

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Education

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| Expected Dec 2010 | <p><b>PhD.</b>, Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA<br/><b>Dissertation Title:</b> “Fertility as Mobility” in India- The Salience of Caste and Education<br/><b>Advisor:</b> Sonalde Desai, PhD<br/><b>Committee:</b> Reeve Vanneman, Joan R. Kahn, Roberto P. Korzeniewicz, Steven P. Klees<br/><b>Areas of specialization:</b> Comprehensive Examinations taken in Demography and Development, Fall 2009</p> |
| 2008              | <p><b>M.A.</b>, Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA<br/><b>Thesis Title:</b> Is Education associated with a Transition to towards Autonomy in Partner Choice? A Case Study of India<br/><b>Advisor:</b> Steven P. Martin, PhD</p>                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2005              | <p><b>MRes</b>, Development Studies, University of East Anglia, UK</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1999              | <p><b>M.A.</b>, Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, India</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1997              | <p><b>B.A.</b> Honors, Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi, India</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## Publications

- 2008 Sonalde Desai and **Manjitha Banerji**. *Negotiated Identities: Male Migration and Left Behind Wives in India*, Journal of Population Research, 25(3).
- 2007 **Manjitha Banerji** and Suchi Pande. "The context of Public Accountability and Community Action" Book chapter. *Ensuring Public Accountability through Community Action: A Case Study in East Delhi*. New Delhi: Institute of Social Studies Trust.
- Forthcoming Andrist, Lester, **Manjitha Banerji**, and Sonalde Desai. "Negotiating Marriage: Examining the Gap between Marriage and Cohabitation in India." Book chapter. *Marriage in Globalizing Contexts: Exploring Change and Continuity in South Asia*. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan.

## Works in Progress

**Manjitha Banerji** and Reeve Vanneman "Does Love Make a Difference? Marriage type and Post Marriage Decision-Making Power." In preparation for *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

**Manjitha Banerji**, Steven P. Martin and Sonalde Desai "Are the Young More Likely to have "Love" than Arranged Marriages? A Study of Autonomy in Partner Choice in India". In preparation for *Journal of Marriage and Family*

## Fellowships and Grants

- Summer 2010 Summer Research Award, *Department of Sociology, University of Maryland*
- 2008-2009 PRB Population Policy Communications Fellowship

## Conferences and Seminars

- 2009 **Manjistha Banerji** and Reeve Vanneman “Does love make a difference? Marriage type and Post Marriage Decision-Making Power” Paper presented at the Population Association of America meeting (Detroit, April 2009)
- 2008 **Manjistha Banerji**, Steven. P. Martin and Sonalde Desai “Is Education associated with a Transition to towards Autonomy in Partner Choice? A Case Study of India” Paper presented at IUSSP Seminar on Changing Transitions to Marriage: Gender Implications for the Next Generation (New Delhi, Sept. 2008)
- 2008 Lester Andrist, **Manjistha Banerji** and Sonalde Desai “Performing Marriage? Gender Scripts and the Marital Timing in India” Paper presented at Conference on Marriage in Globalizing Contexts: Exploring Change and Continuity in South Asia (New Delhi, September 2008)
- 2008 Sonalde Desai and **Manjistha Banerji** “Gender Impact of Male Migration” Paper presented at Population Association of America meeting (New Orleans, April 2008)

## Reports

- 2010 **Manjistha Banerji**, Navika Harshe, Ragini Nayak and Arshdeep Singh. “Understanding the Equal Remuneration Act (1976)”. New Delhi: Institute of Social Studies Trust.
- 2006 Ratna Sudarshan, Rina Bhattacharya and **Manjistha Banerji**. “Women and National Rural Employment Guarantee Act”. New Delhi: Institute of Social Studies Trust.
- 2001 Ratna Sudarshan, Shanta Venkatraman, Laveesh Bhandari and **Manjistha Banerji**. “Outsourcing of Manufacturing to Households: Subcontracted Home-Based Work in India-Study of three sectors Agarbathi, Bidi & Zardosi?”. New Delhi: National Council of Applied Economic Research.

