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[Reimagining the OBC Quota.](#) The Hindu, September 17, 2017.
[The Deep Divide within White America.](#) The Hindu, August 23, 2017.
[Reclaiming Public Spaces.](#) The Hindu, March 28, 2017.
[No Economy for Women.](#) The Hindu, March 8, 2017 (With Anupma Mehta).
[Drawing up a Diet Plan.](#) The Hindu. February 1, 2017.
[The politics of perceptions.](#) The Hindu. November 8, 2016.
[The Dynamic Nature of Poverty.](#) The Hindu. August 2, 2016. (With Amit Thorat)
[Tackling poverty in India: Jobs, not transfers, the big poverty-buster.](#) June 17, 2016 (With Balcazar, Murgai and Narayan)
[Everyone Loves a Good Quota.](#) The Hindu, May 3, 2016.
[Quantifying the Caste Quotas.](#) The Hindu, February 26, 2016.
[Don't Dismantle, Reform.](#) Indian Express, November 12, 2015.
[An Unjustified Pay Hike.](#) The Hindu, October 30, 2015.
[Smoking Kills in India Too.](#) The Hindu, May 4, 2015.
[The New Young.](#) The Indian Express, August 28, 2014.
[Cereal indiscretions.](#) The Indian Express: June 23, 2014.
[Poorly Performing Public Services.](#) The Hindu: April 2, 2014.
[Food Security in the Time of Inflation.](#) The Hindu, March 28, 2014.
[Employer of the Last Resort?](#) The Hindu, March 21, 2014.
[Declining Sex Ratios Seen in the Gender Score Card.](#) The Hindu, March 18, 2014.
[When Incomes Grow, but Jobs Elude.](#) Indian Express, July 3, 2013.
Like Flowers and Chocolates. Indian Express, March 11, 2013.
From Schooling to Learning. Business Standard, September 16, 2012.
Getting Out of the Quota Quagmire. Business Standard, June 16, 2012.
Health care needs a booster does. Business Standard, May 11, 2012.
The Great Indian Poverty Game. Business Standard, March 29, 2012.
Sons of the Soil. Business Standard, February 17, 2012.
Indian Think Tanks - Time to Look Within. Business Standard, February 7, 2012.
After the Demographic Dividend. Business Standard, December 29, 2011.
India's Hidden Transformation. Business Standard, November 29, 2011.
Indian Education, Employment Sector: A Study in Contrasts. Economic Times, November 26, 2011.
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Jobless Growth is Focused Largely in the Female Half of the Population. Economic Times, June 28, 2011.
For Growth Focus on Remote Villages. Economic Times August 3, 2010.

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Recasting Census 2011. Economic Times (New Delhi) May 14, 2010.
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Challenges for Sixth Pay Commission. Economic Times (New Delhi) March 19, 2008
AIDS Education: Beyond Sound Bites. Economic Times (New Delhi) January 9, 2008.
Language of Division, Economic Times (New Delhi) October 30, 2007.
Baniya, Babu and Borrowing: Household Debt is Concerning, Economic Times (New Delhi),
October 3, 2007.
Myths about Private Schooling in India, Economic Times (New Delhi), June 27, 2007.

RESEARCH GRANTS:

ACTIVE:

Principal Investigator. "*Human Development in India (Phase 3)*," National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. September 13, 2018-May 30, 2024.
Principal Investigator. "IHDS: Inclusion of Women's Economic Empowerment Measures," Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. December 1, 2019-May 31, 2024.
Principal Investigator. "Enhancing utility of IHDS," Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. June 1, 2022-May 31, 2025.
Principal Investigator. "NDIC: Partnerships for Enhancing Data Ecosystem," Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Nov 1, 2022-February 28, 2024.

