

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Research Interests

Migration, Marriage and Family Structures, Labor Force Behavior, Inequality and Social Changes, Human Development, Governance and Service Delivery

Education

- 2016-** **Ph.D. in Sociology**
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2005** **M.A. in Economics**
University of Mumbai
- 2003** **B.A. in Economics and Statistics**
University of Mumbai

Professional Experience

Oct. 2011- Nov. 2015 **Consultant**

National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi

- Worked as researcher on two major primary household survey projects--IHDS and ARIS/REDS, carrying out various tasks such as questionnaire designing, training and field supervision, statistical analysis, writing reports, research briefs and papers.
- Liaison with Director General in managing institutional and research partnership with University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, USA and Policy Research Institute, Ministry of Finance, Japan.

June 2011-Sep. 2011 **Senior Research Associate**

ASER Centre-Pratham, New Delhi

- Involved in training, monitoring of survey and team handling of People's Assessment of Health Education and Livelihood (PAHELI) project 2011
- Worked to create training modules in Statistics for volunteers

June 2010-Jan. 2011 Junior Programme Officer

All India Institute of Local Self Government, Mumbai

- Co-ordinated and conducted training programs on Social Mapping for Community in preparation of City Sanitation Plans for Municipal Corporations
- Involved in collection and analysis of water supply and sanitation data of urban local bodies and preparing service level benchmarks
- Conducted workshops for Municipal Councilors and Members of Legislative Assemblies on laws and statutory provisions

July 2008-June 2010 Statistical Analyst

Sankhya Analytical Research Private Limited, Mumbai

- Handled end-to-end analytics projects in Banking, Insurance, Retail and Market Research
- Business Development and Networking for the company with national and international clients
- Corporate and Academic training sessions on statistical methods and tools for analytics

Publications

Book/Policy Report

Desai, Sonalde, Prem Vashishtha and **Omkar Joshi**. 2015. *“Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act: A Catalyst for Rural Transformation”*. New Delhi: National Council of Applied Economic Research

Papers in Progress

Joshi, Omkar, Sonalde B. Desai, Reeve Vanneman and Amaresh Dubey. 2015. *“MGNREGA: Employer of the Last Resort?”*, Economic and Political Weekly (Under Review)

Working Papers

Joshi, Omkar, Sonalde B. Desai and Reeve Vanneman. *“Rebalancing the Gender Scales: A Case of MGNREGA”*.

Thorat, Amit and Omkar Joshi. 2016. *“The Continuing Practice of Untouchability in India: Patterns and Mitigating Influences”*. IHDS Working Paper Series WP19

Joshi, Omkar and Hari K. Nagarajan. 2013. *“Varieties of Governance, Varying Outcomes”*. GDN Working Paper Series, Working Paper No. 79

Nagarajan, Hari K., Hans Binswanger-Mkhize and Omkar Joshi. *“Investing Growth and Inequality in Indian Villages”*.

Joshi, Omkar. *“Public Governance in India: Insights from Kautilya’s Arthashastra”*.

Joshi, Omkar. *“Fiscal Decentralization and Regional Inequality in India: A Panel Data Approach”*.

Other Publications

Employer of the Last Resort? The Hindu, March 22, 2014 (op-ed piece co-authored with Sonalde Desai and Reeve Vanneman)

Scholarships and Awards

- 2016 University of Maryland, Dean's Fellowship (for summer research)—\$5000 USD
- 2015 Best Poster Award in Population Association of America's Annual Meeting
- 2005 Best Paper Award in a State-Level Workshop
- 2003 Sujata Pabrekar Endowment Prize for Excellence in Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities
- 2000 National Merit Scholarship Certificate

Conference Presentations

- 2016 Sonalde B. Desai, Omkar Joshi and Reeve Vanneman. "*Do Public Works Programmes improve Child Education: Evidence from India*"- Population Association of America Annual Meetings in Washington D.C, poster session.
- 2015 Omkar Joshi, Reeve Vanneman and Sonalde B. Desai. "*Rebalancing the Gender Scales: A Case of MGNREGA*"- Population Association of America Annual Meetings in San Diego, poster session
- 2014 Omkar Joshi, Sonalde B. Desai, Reeve Vanneman and Amaresh Dubey. "*MGNREGA: Employer of the Last Resort?*"- IGIDR Conference on The MGNREGA in India: Taking Stock, Looking Ahead in Mumbai, regular session

Teaching

2005-08 Lecturer, P.D Lions College of Commerce and Economics, University of Mumbai
Business Economics, I, II and III

2005-10 Visiting Faculty, M.M.K College of Commerce and Economics, University of Mumbai
Managerial Economics I and II

Research Assistantships

Research Assistant, University of Maryland, India Human Development Survey, January 2016 to June 2016

Research Assistant, University of Maryland, India Human Development Survey, August 2016-

Professional Affiliations

2014-Present, Member of the Population Association of America

Professional Service

2016-Present, Member Graduate Student Forum, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park

2016-Present, Departmental Representative on Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Committee,
Behavioral and Social Sciences College, University of Maryland, College Park

Refereeing

Population Review

Community Engagement

2016-Present, Treasurer, Develop Empower and Synergize India (DESI), University of Maryland,
College Park

Software Expertise

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