*CURRICULUM VITAE*

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**Educational Credentials**

* **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 Prof. 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.)** – in Sociology at the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India. (1998)
* **Bachelor of Arts** **(B.A.)** – History, Political Science, and English Literature at Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada, 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**

Closely reflecting my areas of specialization, I have developed and taught the courses listed below.

From Fall, 2016 to Summer, 2020 – as a Teaching Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology & Anthropology, West Virginia University:

Graduate Level classes

* SOCA 630 – Classical Sociological Theory (previously SOCA 693B – Classical Sociological Theory)
* SOCA 695 – Independent Study on Sociological Theory

Undergraduate Level classes

* SOCA 235 – Race and Ethnic Relations
* SOCA 301 – Sociological Theory
* SOCA 417 – Sociology of Globalization
* SOCA 101 – Introduction to Sociology
* SOCA 405 – Class / Status / Power

From Fall, 2008 to Spring, 2016 – as a Teaching Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociology & Anthropology, West Virginia University:

Graduate Level classes

* SOCA 693B – Classical Sociological Theory

Undergraduate Level classes

* 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

From Fall, 2007 to Spring, 2008 – as a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Sociology & Anthropology, West Virginia University:

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

From Fall, 2001 to Spring, 2005 – as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at the Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University:

* Introduction to Sociology
* Social Problems

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*

**Administrative Experience**

Besides teaching, which is my primary responsibility, I have also served on various committees at West Virginia University.

* ***Curriculum and Academic Quality Committee (CAQC)*** (from 2019 to 2020) – operates at a college level and is responsible for reviewing proposals from various departments within the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences. These proposals include new programs, new courses, and modification of existing courses. As a member of this committee, my responsibility is to review these proposals and provide feedback on their quality. It is also our responsibility to ensure that the feedback has been given consideration (by those respective departments) and reasonable amends have been made towards the approval. Experience of serving on CAQC has exposed me to the curriculum beyond my own department; and provided me with tools to evaluate curriculum in accordance with the University guidelines.
* ***Undergraduate Curriculum Committee*** (from 2008 to 2015) – is a standing committee within the department of Sociology & Anthropology. It is responsible for overseeing the curricular needs of our undergraduate programs in Sociology, Criminology, and Anthropology. These include – establishing and updating curricular rationale for these majors and minors within the department, considering proposals for new courses, evaluating various capstone models and choosing and apt one for program, auditing courses periodically, assessing student learning outcomes, reviewing the viability of online classes, etc. As a member of this committee, I was involved in carrying on all the above-mentioned administrative tasks at one point or another.
* ***B. A. Separation Committee*** (2014) – was established to consider the feasibility of Anthropology as a stand alone major. As a member of this committee, I reviewed the comparability of enrollment trends - within our department for Sociology, Criminology, and Anthropology; across various departments within our university; and also, with other universities. The committee then presented its recommendations to the faculty body for further discussion.
* ***Faculty Search/Hiring Committee*** – I have been part of four separate search/hiring committees: a) search committee for hiring a Visiting Assistant Professor (2012); b) search committee for hiring a Visiting Assistant Professor (2014); c) search committee of hiring a Visiting Assistant Professor (2015); and d) search committee for hiring a Teaching Assistant Professor (2016). As a member of these search committees - I was part of designing a job posting, selecting a long list of candidates, ranking short list of eligible candidates for interviews, engaging the candidate in the interviews, discussing the candidates with the faculty body, and voting for the final candidate.
* ***Faculty advisor for SACA*** (Sociology Anthropology Criminology Association) student club at West Virginia University (from 2009 to 2020) – As a faculty advisor for SACA I was involved in coordinating various activities with the student officers, viz., advertising our organization, identifying various academic and social activities, contacting various points / people of interest, securing permissions for various field trips, facilitating guest lectures / career talks / webinars, organizing fundraisers, etc.
* ***Chapter representative for AKD*** (Alpha Kappa Delta) at West Virginia University (from 2009 to 2020) – As a chapter representative for AKD I was responsible for membership drive, which involves seeking eligible students (at both undergraduate and graduate level), soliciting applications, checking their eligibility requirements, coordinate with the main office of AKD in processing these applications, and inducting them. Every year, I am also responsible for securing Travel Funds from AKD for our students participating in regional professional conferences.
* ***eCampus Point of Contact*** for the Department of Sociology & Anthropology at West Virginia University (from 2013 to 2015) – eCampus is an online platform for teaching at West Virginia University. As an eCampus point of contact for my department, I was responsible for attending monthly meetings, where we (point of contacts from various departments) were briefed on latest developments and updates pertaining eCampus. In turn, my role is to educate and update my colleagues on these latest updates and alerts. I am also responsible for helping my colleagues with eCampus related issues.

**Professional Activities and Associations**

* 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.
* Vice-President for AKD (Alpha Kappa Delta) Spring, 2006 at Oklahoma State University (OSU).
* Member of AKD (Alpha Kappa Delta - The International Sociological Honor Society) OSU Chapter since 2002.
* Treasurer, Socio-Stakes (A sociology conference), University of Hyderabad, 1999.
* Student Representative for Research Scholars, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, 1998.

# **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.