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CAREER

July 2010- Assistant Research Professor, Department of Sociology and
Assistant Director, Center on Health, Risk and Society, American University

2010 Research Scholar, Duke Global Health Institute, Duke University
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2008-2009 Post-doctoral Associate, Duke Global Health Institute, Duke University

2005-2008 Post-doctoral Associate, Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS, Yale
University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. 2005 Sociology, Duke University

B.A. 1993 Sociology, University of Delhi, Ranked first in the university

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Structural determinants of health (including stigma and health; law, policing and health)

Health as a lens to understand international development & globalization

HIV/AIDS

Ethnographic methods

South Asia, particularly India

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2008 Indian Entrepreneurs in Silicon Valley: The Making of a Transnational Techno-Capitalist Class. Youngstown, MA: Cambria Press.

Articles

- 2011 Reed, Elizabeth, Jhumka Gupta, Monica Biradavolu, Vasavi Devireddy and Kim Blankenship. "The role of housing in determining HIV risk among female sex workers in Andhra Pradesh, India: Considering women's life contexts." *Social Science and Medicine*, 72(5): 710-716.
- 2011 Biradavolu, Monica, Kim M. Blankenship, Asima Jena, Nimesh Dhungana and Elizabeth Puloka. "Structural stigma, sex work and HIV: contradictions and lessons learned from a community-led structural intervention in southern India." Under Review, *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*
- 2011 Brady, David, Kim M. Blankenship and Monica R. Biradavolu, "Social relations and the working conditions of female sex workers in India." Revise and Resubmit, *American Sociological Review*
- 2011 Toller-Erausquin, Jennifer, Kim M. Blankenship, Monica R. Biradavolu, Elizabeth Reed, Rebekah Burroway, David Brady and Alexandra Shaheen. "Trends in condom use among female sex workers in Andhra Pradesh: The impact of a community mobilization intervention." Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*.
- 2010 Blankenship, Kim M., Monica R. Biradavolu, Annie George and Asima Jena. "Challenging the stigmatization of female sex workers through a community-led structural intervention: Learning from a case study of a female sex worker intervention in Andhra Pradesh, India." *AIDS Care*, 22(1): 1629-1636
- 2010 Reed, Elizabeth, Jhumka Gupta, Monica Biradavolu, Vasavi Devireddy and Kim M. Blankenship. "The context of economic insecurity & relation to violence and risk factors for HIV among female sex workers in Andhra Pradesh, India." *Public Health Reports*, 125 (4), 81-90.
- 2009 Biradavolu, Monica R., Scott Burris, Annie George, Asima Jena and Kim M. Blankenship. "Can sex workers regulate police? Learning from an HIV prevention project for sex workers in Southern India." *Social Science & Medicine*, 68(8): 1541-1547.
- 2008 Blankenship, Kim M., Brooke S. West, Trace S. Kershaw and Monica R. Biradavolu. "Power, community mobilization and condom use practices among female sex workers in Andhra Pradesh, India." *AIDS*, 22(Supplement 5): S109-S116.
- 2001 Lipkus, Isaac, Monica Biradavolu, Kathryn Fenn, Punam Keller and Barbara Rimer. "Informing women about their breast cancer risk: Truth and consequences." *Health Communication*. 13(2): 205-226.

1999 Lipkus, Isaac, Yancey Crawford, Kathryn Fenn, Monica Biradavolu, Ruth Ann Binder, Al Marcus and Mondy Mason. "Testing different formats for communicating colorectal cancer risk." *Journal of Health Communication*. 4:311- 324.

SELECTED TALKS AND CONFERENCES

Presentation, "Journal of Health and Social Behavior, November 2010 Issue: "What Do We Know? Key Findings from 50 Years of Medical Sociology" at the Center on Health, Risk and Society (CHRS) weekly seminar series, March 23, 2011

Presentation, "Power, secrecy and stigma: Challenging sex worker stigma in an HIV/AIDS prevention project" at the International Sociological Association meeting, Gothenburg, Sweden, 10-17 July 2010

Presentation, "Structural interventions for HIV prevention: Lessons from a sociological study with female sex workers in Southern India" at the North Carolina Sociological Association meeting, Durham, NC, 12 February 2010

Invited Paper Presentation, "Policy considerations for HIV prevention: Enrolling NGOs to regulate police powers" at the conference *Sex, Rights and the Law* organized by the aids2031 Social Drivers Working Group, and hosted by UNDP, ICRW and the Global Coalition on Women and AIDS to address the long-term AIDS response relating to gender, sexuality and human rights, Cuernavaca, Mexico, 23-25 February 2009.

Presentation, "Responding to police violence against sex workers," Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting, New York, 10-12 August 2007.

Invited Paper Presentation, "From being policed to policing the police: Sex workers mobilizing for lawful policing practices" presented at the *Community Mobilization Meeting* of the Avahan India AIDS Initiative (the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation), Hyderabad, India, 17-18 May 2007.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2010 American Sociological Association (ASA) Travel Award to attend the XVII World Congress of Sociology in Gothenburg, Sweden, 11-17 July

2011 SSRC (Social Science Research Council) Fellowship, ITIC Program (Information Technology and International Cooperation)

2001 SSRC (Social Science Research Council) Fellowship, IDRF Program (International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship)

1999 Awarded the 1999-2000 SSRC International Migration Fellowship (Declined)

- 1999 Center for International Studies Summer International Research Award, Duke University
- 1999 Graduate School Award for International Research Travel, Duke University
- 1994 K.C. Mahindra Educational Trust Travel Fellowship, Mumbai, India
- 1993 University Grants Commission Award for postgraduate studies, University of Delhi, India
- 1993 University Gold Medal Awarded by the University of Delhi India for top rank in B.A. (Sociology)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

American University

SOCY 623 Qualitative Analysis (Spring 2011 & 2012)

Duke University

Soc 126 Challenges of Development (Spring 2010)

Soc 197 Immigration and Entrepreneurship (Spring 2003, Spring 2004)

Meredith College

Soc 289 Social Theory (Fall 2004)

SUPERVISION OF THESES

Ongoing

MA Thesis Chair Christine Gordon

MA Thesis Reader Elizabeth Puloka and Natasha McClendon

2010-2011

MA Thesis Reader Francesca Phipps, Sarah Bernal & Alexandra Shaheen

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Ongoing

- Arshata Sultana, Researcher, Project Parivartan, India
- Prathyusha Jadapalli, Researcher, Project Parivartan, India
- Elizabeth Puloka, Research Assistant, Center on Health, Risk and Society, American University
- Sarah Okorie, Research Assistant, Center on Health, Risk and Society, American University

- Alexandra Shaheen, Research Assistant, Center on Health, Risk and Society, American University

2010-2011

- Dr. Asima Jena, Senior Researcher, Project Parivartan, India

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer, *Social Science and Medicine; AIDS Care*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association

Sociologists' AIDS Network

LANGUAGES

English, Hindi, Telugu