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# Education

2012 **Ph.D. in Social Work**, University of South Carolina, Columbia, USA.

Dissertation Title: Flying’ Female Sex Workers in India: Using ‘Cultural Biography’ to Understand HIV Risk Perceptions

2002 **M.A. in Social Work**, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai,

India. Specialization: Family and Child Welfare

1. **B.A. in Political Science**, L. D. Arts College, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India.
2. **One Year Diploma in Primary Education**, Eklavya Institute of Teacher Education, Ahmedabad, India

# Academic Appointments

2023- present Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, 28607.

2018- 2023 *Associate Professor*, School of Social Work,

Marywood University, Scranton, PA, USA.

2012 – 2018 *Assistant Professor*, School of Social Work, Marywood University,

 Scranton, PA, USA.

July 2016 *Visiting Professor*, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Faculty of Social Work, Gujarat, India.

2007 – 2012 *Adjunct Instructor*, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, USA.

# Practice Experience

2004– 2005 *Project Coordinator*, Prevention of AIDS, and STDs among

Sex Workers (PASAC) Kolkata, India

• Planned, implemented, supervised, and evaluated the sexual health intervention program reaching out to street-based female sex workers in Central Kolkata, India.

2002 – 2003 *Project Manager*, Naya Prayas, Prayas Institute of Juvenile Justice, New Delhi, India.

• Planned, implemented, supervised and evaluated several community-based programs, such as, non-formal education, vocational training, self-help groups among women, and primary health clinics for women and children living in the slums.

1998-2000 *Educator*, Eklavya School, Ahmedabad, India

# Awards & Honors

* CSWE Feminist Scholar Award (Nominated in 2022)
* 2018 Michael H. Agar Lively Science Award awarded for article *Ethical and Safety Issues in doing sex work research: Reflections from field-based ethnographic research in Kolkata, India*, in the journal Qualitative Health Research.
* 2009 Fahs-Beck Doctoral Dissertation Research and Experimentation Award.
* Doctoral Dissertations Study ranked in the top 10 of 94 submissions in 2013 ATLAS.ti International Institute for Qualitative Methodology (IIQM) Ph.D. Level Dissertation Award competition 2014
* Gold Medalist, Ranked first in the Department of Political Science in the second-year university exams, April 1997.
* National Merit Scholarship, Gujarat University, June 1998 for ranking 28th in the merit list of the third year state-wide Bachelor of Arts University exams.
* Gold Medalist in Political Science in the year 1997(B.A Hons.)
* • Selected for the National Merit Scholarship by the Gujarat University for standing 28
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* the merit list of third year B.A university exams(1998)
* • Winner of the state level Mahatma Gandhi Elocution Competition in 1997(Gujarat)

# Research/Scholarship

My interdisciplinary research and scholarship, informed by critical ethnographic methodologies and relational intersectionality framework, is focused on examining the interrelated global issues of HIV/AIDS, sex work, violence against women, and human trafficking impacting the vulnerable populations, particularly women in sex work.

# Published Manuscripts in peer-reviewed scholarly journals

\*indicates collaboration with a student

1. Prasad, Indulata & **Sinha, S.** (2020): The increased precarity of the provisionally hypervisible: Experiences of informal laborers during India’s pandemic lockdown. *Socioscapes: International Journal of Societies, Politics, and Culture,*
2. Dasgupta, S., **Sinha, S** (2021). Community-Based Strategies for Harm Reduction Among Sex Workers in Kolkata, India. Sexuality Research & Social Policy, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13178-021-00588-5>
3. Dasgupta, S., **Sinha, S.,** & Roy, R. (2021). ‘We Are Helpless, Hopeless and Living in Despair’: Impact of COVID-19 on the Overall Health and Well-being, and Participation of the Transgender

Community in India. The International Journal of Community and Social Development, 3(4), 372– 389. https://doi.org/10.1177/25166026211050743

1. **Sinha, S.** & Prasad, Indulata (2020). Examining hopes, aspirations, and future plans of women in non-brothel-based sex work in Kolkata, India. *Culture, Health, & Sexuality,* DOI:10.1080/13691058.2020.1740793
2. **Sinha, S.,** Prasad, I., & Prasad, P. (2020). Dementia and the Challenges of Caregiving: A Personal Account, *Economic & Political Weekly*, 55(14),

