-editor, The Times of India, Bangalore (Oct 2004-July 2005)*
- *Sub-editor & reporter, Vijay Times, Bangalore (Apr 2003-Oct 2004)*

CONSULTING AND TRAINING

Sept 2005 Conducted training workshop “Reporting on female feticide in India” for journalists, National Media Workshop: Sex Selection and Female Feticide, UNICEF, New Delhi.

May-Sept 2011 Conducted training workshops on gender inequality and women’s empowerment for FEDINA activists in Bangalore.

SERVICE and VOLUNTEER WORK

July 2021-present Founder and leader, feminist book club for Indian teenagers (meets virtually once a week)

2018-2019 Graduate student peer mentor

2018-2020 Sociology representative, BSOS Dean’s Graduate Student Advisory Council, University of Maryland.

2011-2012 Yoga instructor for students at Asian University for Women

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2020 Reddy, Shilpa. [“An Open Letter: What is the end-goal of Sociology?”](#) *The Sociological Cinema*.

2020 Reddy, Shilpa. [“Measurement Brief: Unpaid Work,”](#) College Park: WEDGE Program, University of Maryland.

2019 Reddy, Shilpa. [“Measurement Brief: Domestic Violence,”](#) College Park: WEDGE Program, University of Maryland.

2011 Editor, Training of Trainers manual on Menstrual Hygiene Management, UNICEF and Bharathidasan University, India.

2010-11 Author, course material for foundational course “Gender and Development Studies” for Bharathidasan University, India.

Journalistic achievements (selected publications)

- 2006 *(The Indian Express)* Exposed incidents of caste-based discrimination at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences, India's premier medical school, in New Delhi.
- 2006 *(The Indian Express)* Produced a series of in-depth reports on the poor condition of government schools in New Delhi.
- 2005 *(The New Indian Express)* Conducted a sting operation in Belgaum (a South Indian district which has the lowest sex ratio in the state) exposing doctors guilty of doing sex determination tests and abortions of female fetuses, both of which are crimes under Indian law. The story forced authorities to conduct raids and shutdown the clinics.
- 2005 *(The New Indian Express)* Wrote a series of reports exposing the absence of basic facilities in government-owned hospitals in Bangalore.

AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021-22 Harriet B Presser (Dissertation) Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland (tuition and stipend for one year)
- 2021 UMD BSOS Dean's Research Initiative Doctoral Dissertation Research Award (\$2000 for research expenses)
- 2018-19 Policy Communication Fellowship, Population Reference Bureau (year-long fellowship which included participation in a week-long policy and communication workshop in Lilongwe, Malawi)
- 2018 UMD BSOS Dean's Research Initiative Pre-Candidacy Award (\$1500 for research expenses)
- 2018 UMD BSOS Dean's Research Initiative Travel Award (\$1000)
- 2018 UMD William H Form Summer Fellowship (\$4000).
- 2018 UMD BSOS 3MT competition, first place (\$750)
- 2017 UMD Sociology Graduate Student Summer Fellowship for Research Collaborations (\$5000)

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

- Jan 2020 *"Who are Sociology students in the US reading? An analysis of the syllabi of required courses in the top graduate programs"* winter meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society, San Diego, CA.

Aug 2019	<i>"The uneasy relationship between domestic violence and women's empowerment"</i> summer meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society, New York City, NY.
April 2019	<i>"The uneasy relationship between domestic violence and women's empowerment"</i> PAA annual meeting, Austin, Texas.
April 2018	<i>"Does money protect women from violence? Individual and Community level effects of women's employment on marital violence in India"</i> PAA annual meeting, Denver, Colorado.
Nov 2018	<i>"Does money protect women from violence? Individual and Community level effects of women's employment on marital violence in India"</i> Pathways to Gender Equality Conference, American University, Washington DC.
Feb 2014	<i>"The Feminism in 'Feminist' Bollywood Movies"</i> Sixth GCRA International Conference on Media in Transformation, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
Invited talks	
Oct 2018	<i>"Does money protect women from domestic violence?"</i> GradTerp Exchange, University of Maryland
Feb 2011	<i>"Gender and Globalization"</i> and <i>"Portrayal of Women in Tamil Cinema"</i> , Women's Studies Refresher's course, Bharathiar University, India.
Nov 2005	<i>"Media's Role in Curbing Sex-selective Abortion and Female Feticide"</i> first national bioethics conference 'Ethical Challenges in Healthcare: Global Context, Indian Reality', Mumbai.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING in RESEARCH METHODS

July 2021	Episode Profiles: Capturing and Analyzing Holistic Stories of Each Data Collection Episode, with Ray Maietta and Alison Hamilton, Research Talk Inc. and Odum Institute for Research in Social Science
Oct 2021	Coding and Analyzing Qualitative Data, with Johnny Saldaña, Research Talk Inc. and Odum Institute for Research in Social Science
June 2018	Hierarchical Linear Modeling (HLM) 8 workshop with Steve Raudenbush, author of HLM, University of Michigan

LANGUAGES

<i>Fluent:</i>	Tamil and Kannada
<i>Intermediate:</i>	French, Telugu and Hindi

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Sociologists for Women in Society
- American Sociological Association
- International Sociological Association

REFERENCES

1. Dr. Reeve Vanneman
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