

# Shilpa Reddy

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## EDUCATION

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Expected 2024	Ph.D., Sociology <b>University of Maryland, College Park</b> <u>Comprehensive exams:</u> Gender, Work and Family; Postcolonial Feminism <u>Dissertation title:</u> "Platonic Co-parenting in the Global North: A New Lens into the Gender Revolution" (Co-chairs: Drs. Julia Chuang and Sangeetha Madhavan)
2018	M.A. Sociology <b>University of Maryland, College Park</b>
2010	M.Sc. Gender, Development and Globalization <b>London School of Economics and Political Science, UK</b> <u>Thesis title:</u> "Stuck in a time warp: Bollywood's gender ideology in the era of cultural globalization"
2002	Bachelor of Commerce <b>Mount Carmel College, Bangalore University, India</b>

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Sociology of Gender | Feminist Theories | Women's/Gender/Feminist Studies | Gender, Work & Family | Sexualities | Marriage & Family | Non-normative Families | Race & ethnicity | Migration | Social Inequalities | Domestic Violence | Global Inequalities | Gender & Globalization | Postcolonial Feminism | Postcolonial Sociology | South Asia | India | Global South | U.S. | Qualitative Methods

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2022-2023	<b>Christopher Newport University</b> Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology <b>Visiting Instructor, Sociology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Race, Ethnicity, and Racism</li><li>• Reimagining the Family</li></ul>
Summer 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022	<b>University of Maryland, College Park, Department of Sociology,</b> <b>Instructor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to Sociology (online)</li></ul>
Summer 2017, 2019 & Winter 2018	<b>University of Maryland, College Park, Department of Kinesiology</b> <b>Instructor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beginner's Yoga</li></ul>
2016-2023	<b>University of Maryland, College Park, Department of Sociology</b> <b>Teaching Assistant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sociology of Gender (cross listed with Women's Studies)</li><li>• Social Stratification</li><li>• Inequality in American Society</li><li>• Human Societies</li></ul>

- 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  
*Instructor, Gender Studies*

- Women & Gender in Indian Cinema

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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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

2018 Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland  
[India Human Development Survey \(IHDS\)](#) with Drs. Sonalde Desai, Feinian Chen and Amy McLaughlin

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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2022 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** "What are Sociology students in the U.S. 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."

## COMMUNICATIONS AND JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

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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 discrimination 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**

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May-Sept 2011      Conducted training workshops on gender discrimination and women's empowerment for FEDINA activists in Bangalore, India.

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

#### **SERVICE and VOLUNTEER WORK**

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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**

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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**

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- 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

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### **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      *"The uneasy relationship between domestic violence and women's empowerment"* summer meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society, New York City, NY.
- April 2019      *"The uneasy relationship between domestic violence and women's empowerment"* PAA annual meeting, Austin, Texas.
- April 2018      *"Does money protect women from violence? Individual and Community level effects of women's employment on marital violence in India"* PAA annual meeting, Denver, Colorado.
- Nov 2018      *"Does money protect women from violence? Individual and Community level effects of women's employment on marital violence in India"* Pathways to Gender Equality Conference, American University, Washington DC.
- Feb 2014      *"The Feminism in 'Feminist' Bollywood Movies"* Sixth GCRA International Conference on Media in Transformation, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

### **Invited talks**

- Oct 2018      *"Does money protect women from domestic violence?"* GradTerp Exchange, University of Maryland
- Feb 2011      *"Gender and Globalization"* and *"Portrayal of Women in Tamil Cinema"*, Women's Studies Refresher's course, Bharathiar University, India.
- Nov 2005      *"Media's Role in Curbing Sex-selective Abortion and Female Feticide"* first national bioethics conference 'Ethical Challenges in Healthcare: Global Context, Indian Reality', Mumbai.

## SPECIALIZED TRAINING in RESEARCH METHODS

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- 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

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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

## LANGUAGES

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*Fluent:* Tamil and Kannada  
*Intermediate:* French, Telugu and Hindi

## YOGA, SWIMMING, AEROBICS and DANCE TRAINING

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- 2017 & 2018      **Swimming instructor certifications:**
- American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor (WSI) course
  - Adapt2Achieve Adaptive Strategies & Techniques for Swimmers with Disabilities, 15 hour Continuing Education Certificate, Disabled Sports USA
  - US Masters Swimming Adult Learn-to-Swim Instructor Certification
  - US Masters Swimming Masters Coach Certification, Course Levels 1 and 2
- 2008 & 2009      **Yoga instructor certifications:**
- ‘Yoga Siromani Teacher of Yoga, Sun Power Yoga – 200 hours’ Sun Power Yoga Centre, Teacher Training for Excellence in Yoga, UK. (Certification recognized by the ‘Register of Exercise Professionals’ at Level 3, ‘Yoga Alliance, USA’, ‘Central YMCA Qualifications’, ‘European Yoga Alliance’ and ‘International Yoga Federation’.)
  - Yoga instructor’s course from Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana, Bangalore, India.
- 2002      **Aerobics instructor certification:** From Reebok University, Bangalore, India.
- 1997-2000      **Dance performances:** As a member of a professional dance troupe ‘XLNC’, I performed contemporary Indian, Bollywood, and western dance at shows across South India. Performed salsa at India International Salsa Congress 2008 in Bangalore, India.

## REFERENCES

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