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RESEARCH INTERESTS **Inequality and Social Changes, Marriage and Family Structures, Gender and Labour Market, Religion**

EDUCATION **University of Maryland, College Park**, College Park, MD
Ph.D., Sociology, 2016-Present.
Concentration: Demography, Social Inequality and Mobility
University of Maryland, College Park, College Park, MD
Master of Arts, Sociology, 2018.
University of Mumbai, Mumbai
Master of Arts, Economics, 2005.
Concentration: Econometrics, Mathematical Economics
University of Mumbai, Mumbai
Bachelor of Arts, Economics-Statistics, 2003.

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.

Journal Articles

Desai, Sonalde and **Omkar Joshi**. 2019. *The Paradox of Declining Female Work Participation in an Era of Economic Growth.*, Indian Journal of Labor Economics, 62(1):55-71

Thorat, Amit and **Omkar Joshi**. 2019. *The Continuing Practice of Untouchability in India: Patterns and Mitigating Influences.*, Economic and Political Weekly. (Forthcoming)

Joshi, Omkar, Sonalde Desai, Reeve Vanneman and Amaresh Dubey. 2017. *MGNREGA: Employer of the Last Resort?*, Review of Development and Change, 22(1):107-138.

Working Papers

H. Brin Xu, **Omkar Joshi** and Feinian Chen. *Couple Similarity and Well-being-A Case Study of Young Couples in China*

Papers in Progress

Evans, Jonathan, Scott Gardner, **Omkar Joshi**, Neha Sehgal, Ariana Monique Salazar and Kelsey Jo Star. *NIM: A new scale for measuring tolerance*

Joshi, Omkar. *Marital Quality and Spousal Choice: An Indian Scenario*.

Joshi, Omkar. *Inequality in India: Life Chances and Caste Matters*.

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

Other Publications/Newspaper Op-ed

British Attitudes on National Identity and Religious Minorities not Unique in EU, Fact Tank, Pew Research Center, February 19, 2019 (co-authored with Jonathan Evans)

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

FELLOWSHIPS /AWARDS

2017: Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, Summer Research Fellowship with Roberto Patricio Korzeniewicz (PI) 5000 USD

2016: University of Maryland, Dean's Fellowship 5000 USD
2015: Best Poster Award in Population Association of Americas 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

2019: H. Brin Xu, **Omkar Joshi** and Feinian Chen. *Couple Similarity and Well-being*-American Sociological Association Annual Conference in New York City, Oral Presentation in Refereed Roundtable Session of Family Section.

2018: **Omkar Joshi**, Reeve Vanneman and Sonalde Desai. *Growing Together or Growing Apart? Income Inequality in India: A Regional Analysis*.- Population Association of America Annual Meetings in Denver, Poster Session.

2017: **Omkar Joshi**, Reeve Vanneman and Sonalde Desai. *Spousal Choice and Marital Quality in India*.- Population Association of America Annual Meetings in Chicago, Poster Session.

2017: **Omkar Joshi** *Inequality in India: Life Chances and Caste Matters*- Health and Society in South Asia Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

2016: Sonalde 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**, Sonalde Desai and Reeve Vanneman. *Rebalancing the Gender Scales: A Case of MGNREGA*- Population Association of America Annual Meetings in San Diego, Poster Session (*Winner of the Best Poster Award in the Poster Session*).

2014: **Omkar Joshi**, Sonalde Desai, Reeve Vanneman and Amaresh Dubey. *MGNREGA: Employer of the Last Resort?*- IGIDR Conference on The MGNREGA in India: Taking Stock, Looking Ahead, Mumbai, Oral session.

TEACHING

2005-08: Business Economics I, II and III
Lecturer, P.D Lions College of Commerce and Economics, University of Mumbai.
2005-2010: Managerial Economics I and II
Visiting Faculty, M.M.K College of Commerce and Economics, University of Mumbai.

RESEARCH/TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

Research Assistant, University of Maryland, India Human Development Survey. January 2019 to June 2019
Research Assistant, University of Maryland, India Human Development Survey. August 2018 to December 2018
Research Assistant, University of Maryland, National Data Innovation Centre. January 2018 to June 2018
Teaching Assistant, Introductory Statistics for Sociology, Prof. Alan Neustadtl. August 2017 to December 2017
Research Assistant, University of Maryland, India Human Development Survey. January 2017 to June 2017
Research Assistant, University of Maryland, India Human Development Survey. August 2016 to December 2016
Research Assistant, University of Maryland, India Human Development Survey. January 2016 to June 2016

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Summer Fellow, Pew Research Center
June 2019-Present

Washington, D.C, USA

- Worked with International Survey Team to design and survey protocols in India, training manuals
- Analyzed Data from the consent language experiment

Graduate Winter Fellow, Pew Research Center

December 2018-January 2019

Washington, D.C, USA

- Worked with International Survey Team to design and conduct a methodological experiment in India
- Summarized Findings from Cognitive Interviews

Graduate Summer Fellow, PEW Research Center

May 2018-August 2018

Washington, D.C, USA

- Worked with International Survey Team to develop survey instrument on 'Religion and Family Changes in India'
- Worked with Demography Team to develop a background paper on religious demography of India

Consultant, NCAER

Oct 2011 – Nov 2015

New Delhi, India

- 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 the Director General in managing institutional and research partnership with University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, USA and Policy Research Institute, Ministry of Finance, Japan.

Senior Research Associate, ASER Centre

June 2011 – Sep 2011

New Delhi, India

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

Junior Program Officer, AILSG

June 2010 – Jan 2011

Mumbai, India

- Coordinated and conducted training programs on Social Mapping for Communities, in preparation of the 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

Statistical Analyst, Sankhya Analytical Research Pvt. Ltd.

July 2008 – June 2010

Mumbai, India

- 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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS Member of Population Association of America
2014-Present
Member of American Sociological Association
2017- Present
Member of District of Columbia Sociological Society
2017-Present
Member of International Union for the Scientific Study of Population
2018-Present

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE 2019
Member of the Chair Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park
2016- Present
Member of The Graduate Student Forum, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park
2016- 2018
Departmental Representative on Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Behavioral and Social Science College, University of Maryland, College Park

REFEREEING Population Review, International Journal of Sociology and Anthropology, Journal of International and Comparative Social Policy

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT 2017- Present
President, Develop Empower and Synergize India (DESI), Indian Graduate Student Organization, University of Maryland, College Park

SOFTWARE SKILLS *Statistical Softwares:* STATA, SAS
Programming Languages: R
Additional Softwares: Microsoft Office–(Word, Excel, PowerPoint), L^AT_EX.