## Research Experience

Summer 2007-  
present

**University of Maryland, Department of  
Sociology**

College Park,  
USA

Graduate Research Assistant- India Human  
Development Survey (IHDS) Project: a survey  
dataset with 40K household and 200K individual  
entries ([www.ihds.umd.edu](http://www.ihds.umd.edu) )

- Managing IHDS for internal and public use
- Analyzed data, summarized findings, synthesized general themes and conclusions for “Human Development in India: Challenges for a Society in Transition” (OUP, 2010); a report based on the above survey.
- Conducted interviews with youths in ages 15- 18 years as part of the qualitative research to design questionnaires for IHDS-II (2011- 12)
- Conducted background research for an external funding proposal for the next round of IHDS survey. (The funding has now been approved by the National Institute of Health, USA).

Summer 2008  
(July 1- August 31)

**World Bank**

DC, USA

Intern- Development Economics Research  
Group

- Programmed and analyzed descriptive statistics using the IHDS data for a study on energy prices, energy efficiency and fuel poverty in India.

Feb- July 2006

**Institute of Social Studies Trust**  
(Non-Government Organization working  
towards empowerment of underprivileged poor  
women)

Delhi, India

Consultant

- Designed sample survey and household questionnaire and analyzed the data for a report on the gender impact assessment of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme initiated by the Government of India.
- Conducted a comparative assessment of the Equal Remuneration Act (1976) and the Minimum Wages Act (1948)

Sept- Dec. 2005

**Overseas Development Institute**

London, UK

Research Associate

- Conducted literature searches and drafted literature reviews for the Chronic Poverty Report, 2008-09 (CPRC, UK)

March- August 2004

**Institute of Social Studies Trust**

Delhi, India

(Non-Government Organization working towards empowerment of underprivileged poor women)

Consultant

- Conducted secondary research on availability of basic services in slums and resettlement colonies of Delhi

Aug. 2001- Feb. 2004

**Collaborative Research and Dissemination**

Delhi, India

(Non-Government Organization researching on issues concerning socio-economically disadvantaged communities)

Research Associate

- Interviewed respondents for a household survey based study on barriers faced by adolescents from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds in accessing education in India.
- Assisted in data entry and running consistency checks for the above survey data.
- Analyzed data, summarized findings, synthesized general themes and conclusions for a report based on the above survey.

June 2000- April  
2001

**National Council of Applied Economic  
Research**

Delhi, India

(A leading independent non-profit institution specializing in research on rural development, household behavior, growth, trade and economic management)

Research Associate

- Interviewed respondents in a household survey and conducted FGDs for a study on home based workers in India.
- Assisted in data entry and running consistency checks for the above survey data.
- Analyzed data, summarized findings, synthesized general themes and conclusions for a report based on the above survey.

May 99- May 2000

**Seva Mandir**

Udaipur, India

(Non-Government Organization working towards integrated rural and tribal development)

Development Professional

- Conducted qualitative interviews for a study on Panchayati Raj (village self- governance) institutions
- Worked on creating a database of Seva Mandir's intervention in different villages for the purpose of M&E (monitoring and evaluation) of its interventions.

## Teaching Experience

Fall 2006, Spring  
2007  
Summer 2009

**University of Maryland, Department of  
Sociology**

College Park,  
USA

Teaching Assistant, Introductory Statistics for  
Sociology, SOCY 201.

## Special Training

Fall 2008	Graduate level statistics training in course entitled “Statistical Methods I” offered by the Joint Program in Survey Methodology, University of Maryland.
Spring 2008	Graduate level statistics training in course entitled “Categorical analysis” offered by the Department of Sociology, University of Maryland.
Spring 2007	SAS training in course entitled "Introduction to Computing for Sociology" offered by the Department of Sociology, University of Maryland.
Fall 2006 and Spring 2007	Graduate-level statistics training in courses entitled “Statistics for Sociological Research I” and “Statistics for Sociological Research II” offered by the Department of Sociology, University of Maryland.

## Additional Information

Languages	English, Hindi, Bengali
Professional membership	Population Association of America (PAA)