

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

ONGOING

University of Pennsylvania: Lecturer on Sociology, Department of Sociology; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States. 19104

Yale University: Senior Fellow, Urban Ethnography Project; Sociology Department; New Haven, Connecticut, United States. 06511.

RECENT

Yale University: Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, 06511. 2011-2014.

Yale University: Singh Fellow, Lecturer and Fellow, Department of Sociology and South Asian Studies, MacMillan Center, 2009-2011

Harvard University: Lecturer, Sociology Department, 2008-2009 David Bell Fellow and Instructor, Harvard School of Public Health, 2006-2008

United Nations: Consultant, *International Fund for Agricultural Development* (IFAD). Via Paolo di Dono, 44, 00142 Rome, Italy and *Asian Development Bank* (ABD), Manila, Philippines.

EDUCATION

Degrees:

Ph.D. Sociology (**with Distinction**), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, United States

Dissertation: Health, Culture & Democracy: The Case of Decentralization of Healthcare in India

M.Phil. Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, India

M.A. Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, India

B.A. (Honors) Sociology, Miranda House, University of Delhi, India

Additional Diploma:

Subject: SAS Programming Essentials 1 Institution: SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC, U.S.A, January 2001

AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

Health (global and International); Urban Education; Democracy and Development; Social inequality; Gender; Race and Caste; Globalization and Transnational Processes

METHODOLOGICAL EXPERTISE

Ethnographic field research; qualitative methods; comparative historical sociology; narratology

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

Yale University, USA: Singh Fellowship

Harvard University, USA: David Bell Fellowship

University of Pennsylvania, USA: Distinction for PhD

University of Pennsylvania, USA: Honors on Ph.D Qualifying Exam on Social Theory

University of Delhi, India: Second rank in B.A (Honors) Sociology.

University of Delhi, India: Merit Scholarship, MA Program

University of Delhi, India: Center for Advanced Study in Sociology: National Scholarship
MA Program, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, India.

University of Delhi, Miranda House, India: First rank in B.A (Honors) Sociology.

RESEARCH GRANTS

2014-2017. The University of Chicago, Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society. "Public Health Insurance Plan, Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) in India" (Collaborative Research).

Under Review. *National Science Foundation*. “Why are Indian Farmers Killing Themselves; Toward a Sociology of Suicide” (Principal Investigator)

2005. University of Pennsylvania. Otto Pollak Ph.D Dissertation Writing and Research Fellowship,

2002-2003. American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS), University of Chicago: Dissertation Field Research Fellowship

2002. Mellon Foundation: Dissertation Training and Research Grant

RESEARCH GRANTS & CONSULTANTSHIPS – UNITED NATIONS

2009 - 2016. *United Nations* (Specialized Agency: International Fund for Agricultural Development (*IFAD*)). Via Paolo di Dono, 44, 00142 Rome, Italy.

TOPICS of RESEARCH: (1) “Sociological Perspective on Targeting”, (2) “Women’s Empowerment & Microfinance – an Asian Perspective Study and (3) “Migration and Remittances” (4) Globalization and Dietary Transition (5) Women’s Empowerment & Rural Development

2013 *United Nations* (Agency: Asian Development Bank), Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

TOPICS OF RESEARCH: (1) Decentralization, Empowerment & Service Delivery (2) Take-up & Effectiveness of Public Services: Role of Networks & Social Norms

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

2014. ***Diets, Malnutrition and Disease in India***, Oxford University Press. (with Raghav Gaiha and Raghavendra Jha)

2012. July (Edited Volume): “*Bringing Fieldwork Back In: Contemporary Urban Ethnography*,” special edition of ***The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science***. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications (with Elijah Anderson, Duke Austin, Dana Asbury and Esther Kim).

Forthcoming. ***Global Public Health: A Socio-Medical Perspective***. Paradigm Publishers

ARTICLES (in Peer Reviewed Journals and Book Chapters)

Forthcoming. ‘Double Burden of Malnutrition’: Reexamining the Coexistence of Undernutrition and Overweight among Women in India, *International Journal of Health Services*.

2015. Invited Contribution. "Glocalization of Remittances in India: Toward a Sociological Perspective", in M. Rahman et.al. *Migrant Remittances in South Asia*, Edited. Palgrave Macmillan.

2015. Invited Contribution. "Diets, Nutrition and Poverty in India" (with R. Gaiha, R. Jha and N. Kaicker) In Ronald Herring. (Ed.) *Handbook on Food, Politics and Society*, New York: Oxford University Press).