[https://www.epw.in/engage/article/dementia-](http://www.epw.in/engage/article/dementia-and-challenges-caregiving-personal)and-[challenges-caregiving-personal](http://www.epw.in/engage/article/dementia-and-challenges-caregiving-personal)

1. Azhar, S., Dasgupta, S., **Sinha, S.,** & Karandikar, S. (2020). Diversity in Sex Work in India: Challenging Stereotypes Regarding Sex Workers. *Sexuality & Culture*, https://doi.org/10.1007/s12119-020-09719-3
2. **Sinha, S**., Shrivastava, A., & \*Paradis. C. (Fall 2019). A survey of the mobile phone- based interventions for violence prevention among women. *Advances in Social Work*, 493- 517, DOI: 10.18060/22526
3. **Sinha, S.** & \*Paradis, Christiana (2017). Perceived ‘risk’ and reasons for engaging in paid sex: A pilot study of male clients of female sex workers in Kolkata, India, *Journal of Behavioral & Social Sciences*, 5, 29-40
4. **Sinha, S.** (2016). Ethical and Safety Issues in doing sex work research: Reflections from field-based ethnographic research in Kolkata, India, *Qualitative Health Research (QHR*), 27(6):893-908
5. **Sinha, S.** (2017). Sex workers and HIV/AIDS in India, Encyclopedia of Social Work,
6. **Sinha, S.** (2015). Reasons for women’s entry into sex work: A case study of Kolkata, India, *Sexuality & Culture*, 19 (1), 216-235.
7. **Sinha, S.** (2014). Flying female sex workers perceptions of HIV risk and NGOs sexual health outreach projects: A case study of HIV prevention in Kolkata, India, *AFFILIA: The Journal of Women in Social Work*. 29(2), 206-223
8. Fram, M.S., Kim, J. & **Sinha, S.** (2011). Early care and prekindergarten care as influences on school readiness, *Journal of Family Issues*, 20, 1-28.

# Book Review & Other Publications

1. **Sinha, S**. (2021). Review of book, *Social construction of sex work: Ethnography of escort agencies in Poland* by Izabela Ślęzak*,* Journal of Gender Studies, DOI:

10.1080/09589236.2021.1934793

1. **Sinha, S**. (2016 November 30): Review of book *To Live Freely in this World: Sex worker’s Activism in Africa,* by, Chi Adanna Mgbako in *AFFILIA: The Journal of Women and Social Work*

1. **Sinha, S.** (2013, July 09). Maathai, Wangari M. *Encyclopedia of Social Work*. Retrieved 13 Apr. 2020, from https://oxfordre.com/socialwork/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199975839.001.0001/acrefore -9780199975839-e-1123.
2. **Sinha, S.** (2013, July 09). Suzman, Helen. *Encyclopedia of Social Work*. Retrieved 13 Apr. 2020, from https://oxfordre.com/socialwork/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199975839.001.0001/acrefore -9780199975839-e-1104.
3. **Sinha, S.** (2013, September 03). Height, Dorothy I. *Encyclopedia of Social Work*. Retrieved 13 Apr. 2020, from https://oxfordre.com/socialwork/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199975839.001.0001/acrefore- 9780199975839-e-1100.

# Manuscripts in progress

1. Book Project tentatively titled, Risks, Stigma, and Agency: The Life histories of Women Selling Sex in Kolkata, India.
2. "Encountering silences in the field: Insights from ethnographic research with diverse groups of sex workers in Kolkata and Eastern India," for Radical History Review's special issue on “Troubling Terms and the Sex Trades.” (Under Review)
3. Online Sex Work: Risks and Safety Issues for Transfeminine Sex Workers in India. A chapter proposed for the forthcoming book “Transformation of Work Through the Lens of Sex Work.

