

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** – Dissertation in Sociology at the Oklahoma State University. *Ethnic Organizations and Ritual Dynamics: Exploration of an Asian Indian Community*. With Dr. J. David Knottnerus as my advisor (2008)
- **Instructional Effectiveness Teaching Program** certificate at the Oklahoma State University. (2006)
- **Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.)** – Thesis in Sociology at the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India. *Globalization and Popular Culture: A Study of Music Video in India*. With Prof. Vinod K. Jairath as my advisor. (2000)
- **Master of Arts (M.A.)** – Sociology at the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad (A.P.), India. (1998)
- **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)** – History, Political Science, and English Literature at Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada (A.P.), India. (1996)

Areas of Specialization

- Sociological Theory,
- Social Stratification and Inequality
- Globalization and Global Inequalities
- Race and Ethnicity
- Environmental Sociology
- Sociology of culture

Teaching Experience

Fall, 2016 to Present – Teaching Associate Professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, West Virginia University. Courses taught:

- SOCA 235 – Race and Ethnic Relations
- SOCA 301 – Sociological Theory
- SOCA 417 – Sociology of Globalization
- SOCA 630 – Classical Sociological Theory (previously SOCA 693B – Classical Sociological Theory)
- SOCA 101 – Introduction to Sociology
- SOCA 695 – Independent Study

Fall, 2008 to 2016 - Teaching Assistant Professor, Division of Sociology & Anthropology, West Virginia University. Courses taught:

- SOCA 293W - Understanding Social Issues
- SOCA 405 – Class / Status / Power (previously SOCA 405 - Introduction to Social Inequality)
- SOCA 235 – Race Relations
- SOCA 301 – Sociological Theory (previously SOCA 401 – Sociological Theory)
- SOCA 493Z – Sociology of Globalization
- SOCA 693B – Classical Sociological Theory

Fall, 2007 to Fall, 2008 – Senior Lecturer, Division of Sociology & Anthropology, West Virginia University. Developed and taught the following courses for Undergraduates:

- SOCA 293W - Understanding Social Issues
- SOCA 405 – Introduction to Social Inequality
- SOCA 235 – Race Relations
- SOCA 401 – Sociological Theory

Fall, 2001 to Spring, 2005 – Graduate Teaching Associate, Oklahoma State University. Developed and taught the following courses for Undergraduates at Oklahoma State University:

- **Introduction to Sociology** (Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Fall 2004)

- **Social Problems** (Spring 2005)

The Courses that I assisted as a Graduate Teaching Assistant:

- **Social Law and Legal Institutions** for Dr. John Cross
- **American Racial and Ethnic Relations** for Dr. Donald Yates
- **Criminology** for Dr. Donald Yates
- **Introduction to Sociology** with Jackquice Smith-Mahadi
- **Social Problems** with Donna Barlow

Professional Activities and Associations

Student Representative for Research Scholars, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, 1998.

Treasurer, Socio-Stakes (A sociology conference), University of Hyderabad, 1999.

Member of the Alpha Kappa Delta (The International Sociological Honor Society) OSU Chapter since 2002.

Vice-President for AKD (Alpha Kappa Delta) Spring, 2006.

Contributed to editing and reviewing various select readings for *Readings in Sociology* (5th Edition) Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State university.

Member of American Sociological Association, since 2007.

Faculty advisor for SACA (Sociology Anthropology Criminology Association) student club at West Virginia University, 2009 – 2017.

Chapter representative for AKD (Alpha Kappa Delta) at West Virginia University, since 2009.

Served as an eCampus Point of Contact for the Department of Sociology & Anthropology, 2013 – 2015.

Presentations

2000 – “Globalization and Popular Culture: A Study of Music Video in India” Guest speaker at FOCUS (Forum for Cultural Studies), University of Hyderabad.

2002 – “Discipline of Sociology in India” Paper presented at Alpha Kappa Delta Regional Colloquium at Oklahoma State University.

2005 - “Asian Indian Identity in America: Ritual Dynamics in an Ethnic Community” (with Dr. J. David Knottnerus). Presented at the annual meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association at Atlanta, GA.

2009 – “Life in an Ethnic Community: Ethnic Organizations and Rituals of Ethnic Significance.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association at Lafayette, LA.

2009 – “Employing Structural Ritualization Theory in Understanding Issues of Race and Ethnicity.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association at Lafayette, LA.