2014. Invited Contribution. "Globalization of the Middle Class: Case of Dietary Consumption Pattern", in Raghendra Jha, Raghav Gaiha and Anil Deoloalika. Edited. *Handbook of Food: Demand, Supply, Sustainability and Security*, Edward Elgar.

2013. "How Pervasive is Eating Out in India?" *Journal of Asian & African Studies*, 48(3) 370–386 (with R. Jha and R.Gaiha).

2012. "The Making and Unmaking of Local Democracy in an Indian Village", in *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

"The Legacy of Racial Caste," in *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. (Alphabetically with Anderson, Elijah, Duke W. Austin, and Craig Holloway).

"On Hunger and Child Mortality in India", *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, February. Vol. 47, 1: pp. 3-17. (with R. Gaiha, M. K. Pandey, and K. S. Imai) .

2010: "Social Perspective on Health Inequalities: A Re-conceptualization", (with S.V. Subramanian) in Brown, T., McLafferty, S. & Moon, Graham (Editors) *A Companion to Health and Medical Geography*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing.

"National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Poverty and Prices in Rural India", *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, December 2010; Vol. 45, 6: pp. 645-669. (with R.Gaiha, M. K Pandey, and K. S Imai).

2008. "Has Anything Changed? Deprivation, Disparity, and Discrimination in Rural India", (with R. Gaiha, G. Thapa and K. Imai) *Brown Journal of World Affairs*, 2008, 14.2 Spring/Summer.

2006. "Common Interest Groups, Village Institutions and Rural Poor in India: A Review of District Poverty Initiative Projects" (With R. Gaiha) *Contemporary South Asia*, 15 (1) March.

2002. "Panchayats, Communities and the Rural Poor in India" (with R. Gaiha), *Journal of African and Asian Studies*, June.

2000: "Participation or empowerment of the rural poor: The case of the Panchayats in India. (with R. Gaiha) In: V. Damodaran and M. Unnithan-Kumar (Editors), *Post-colonial India*, Manohar, Delhi

1999: "Policy Reforms, Institutions and the Poor in Rural India" (with R. Gaiha) *Contemporary South Asia*, Volume 8, Issue 1, March 1999, pages 7-28

1998. "Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, Panchayats, and the rural poor", (with R. Gaiha and P.D Kaushik) *Asian Survey* 38.

"Is Growth Central to Poverty Alleviation in India?" (with R. Gaiha), *Journal of International Affairs* 51.

INVITED ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

Forthcoming. "Dollard, John (Race and Caste Thesis)" Entry in *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism.*, Editors John Stone, Xiaoshuo Hou, Rutledge Dennis, Polly Rizova and Anthony Smith. Wiley-Blackwell.

2012. "Maternal Mortality" Entry in *Cultural Sociology of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa: An Encyclopedia*, Editors Edward Ramsamy, Andrea L. Stanton, Peter J. Seybolt, and Carolyn Elliott. Sage Publications Volume 4. Pp. 245-248

2009. "Development and Social Change in India" In: *Enciclopedia Treccani Terzo Millennio*, 181-190 [in Italian]. Rome: Enciclopedia Italiana. www.treccani.it/enciclopedia/sviluppo-e-trasformazioni-sociali-in-india_%28XXI-Secolo%29/ (with R. Gaiha and S. Kaur).

UNITED NATIONS REPORTS

2016. UN Report: "Women's Empowerment and Rural Development: A Reconceptualization", Report Submitted to the United Nations (Specialized Agency: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Via Paolo di Dono, Rome, Italy.

2013. UN Report: "Global Middle Class and Dietary Transition: A Sociological Review" Report Submitted to the United Nations (Specialized Agency: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Via Paolo di Dono, Rome, Italy.

2012. UN Report: "Remittances; A Conceptual & Sociological Overview" Report Submitted to the United Nations (Specialized Agency: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Via Paolo di Dono, Rome, Italy.

2011. UN Report: "Women's Agency and Empowerment through Microfinance – An Asia Perspective Study" Occasional Paper Series, United Nations (Specialized Agency: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Via Paolo di Dono, Rome, Italy.

2009. UN Report: "Sociology & Targeting" Report Submitted to the United Nations (Specialized Agency: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Via Paolo di Dono, Rome, Italy.

