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EDUCATION

University of Maryland, College Park, College Park, MD
Ph.D., Sociology, 2016-2021.

Dissertation: Income Inequality and Caste in India: Evidence from India Human Development Surveys

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.

RESEARCH/ TEACHING INTERESTS

Inequality and Social Mobility, Family Demography, Caste and Religion in Asia, Gender and Labor Market, India

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.

Book Chapters

Ke, Shen, H. Brin Xu, **Omkar Joshi** and Feinian Chen. 2021. *Couple Similarity and Life Satisfaction: A Study of Young Couples in Shanghai of Mainland China*, Kan, M.-Y. and Blair, S.L. (Ed.) *Chinese Families: Tradition, Modernisation, and Change (Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research, Vol. 16)*

Journal Articles

Thorat, Amit and **Omkar Joshi**. 2020. *The Continuing Practice of Untouchability in India: Patterns and Mitigating Influences*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 55(2): 36-45.

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.

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

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

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

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, Conrad Hackett and Stephanie Kramer. *Changing Contours of Religious Demography in India: A State-level Analysis*.

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).

GRANTS

2020: Measuring Women's Agency: Peeping into the Blackbox of Intra-Household Decision Making in India, Women's Empowerment: Data for Gender Equality (WEDGE) (5000 USD: Declined)

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

FELLOWSHIPS /AWARDS

2020: Anne. G. Wylie Semester Dissertation Fellowship (15000 USD)

2019: University of Maryland's Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award (Top 2% among 4000 Graduate Assistants at UMD)

2016: University of Maryland, Dean's Fellowship (5000 USD)

2015: Best Poster Award in Annual Meeting of Population Association of America

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 PRESENTA- TIONS

2020: **Omkar Joshi**, Conrad Hackett and Stephanie Kramer. *Changing Contours of Religious Demography in India: A State-Level Analysis*, Population Association of America Annual Meetings in Washington, D.C., Poster Session (Meeting cancelled due to COVID-19)

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*- 7th ECINEQ Meeting, New York.

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

Fall 2019: SOCY 410 Social Demography (Co-Instructor with Prof. Sonalde Desai), Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park.

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 2016 to June 2017; January 2018 to June 2019; January 2020 to August 2020

Teaching Assistant, Introductory Statistics for Sociology, Prof. Alan Neustadt.

August 2017 to December 2017

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS Member of Population Association of America
2014- Present
Member of American Sociological Association
2017- Present

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

REFEREEING Population Review, International Journal of Sociology and Anthropology

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE **Graduate Summer Intern** Pew Research Center
Washington, D.C., USA June 2019-August 2019

- Worked with International Survey Team to design and survey protocols, prepare training manuals for survey in India
- Analyzed Data from the consent language experiment
- Worked with Global Religious Demography Team to develop a paper on religious change in India

Graduate Winter Intern Pew Research Center
Washington, D.C., USA December 2018-January 2019

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

Graduate Summer Intern Pew Research Center
Washington, D.C., USA May 2018-August 2018

- Worked with International Survey Team to develop survey instrument on 'Religion and Family Changes in India'
- Worked with Global Religious Demography Team to compile and analyze data on religious demography of India

Consultant National Council of Applied Economic Research
New Delhi, India Oct 2011 – Nov 2015

- 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
New Delhi, India

ASER Centre-Pratham
June 2011 – Sep 2011

- 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
Mumbai, India

AIILSG
June 2010 – Jan 2011

- 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
Mumbai, India

Sankhya Analytical Research Pvt. Ltd.
July 2008 – June 2010

- 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

**COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

REFERENCES

- 1. Prof. Reeve Vanneman**
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- 2. Prof. Sonalde Desai**
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- 3. Prof. Feinian Chen**
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