# Funded Research Grant Proposals

1. 2013-2014: Research Initiation Grant, HIV risk perceptions of male clients of female sex workers and their motivations to engage in paid sex in Kolkata, India: A pilot study, Marywood University, **Amount: $2500**
2. 2015-2016: Research Initiation Grant, Cell phone-based applications for violence reduction among 'flying' female sex workers in Kolkata, India, Marywood University. **Amount: $2000**
3. 2009-2010: Ceny Walker Graduate Research Fellowship, Walker Institute of International Relations and Area Studies, **Amount: $ 3000**
4. 2009: Doctoral Dissertation Grant, Fahs-Beck Fund for Research & Experimentation, Amount**: $5000**
5. 2020: The Murray Award for Research & Development. A qualitative study of the impact of digital technologies on the lives of varied sub-groups of sex workers in India. **Amount, $4000.**

# Unfunded Research Grant Proposals

1. Sinha, Sunny (PI) & Shrivastava, Aviral (Co-PI), A Cell phone-based Intervention to prevent Violence among Non-brothel-based Sex Workers, National Institute of Health, R03 Small grant Proposal submitted on February 16th, 2016.
2. Sinha, Sunny (PI), Impact of digital technologies on the diverse group of sex workers in India, The Murray Award for Research and Development 2019-2020.

# Scholarly National Conference Presentations

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1. Organizer, Chair, Presenter (2021): A roundtable on “Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on

 South Asian Marginalized Communities,” at the 49th Annual Conference on South

 Asia, October 23rd, 2021.

1. Invited Panelist (2022): A roundtable webinar on Social work, Critical Feminisms, and Sex work organized by Affilia: Feminist Inquiry in Social Work on February 24th, 2022.
2. Presenter, (2020). How Has the Rule of E-Governance, Using the New National Digital Biometric Identity Program Called Aadhaar, Impacted Sex Workers and Sex Trade in India?", accepted for the Law & Society Annual Meeting, held in Denver, CO, May 28 31(paper withdrawn due to COVID19).
3. Azhar, S., **Sinha, S.,** Sharvari, K., & Dasgupta, S. (2019). Examining Diversity within sex work in India, a panel presentation, Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), San Francisco, California, January 16-20.
4. Presenter, (2018). Women's perception of their future within the Indian sex industry, Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting (CSWE, APM), Orlando,

Florida, from November 8 –11.

1. Sinha, S. & Shrivastava, A. (2018). A case for Inter-professional Education among ICT and social work professionals, accepted, Electronic Poster Session, Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting (CSWE, APM), Orlando, Florida, November 8 -11.
2. Presenter, (2018). Cultural biography: A non-stigmatizing approach to doing research with sex workers in India, for panel titled “Power, knowledge, and praxis: Rethinking methods in the context of vulnerability in India,”47th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin, October 11 –14.
3. Presenter, (2017). Using "Cultural Biography" in HIV Risk-Related research with Sex Workers in Kolkata, India, American Anthropological Association (AAA) panel session, The Politics and Practice of Sex Work Research, held in Washington DC, November 29

– December 3.

1. Presenter, (2017). The relationship between HIV preventive behaviors and sex worker’s perceived future, 29th Annual Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference

(EQRC), Las Vegas, Nevada, January 30– 31.

1. Presenter, (2017). HIV risk environment of male clients of female sex workers in Kolkata, India, 20th Annual American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences (AABSS) Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, January 30-31.
2. Sinha, S, \*Christiana Paradis, Cell-phone technology-based Interventions for Violence Preventions, an Interactive Workshop, Council for Social Work Education APM, Denver, Colorado, October 15-18.
3. Presenter, (2015). Ethical & Safety Issues in doing sex work research: Reflections from the field-based ethnographic research in Kolkata, India, 27th Annual Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, February 9 -10.
4. Sinha, Sunny & \*Barnes, Donald (2014). Why involve clients of female sex workers in HIV prevention programs? CSWE Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, Florida, October 23 – October 26.
5. Presenter, (2014). Reasons for Women's Entry into Sex Work: A Case Study of India, Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas, January 15 – 19.
6. Presenter, (2011). A feminist approach to “cultural biography” in understanding HIV risk perceptions, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting (APM), Atlanta, Georgia, October 27-30.
7. Presenter, (2011). Women in Non-Brothel based sex work, speak: There is no future, what plans? Unsettling Feminism(s) Conference, Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois, Chicago, May 22- 24.
8. Chair & Presenter, (2009). Women in Non-Brothel-Based Sex Work in Kolkata, India:

Using “Cultural Biography” to Understand Risk Perceptions for the session titled

Gendered Voices, Feminists, Sex Workers, and LGBT Communities, 38th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin, October 22– 25.