MEDIA - NEWSPAPER / NEWSLETTER

2015. Analysis: "Is the Miracle of Microfinance Illusory?", *Inter Press Service News Agency*.
2015. Op-Ed Analysis. "Opinion: Renewed Optimism or Higgledy-Piggledy Vision?", *Inter Press Service News Agency*.
2015. Op-Ed. "If You Want to Help a Farmer": Evidence of farm distress mounts. Government needs to broaden its policy focus. *The Indian Express*, April 24.
2015. Op-Ed. "Can They Make Delhi a Livable City?" *The Indian Express*, February 6.
2014. Op-Ed. "About Men". *The Indian Express*, December 16.
2014. Op-Ed. "Inclusive Growth, An Exaggerated Claim". *The Hindu, Business Line*. May 22.
2013. Op-Ed. "India's Weight of the World Moment", (on women's obesity and malnutrition), *The Hindu*, October 29.
2013. Op-Ed. "Where Have All the Women Gone?" (on missing women), *The Hindu*, August 20.
2013. Opinion & Analysis Piece. "Explaining the Prevalence of Rape in Delhi NCR", *Global Review, (American Sociological Association's Global and Transnational Sociology Newsletter)*. Volume 3, Issue 3, Summer. (with Kristin Plys).
2013. OpEd. "A Case of Misplaced Euphoria" (discussion of accomplishment of a key Millennium Development Goal (MDG) — of halving extreme poverty in the developing world — five years ahead of the 2015 deadline). *The Hindu*, June 15. (with R. Gaiha).
2013. OpEd. "Four Walls and the Cry for Help" (on prevalence of Domestic Violence) *The Hindu*, May 22 (with M.Pandey and R. Gaiha).
2012. OpEd. "Rapid GDP growth dents poverty but reduction is feasible", *The Economic Times*, June 21 (with R. Gaiha).
2011. OpEd "Many Benefits Of Women's Work" *The Economic Times*, March 31 (with R. Gaiha and R. Jha).
2010. "Dietary Transition in India" (with R. Gaiha). (Invited Contribution) *Online publication India in Transition*, The Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania.
2010. OpEd "Fragility of Poverty Estimates", (with R. Gaiha) *The Economic Times, Guest Column*, Page 10. April 2.
2009. Op-Ed "Losing the War Against Poverty", (with R. Gaiha), *The Economic Times*, December 31.

2009. OpEd: "On hunger and child mortality", *The Economic Times*, August 21 (with R. Gaiha).

2007. Book Review *The Democracy Makers: Human Rights and the Politics of Global Order* by Nicolas Guilhot, 2005, New York: Columbia University Press.

2005. OpEd: "New Directions in Development" (with R. Gaiha) *Indian Express*, August 4.

WORKING PAPERS

Forthcoming. "Double Burden of Nutrition: Why are Indian Women Likely to be Underweight and Obese?" *Brooks World Poverty Institute (BWPI) Working Paper 188*. The University of Manchester.

2013. "Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Gender Equality". *Brooks World Poverty Institute (BWPI) Working Paper 188*. The University of Manchester. ISBN. 978-1-909-336-06-3

2010. "Child Undernutrition in India" (with R. Jha and R. Gaiha), Australia South Asia Research Center (ASARC) Working Paper Series.

"Obesity, Affluence and Urbanisation in India" (with R. Jha and R. Gaiha), Australia South Asia Research Center (ASARC) Working Paper Series.

"Affluence, Obesity and Non-Communicable Diseases in India (with R. Jha and R. Gaiha), Australia South Asia Research Center (ASARC) Working Paper Series.

2009. "Who Has Most Say in Cooking?" (with R. Gaiha, and R. Jha), Australia South Asia Research Center (ASARC) Working Paper Series.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

"Democracy & Gender: The Relationship Re-Examined" (Research Article)

"Silence and Theories of Development" (Research Article)

"Where is the Public in Public Health? A Making and Re-making of Democratic Healthcare Governance in India" (Research Article)

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

The Sociology of School Choice Movement in America: The Case of a Charter School in Philadelphia, PA. USA.

Qualitative study assessing the Lawrence Mammography project based upon Community based participatory research (CBPR) funded by National Institutes of Health routed through Harvard Catalyst Grant. (Collaborative Research Project).

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS/ACCEPTANCES

2016. Invited Presentation. "Left at the Doorway: How School Choice Deepens Ambiguity of Identity of Inner City Youth", *Symposium on Inner City School: Inequality Urban Education*, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA. April 22-23.

2014. Invited Presentation. "The Rites of Urban Public School Discipline: Restoring Order or Creating Liminality?", *Symposium on Ethnography: A Conference and A Retreat*, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA. April 22-23.