COMPLETED RESEARCH GRANTS

Principal Investigator. "*National Data Innovation Center*," Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, December 1, 2017-September 30, 2022.
Principal Investigator. "*Enhancing Measurement of Women's Economic Empowerment.*" The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. October 1, 2018-September 30, 2022.
Principal Investigator. "*Labour Migration and India's Economic Transformation.*" The Ford Foundation, New Delhi. To NCAER. Nov 1, 2017-October 31, 2019.
Principal Investigator. *Pathways Linking Economic Transformation to Women's Access to and Control Over Resources in India.* International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada. February 6, 2016-June 30, 2018.
Principal Investigator. *India Human Development Survey – Phase 2.* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. June 27, 2010-June 26, 2017.
Principal Investigator. *Transition to Adulthood in India.* National Institute of Child Health and Development. May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2016.
Principal Investigator. *Human Development and Public Policy in India.* Department for International Development, UK. June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2016.
Principal Investigator. *Role of Public Distribution System in Shaping Household Food and Nutritional Security.* February 15, 2015 to December 15, 2015. Independent Evaluation Office, NITI Ayog, Government of India.
Principal Investigator. *The Impact of Mahatma Gandhi Employment Guarantee Act On Household Welfare.* Poorest Areas Civil Society Program. April 1, 2013 Sept. 30, 2015.
Principal Investigator. *Under Nutrition and Public Policy in India.* International Development Research Centre, July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014.

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Principal Investigator, *India Human Development Survey*. The Ford Foundation grant to National Council of Applied Economic Research. April 1, 2011-March 31, 2014.

Principal Investigator. *Parental Education and Child Outcomes*. National Institute of Child Health and Development. 5-1-2004 to 4-30-2009.

Principal Investigator. *Determinants of Maternal and Child Health in India*. National Institute of Child Health and Development. 7-1-2003 to 6-30-2009.

Principal Investigator. *Minority Supplement* to support Cecily Darden. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. 7-1-2004 to 6-30-2007.

Principal Investigator, Grant from The World Bank South Asia Human Development Division to International Union for Scientific Study of the Population, to organize a conference on Gender and Access in South Asia. 6-1-2006 to 6-30-2007.

Co-Investigator with Reeve Vanneman. *Health, Environment and Social Structure in India*. National Institute on Aging. 3-15-2004 to 3-14-2006.

Principal Investigator. Grant from National Institute on Aging. *Immigration and Living Arrangements of the Elderly*.

Principal Investigator with Michael Paolisso. Grant from A.W. Mellon Foundation to develop a training seminar for Maryland graduate students interested in doing fieldwork in India.

Principal Investigator. In collaboration with Reeve Vanneman and Anju Malhotra. Funded by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for establishing an international research network on unequal partnerships between men and women at the initiation of sexual activity.

Principal Investigator. Grant from The Rockefeller Foundation for research on social context of fertility behavior with emphasis on household level negotiations surround contraceptive use decisions in rural India.

Principal Investigator. Grant from the A.W. Mellon Foundation for collaborative research with an anthropologist, Dr. Smriti Srinivas.

Principal Investigator. Grant from The MacArthur Foundation for research on Poverty, Gender Inequality and Reproductive Choice in India, in collaboration with Devaki Jain, Institute of Social Studies Trust, New Delhi, and National Council for Applied Economic Research, New Delhi.

Co-Principal Investigator. Grant from the William T. Grant Foundation for research on Effect of Maternal Employment on Child Development in the United States, in collaboration with P. Lindsay Chase-Lansdale and Robert T. Michael.

RECENT INVITED LECTURES

“Boom or Gloom? The Puzzle of Indian Women’s Low Employment” Silver Jubilee Lecture, Institute for Human Development, Ranchi, India.

“The Global Aspirational Class and its Demographic Fortunes” Presidential Address at the Population Association of America’s Annual Meeting, April 14, 2023, New Orleans.

“Food Security or Nutrition Security? Challenges for the National Food Security Act.” Dr. K. E. Vaidyanathan Memorial Lecture at Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health. December 11, 2018, New Delhi.

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“The Puzzle of Low Work Participation Rates for Rural Women,” Keynote Address at 60th Annual Conference of Indian Society for Labour Economics. December 19, 2021. Mumbai.

“Does Rising Women’s Education Lead to Changing Gender Norms? Evidence from Husband-Wife Educational Inequality,” Brown, Harvard, MIT Joint Seminar on South Asia. October 19, 2018, New Providence.

“Beyond the End of Hypergamy: Increase in Hypogamy in India,” Duke Population Research Institute Seminar, October 11, 2018, Duke University.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Graduate Faculty Mentor of the Year Award, 2024, University of Maryland College Park Graduate School.

Fellow, American Association for Advancement of Science. 2022.

Morris Rosenberg Award for Mentoring Graduate Students, Dept. of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park. 2016.

University of Maryland Research and Scholarship Honoree, Spring 2018.

University of Maryland Research and Scholarship Semester Award 2017-18.

University of Maryland Semester Research Award 2009-10.