1. Invited Panelist and Presenter (2009). Risks associated with being socially perceived as a ‘sex worker’: Non-brothel-based sex workers in Central Kolkata, India for the session

titled “Home is where the heart is: food, shelter, and compassion in urban drop- in centers for sex worker’s” at the 69th Annual Meeting of Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 17 – 23.

# International Conference Presentations

1. Presenter, (2013). HIV Risk Perceptions of ‘Flying’ Female sex workers in Kolkata, India, 18th Biennial International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD) Conference, Kampala, Uganda, July 15 -19.
2. Presenter, (2011). Risk perceptions of an HIV positive woman residing in a brothel of Kolkata, India: A Case Study, 6th International AIDS Society Conference (IAS) on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention, Rome, July 17 -20.

# Invited International/National Presentations

1. Invited Speaker (August 2017). HIV Prevention among Non-brothel-based sex workers in India, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India.
2. Invited Speaker (July 2017). HIV prevention among non-brothel-based sex workers in India, Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati University, Sriniketan, Kolkata, India.
3. Invited Speaker (July 2014). HIV prevention among non-brothel-based sex workers in India, Faculty of Social Work, M.S. University, Baroda, India.
4. Invited Speaker (July 2016). Cell phone-based applications (apps) for violence prevention, Faculty of Social Work, M.S. University, Baroda.
5. Invited Speaker (December 2013). HIV Risk Perceptions of male clients of female sex workers in Kolkata, India, Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati University, Sriniketan, West Bengal, India.
6. Invited Speaker, (December 2011). Lessons Learned About HIV Risk Perceptions of Women: A Case Study of Non-Brothel Based Sex Workers in Kolkata, India, World AIDS Day, University of Mississippi, Oxford.
7. Invited Panelist (February 2012). Screening of the documentary film, The Price of Sex, sponsored by the Mary Baskin Waters Lectureship Fund for Women's Human Rights, Global Issues, and Grant Writing, organized by the Women's and Gender Studies Program, University of South Carolina.

# Invited Local Presentations

1. *Invited Speaker* (5th February 2019). *Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania* at the 1st

Education Awareness Luncheons organized by the Pennsylvania State University’s Human Development Family Studies Community Club.

1. *Invited Speaker* (4th April 2018). *Differences between Sex work/’Prostitution’ and Human Trafficking: Implications for Social Work Practice* at the 5th Annual Spring

Workshop, Sponsored by the East Stroudsburg University’s (ESU) Department of Sociology, Social Work & Criminal Justice and the Marywood University Pocono MSW Program, at ESU Innovation Center.

1. *Discussion Panelist* (30th March 2017). Public Screening for the documentary film “Not

My Life” organized by the Marywood University’s Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Committee.

1. *Discussion Panelist* (April 12th, 2018). Public Screening for the documentary film “Stopping Traffic: The Movement to End Sex Trafficking’, organized by the Marywood University’s Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Committee.
2. *Invited Speaker* (September 26th, 2014). Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania at the

Fall Field Gathering titled “Human Trafficking in Our Community: Social Work Collaboration Needed” at the Lehigh Valley MSW Program Location organized by School of Social Work & Administrative Studies, Marywood University.

1. Invited Speaker (October 8th, 2013). *Cultural Diversity within India: Insights for social work practice at the* Annual Diversity Conference organized by the Institute for Social Work Research, Education, & Consultation, Marywood University and the BSW Program of Bloomsburg University.

# Media Appearances

1. Sinha, Sunny, Michael Agar Award featured in India Abroad, a newspaper catering to Indian American population in the US. (April 2018)
2. Sinha, Sunny, Michael Agar Award featured in ITV gold, the first-ever 24×7 cable TV channel in the US to deliver news about India, Indian Americans, and South Asians (May 22, 2018)
3. Sinha, Sunny, A Talk on Sex Work and Human Trafficking, Featured in Pennsylvania State University newsletter (February 2019)

# Research Experience

## HIV Prevention, Sex work, HIV/AIDS-Related Research

1. 2020- present: Principal Investigator, A qualitative study of the risk and safety issues experienced by cisgender women and transgenders in doing online sex work, Funded by Murray Award.
2. 2015- 2020: *Principal Investigator*, Using Cell-phone technology to reduce violence among ‘flying’ female sex workers in Kolkata, India, 2015- 2020
* Planning, implementation, data collection, and management of a qualitative study aimed at determining the feasibility of using cell-phone technology-based interventions for violence prevention among ‘flying’ female sex workers.