2012. "Legacy of Racial Caste; An Exploratory Ethnography", Celebration of *ANNALS July 2012* issue. *American Sociological Association*. Denver, Colorado

"Making and Unmaking of Local Democracy in India", Celebration of *ANNALS July 2012* issue. *American Sociological Association*. Denver, Colorado

2011. "Caste Complexities in the South: Some Hypotheses on Blacks and New Immigrants (with Elijah Anderson and Duke Austin) *American Sociological Association*, Thematic Session, Las Vegas, NV

2010. "The Legacy of Caste: Tales from the Field." Conference: *Bringing Fieldwork Back In An Ethnographer's Retreat*, (with Elijah Anderson, Duke Austin and Craig Holloway). Yale University, New Haven, CT. November 5.

2009. "Devastating Droughts", Conference on Climate Change: Past & Present, *National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)*, Cambridge, MA. USA

2008. "Correlates of Self-Rated Health Status in the Context of Sri Lanka" (with Veena Kulkarni), *American Sociological Association*, Boston, MA, USA

"Engendering Women Activism in Rural India: The Case of Panchayats and Self-help Groups", *American Sociological Association*, Boston, MA, USA.

2007. "The dynamics of poverty in rural India", jointly with Raghav Gaiha, invited paper for the South Asia conference, organized by Monash University and Ausaid, Canberra 25-26 September

2004. "Decentralized Health Care: Understanding the Relationship between Values, Interaction and Health Policy", *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, USA.

"Values in Action: Understanding the relationship Between Values, Social Interaction and the Micro-Macro Linkage", *American Sociological Association*, August San Francisco.

"Village Institutions, Poor and Communities- A Review of District Poverty Initiatives Project in India" (with R.Gaiha) Seventy-Five Years of Development Research, *Department of Comparative Development. Cornell University*, New York.

"Democracy, Rationality and Local Institutions: Case of Rural Health Policy in India". *Workshop on Social Change (Theme: Rationality and Institutions)*, University of Virginia.

"Micro-Macro Linkage: Toward A More Inclusive Paradigm" Social Theory Network, *European Sociological Association*. Paris.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2010. "Toward Engendering Women Activism in Rural India: The Case of Panchayats and Self-Help Groups", *Department of Sociology, Yale University*, New Haven.

2009. "Engendering Women Activism in Rural India: The Case of Panchayats and Self-help Groups", *South Asia Colloquium, Yale University*.

2009. "Stratification System in India", for class on Global Social Enterprise, *Yale School of Management, Yale University*.

2008. "Where is the Public in Public Health Development: A Making and Remaking of Democratic Healthcare Governance in India", *Institute of Social Studies, Den Haag, the Netherlands*.

2008. "Reconceptualizing Local/Community Participation in Health: Case from Rural India", *Mayo Clinic, Rochester*.

2005. "The State and the Medical Professional Authority: Exploring the Bitter-Sweet Relationship", *Department of Sociology and the Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada*.

1998. "Policy Reforms, Rural Institutions and the Poor in India" (with R.Gaiha), invited contribution to the *International Convention of Asian Scholars, Noordwijkerhout: The Netherlands*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2009-2015. Yale University, Department of Sociology and South Asia Studies Council

Course Titles: (1) Global Public Health (2) Health and Inequality in India (3) Public Health in India

2007-2008. Harvard University, Department of Sociology & Harvard School of Public Health

Course Titles: (1) Social Capital and Democracy (2) Global Public Health (3) Qualitative Inquiry in Health Research.

1999-2015. University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology

Course Titles: (1) Introduction to Sociology (2) Sociology of Medicine (3) Women and Health in South Asia (4) Global Public Health

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewer for Peer-reviewed Journals:

(1) *Theory & Society* (2) *Social Science & Medicine* (3) *Qualitative sociology* (4) *Urban Studies* (5) *Contemporary South Asia* (6) *Urban Studies Journal* (7) *Economic Development & Cultural Change* (8) *World Development* (9) *Politics and Policy* (10) *British Journal of Political Science* (11) *Global Public Health*

Book and book Proposal Reviewer

(1) Book: *Global Surrogacy*, New York University Press
(2) Book Proposal: *Global Health*, Oxford University Press

Editorial Committee Member

Policy Briefs Committee of Sociology of Development Section, American Sociological Association (ASA)

Article Editor Sage Publications

Faculty Reviewer for Global Health Initiative Multidisciplinary Student Team Project Award at Yale University

Workshop Organizer “Public Health in India: Promises & Predicaments”, Yale University.

Conference Co-coordinator/Moderator. “Political & Cultural Expressions of Indian Democracy”, Yale University.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Indian Sociological Society
International Sociological Association

SOFTWARE SKILLS

MS Office, SAS Statistical Software

LANGUAGE EXPERTISE

Fluency in English, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Sanskrit

REFERENCES

Professor Elijah Anderson
William K. Lanman, Jr Professor of Sociology
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