University of Maryland Summer Research Award 1995 and 1996

NICHD Post-Doctoral Fellowship 1987-89

Hewlett Post-Doctoral Fellowship 1986-87

The Population Council Doctoral Fellowship 1984-86

Steven Beaver Memorial Fellowship in Population, Stanford University, 1982-83.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION SERVICE

Jury, INFOSYS prize, 2023.

President, Population Association of America. 2022.

Member, Consensus Study Panel, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine on “Women’s Empowerment, Population Dynamics, and Socioeconomic Development”.

Member, Committee on Population, National Academy of Sciences.

Co-Chair, IUSSP Committee on Gender and Population. 2004-2008.

Publications Committee, Population Association of America, 2003-2005.

Member, Committee on Reproductive Health, International Union for Scientific Study of Population, 1995-1999.

SELECTED SERVICE TO GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Member, Standing Committee on Statistics, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (2023-Present)

Member, NITI Aayog Task Force on Building Statistical Capacity in India (2022-Present)

Member, Government of India Committee to Study the performance of the States and governance issues under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS (2022-23)

Member, Technical Advisory Committee, 2021 Census of India (2021-Present)

Member, Technical Advisory Committee on Household Surveys, Reserve Bank of India (2011-Present)

SELECTED CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Co-Chair, Annual Meeting of Population Association of America 2022, Atlanta, Georgia.

Organizer, Sessions on Sex Differences in Mortality, Annual Meetings of Population Association of America, 2016.

Organizer, Sessions on Development, Annual Meetings of American Sociological Association, 2014.

Program Committee, Annual Meeting of Population Association of America, 2010.

Chair, Session on Gender and Population. General conference of International Union for the Scientific of Population, Morocco. October 2009.

Organizer, Sessions on Fertility, American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, 2009.

Program Organizer, Population Association of America's Annual Meeting, 2008.

Co-Organizer, Seminar on Gender and Access in South Asia, Organized by International Union for Scientific Study of Population and Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, November 14-18, 2006, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Organizer, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, 2007. China and India: The Demographic Billionaires.

Organizer. Annual Meeting of Population Association of America, 2004. Three sessions, Families and Households in Developing Countries, Understanding Domestic Violence in Developing Countries and Gender and Patriarchy in India and Bangladesh.

RESEARCH/PROGRAM REVIEW

- Member, Committee on Population, National Academy of Sciences.
- Member, Advisory Board, IDinsight.
- Member, Advisory Board, Centre of Demography of Gender, International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai.
- Member, Grants Review Panel, Indian Council for Social Science Research.
- Member, Expert Group on Second Employment-Unemployment Survey, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India. 2011.
- Research Advisory Committee, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi.
- Advisory Panel, Luxembourg Income Study.
- Member, Population Sciences Subcommittee, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, 2008-2009.
- Review Panel Member, National Institute of Health, Study Section on Social Sciences and Population Studies, 1994-98.
- Member, NIH - Fogarty International Center special review committee for RFA on International Research and Training in Population and Health, 1995.
- Member, NIH Special review committee for RFA on Methodological Studies to Enhance Demographic Research. 1993.
- Member, NIH Special Review Committee for RFA on After School Care and Its Effects on Children, 1992.
- Program Review, A.W. Mellon Foundation. International Center for Research on Women, many Population Center Proposals.
- Occasional Grant Proposal Review for NSF Sociology Program, Spencer Foundation, Agency for Health Care Research, Wellcome Trust, Gates Foundation.
- Tenure and Promotion Review for faculty from the University of Michigan, Brown University, Hebrew University, University of California, University of Wisconsin, University of Washington etc.

JOURNAL EDITORIAL AND REVIEW

Member, Editorial Committee, Population and Development Review, 2017-2022
Member, Editorial Advisory Committee, Asian Population Studies, 2019-2021
Member, Editorial Board, Demography, 2013-2021
Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Studies in Family Planning, 1995-Present.
Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Demography India, 2020-Present
Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Indian Journal of Human Development, 2016-Present
Member, Editorial Board, Journal of South Asian Development, 2012- Present
Member, Editorial Board, Margin-A Journal of Applied Economics, 2007-present.
Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Indian Journal of Human Development, 2021-present.

Journal Reviews for American Economic Review, American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Demography, Population and Development Review, Comparative Education Review, Social Forces, Journal of Marriage and the Family, International Family Planning Perspectives, World Development, Studies in Family Planning, Sociological Forum, Sex Roles, Desai

Economic Development and Cultural Change, Science.