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EDUCATION

Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

-----**PhD in Sociology**, *Spring 2012 (anticipated)*

-----**M.A (without thesis), Sociology**, *Spring 2009*

M.Phil in Applied Economics, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, India (affiliated to Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)- *August 2004-May 2006*

Masters degree (M.Sc) in Economics, **Department of Economics, University of Calcutta**, Calcutta, India- *2002-2004*

Bachelors degree (B.Sc Honours) in Economics, **Bethune College, University of Calcutta**, Calcutta, India-*1999-2002*

WORK/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Population References Bureau, 1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20009-5728

Policy Fellow-*Summer 2010*

Macro International Inc Calverton, Maryland 20705-3119

Consultant *Summer 2008*-Organized, synthesized and analyzed the existing literature on barriers to uptake of prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV/AIDS services in the developing world.

India Human Development Survey Group, *Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD*

Research Assistant, *January 2008-Spring 2009*

Indian Institute of Health Management Research, Jaipur, India

Senior Research Officer, *August 2006-July 2007*-Worked as on a project titled “*Future Health Systems: Innovations for Equity*” in tandem with DFID and Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, USA.

Sociological Research Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, India

Project Assistant, *January-April 2006*-Worked on a Project titled “*Forms of Market and Non Market Discrimination: Andhra Pradesh, India*”

United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Delhi, India

Intern, *April- July 2005* - Worked on a Government of India initiative titled as “*Knowledge Community on Children in India*”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2010-**Teaching Assistant**, Introduction to Research Methods in Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

Summer 2010- **Instructor**, *Introductory Statistics for Sociology*, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

Fall 2007-Spring 2010: **Teaching Assistant**, *Introductory Statistics for Sociology*, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park

PUBLICATIONS

Kanjilal, Barun, **Tannistha Samanta** and Swadhin Mondal (2007): *A Parallel Health Care Market: Rural Medical Practitioners in West Bengal, India*”, Research Brief No. 2, Institute of Health Management Research, Jaipur, India.

Samanta, Tannistha (2006): “Mother’s Work and Child Survival: A case study of West Bengal, India” M.Phil dissertation, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, India.

Gupta, Kasturi, Marie-Eve Reny, **Tannistha Samanta** and Shaswati Talapatra (2006): “ The Impact of the Total Sanitation Campaign on Household Sanitation in West Bengal- A case study of Aamdanga and Haldia Blocks”, *Youthspeak: Case studies of Development in Practice*, Knowledge Community on Children in India (KCCI), UNICEF, New Delhi, India. URL: <http://www.kcci.org.in/index.asp>

HONORS AND AWARDS

Fellows Program in Population Policy Communications, Population Reference Bureau, Washington DC----- *2010-2011*

International Teaching Fellowship, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Maryland, College Park, MD-----*October 2008.*

September 2010

Rai Bahadur Ghosh Overseas (Travel Grant) Scholarship, by the Estates and Trust Department, University of Calcutta----*July 2007*
National Scholarship Scheme 2002-03, University of Calcutta, India ---*October 2003*

CONFERENCES

“Women’s Empowerment and Reproductive Behavior in India”, Sociology of Population Roundtable, American Sociological Association—*August 14-17, 2010, Atlanta, GA.*

“Context or Women’s Religious Disempowerment: Explaining Muslim and non-Muslim differences in Child Health Outcomes in India”, with Sangeeta Parashar, Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2010, Session 26: Gender and Child Health Outcomes in Developing Countries---*April 15-17, 2010, Dallas, Texas*

Poster titled as *“Individual and Contextual Antecedents of women’s empowerment in India”* at Population Association of America (PAA), Detroit, MI----- *April 30-May 2, 2009*

“Does work empower women in India?” at the Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) -----*March 19-22, 2009, Baltimore, MD.*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association (ASA); Population Association of America (PAA); Gerontological Society of America (GSA)