1. 2013- 2015: *Principal Investigator*, HIV Risk Perceptions of Male clients of female sex workers and their motivations to engage in paid sex: A pilot study” 2013- 2015
* Planning, implementation, data collection and management of a qualitative study aimed at understanding the HIV risk perceptions of male clients of female sex workers in Kolkata, India, and their reasons for engaging in paid sex.

1. 2006- 2007: *Graduate Research Assistant*, In “A Multi-Level HIV Prevention Strategy for High- Risk Youth” supported by National Institute of Mental Health/National Institute of Health (NIMH/NIH), Office on AIDS, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, Columbia, August 2006- August 2007
* Assisted with planning, implementation, data collection and management of “A longitudinal multilevel HIV Prevention Strategy for High- Risk Youth” testing the combined and separate self-efficacy of a small group sexual risk reduction intervention and a mass media campaign in reducing the incidence of sexually transmitted infections and unsafe sexual behavior.
* Conducted literature review for a study on “Cost-effectiveness of HIV prevention intervention programs among newly infected HIV/AIDS cases in South Carolina.”

## Family Group Conferencing model related Research

2009 – 2012: *Graduate Research Assistant*, Center for Child and Family Studies,

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC January 2011 – present

* Conducted data analysis and preparing reports for evaluation of the effectiveness of family group conferencing model implemented in the South Carolina
* Conducted literature review for a project evaluating the family group conferencing model implemented in South Carolina

## Child Welfare Issues Related Research

2008 – 2008: *Graduate Research Assistant*, In an Observational Study on Influences of Child Care Context supported by Research Consortium of Children and Family, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

* Conducted data collection, transcribed audio/videotaped, data coding, data analysis, prepared reports and writing articles for a pilot research study observing linguistic and social interactions among preschool-aged children in a childcare center.

Summer 2006: *Graduate Research Assistant*, College of Social Work, University of

South Carolina, Columbia, SC,

* Conducted phone interviews with caregivers of youth faced with serious mental and emotional disorders in Youth Net Project.
* Assisted with a literature search on issues of mental health and practice-based evidence with youth faced with serious mental and emotional disorders.

Fall 2005 – Spring 2006: *Graduate Research Assistant*, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC,

* Conducted literature review and prepared grant proposals for research projects studying the influences of administrative factors on the child welfare worker therapeutic relationship and Medicaid case management services in South Carolina.
* Prepared learning instruction material of SOWK 735: Advanced Practice with Organizations and Communities III: Administrative Skills

# Teaching Experience (15 years of teaching experience)

*Courses Taught*

2012 – Present: School of Social Work, Marywood University, Scranton,PA.

* SW 504: Advanced Social Work Practice with Individuals/Families, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022
* SW 801: Social Welfare, Social Justice & Professional Legacy, Fall 2012
* SW 802: Social Policy Advocacy, Spring 2013, Spring 2014
* SW 989: Global Perspectives in Social Work Practice which includes a 12-day study abroad trip to Mumbai, India. Spring 2017
* SW 506: Practice VI: Culmination Integrative Seminar, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2021
* SW971: Ethical Issues in Social Work Practice, Spring 2018, Summer II 2018, Spring 2021, Spring 2022

2007- 2012: College of Social Work, University of South Carolina, Columbia

* Social Welfare Policy Analysis (MSW) (Spring 2012, 2011, Summer 2007)
* Advanced Social Work Practice with Individuals (MSW, two sections) (Fall 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007)
* Social Welfare Problems and Policies (MSW) (Fall, 2010)
* Social Welfare Policy & Services (MSW) (Summer 2007)
* Human Behavior and Social Environment (MSW) (Summer 2007)
* Field Instructor (MSW students) (Fall 2007, Spring 2008)

*Courses Developed*

* Sex Work, Human Trafficking, and HIV/AIDS: A cross-cultural perspective from India and Beyond. *(To be offered in Spring 2023 for social work students)*

# Service Contributions

* Total number of student and mentee supervised as graduate research assistants:

4 Master’s student in social work, Marywood University

1 Master’s student in Public Health student, Global Health, Rutgers University.

## School of Social Work, Marywood University, Scranton, PA

* Member, Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2020- Spring 2021.
* Chair, Outcomes & Assessment Accreditation Committee, Spring 2017- 2019
* Member, The Sigma Zeta Faculty Committee, 2014- present
* Member, Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2013- Spring 2014
* Advisor, MSW Weekday Scranton Association, August 2013- May 2014
* Lead Instructor, Advanced Social Work Practice courses SW 504 & SW506, 2014 – present
* Lead Instructor, Ethical Issues in Social Work Practice course, 2018- present
* Member, Ad-hoc Committee on Global Education and Social Work Practice.

## Service to Marywood University

* Chair, Human Trafficking Planning Committee, Marywood University, 2012- Fall 2020
* Member, College of Health and Human Services Faculty Development Committee, Fall 2020- 2021
* Co-Chair, College of Health and Human Services Travel Committee, 2018- 2020
* Member, Graduate Curriculum Committee, 2014 – Fall 2019
* Member, Grade Appeal Committee, Spring 2015
* Member of Selection Committee, Leadership Awards, 2017
* Volunteer, Flapjack Fest of Marywood University, Fall 2016
* Independent Study Course titled “Cross Cultural Issues in Sex trafficking of Women, Spring 2017.
* Guest lecturer (Marywood University) in SW 311L Social Work Research II, Spring 2017
* Volunteer, Faculty Mentor for New Faculty, Fall 2017
* Guest Lecturer (Marywood University), RST, Women and Religion, Fall 2018

Profession

* Consulting Editor (three consecutive terms), *Affilia: Feminist Inquiry in Social Work,* (May 2021- April 2024; May 2019- April 2021; May 2017- April 2019).
* Member, CSWE’s Council on the Role and Status of Women in Social Work Education, July 1, 2020—June 30, 2023
* Editorial Board Member, Journal of Social Work in the Global Community (JSWGC) 2015 – 2018
* Conference Proposal Reviewer for CSWE APM, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
* Conference Proposal Reviewer, Ethnographic & Qualitative Research Conference (EQRC), 2017
* Text Review, Social Work Treatment (2020). Oxford University Press.
* Manuscript Reviewer, Culture, Health & Sexuality, December 2016
* Manuscript Reviewer, Journal of Human Trafficking, May 2016

# Other Professional Services

* Ph.D. Representative, International Development Task Force Committee, College of Social Work. 2006-2007
* Ex-Advisor, “Odh” Bhagirath Foundation, New Delhi, India. 2002-2004
* Advisor & Research Consultant, Samabhabhona, a grassroot organization working for the rights of the transgender people in Kolkata, India. (2020- present)
* Advisor & Consultant, Women’s Resource Center, Scranton, PA, Spring 2016

Community Service

* Intern, Family Service Centre, Mumbai, June 2000 to April 2001
* Counseling families, adoption follow-ups, home visits, networking with agencies around‬ issues related to adoption & creating awareness in society.‬
* Understandings of the laws related to adoption and the modus operandi of the in country‬ and inter country adoption of the country
* Intern, Shradhanand Mahila Ashram, Mumbai, June 2001 to March 2002)‬‬
* Family Life Education Program on “Sexuality”, for the girls of the institutions. ‬Counseling girls and women family or individual problems.‬
* Identifying the vocational training trades based on the need expressed by the girls and‬ providing career guidance to them.
* Volunteer, Centre for Social Justice, Ahmedabad
* Worked with the team of the Center of Social Justice in the relief camps set up post‬‬ Gujarat riots, especially the women victims of violence and rape.
* Worked on the project “Operations of Security Legislations, such as POTA (Prevention of Terrorism Act) in Gujarat” wherein gained a‬ conceptual clarity to the impact of these security legislations on vulnerable groups.
* Volunteer, Abhiyan, Gujarat Earthquake (2001)
* Conducted relief and rehabilitation surveys in communities impacted by the earthquake in the rural areas of Bhuj district.

# Professional Membership & Affiliations

* Member, Editorial Board of the Palgrave Academic Series on Sex Work, 2022- present
* Member, The Sex Work Research Hub (SWRH), 2019- present
* Member, Northeast Pennsylvania Task Force Against Human Trafficking, 2018- present
* Member, South Asian Faculty Task Group. 2016- present
* Member, Northeast Pennsylvania Task Force Against Human Trafficking, Fall 2019- present.