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RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Medical Sociology	Sociology of Reproduction	Gender-Based Violence
Sex & Gender Inequality	Global & Transnational Sociology	Mixed Methods

EDUCATION

2026 Ph.D. in Sociology, Emory University, USA (expected)
Dissertation - *The Making of Cesareans: A Sociological Study of Surgical Births in India and Brazil*
Committee - Ellen Idler (chair), Irene Browne, Jeffrey Lesser, M. Sivakami, Heeju Sohn

2023 M.A. in Sociology, Emory University, USA

2018 M.P.H. in Health Policy, Economics & Finance, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India

2015 Bachelor of Dental Surgery, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, India

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- Shrivastava, Surbhi**, and Heeju Sohn. 2025. "Overlapping social structures behind Brazil's cesarean section births: a decomposition analysis." *PLOS One* 20(6): e0325251.
- Roy, Piya, M. Sivakami, and **Surbhi Shrivastava**. 2025. "Women's narratives of disrespect and abuse during facility-based childbirth in Kolkata, India," *Journal of Biosocial Science* 57(2):263–278.
- Dore, Emily C., **Surbhi Shrivastava**, and Patricia Homan. 2024. "Structural Sexism and Preventive Health Care Use in the United States." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 65(1):2–19.
- Featured in the journal's March 2024 Issue [Policy Brief](#) and [Podcast](#)
- Nazar, Gaurang P., Monika Arora, Nitika Sharma, **Surbhi Shrivastava**, Tina Rawal, Aastha Chugh, Praveen Sinha, Vineet Gill Munish, Fikru Tesfaye Tullu, Kerstin Schotte, Jonathan R. Polansky, and Stanton Glantz. 2023. "Changes in Tobacco Depictions after Implementation of Tobacco-Free Film and TV Rules in Bollywood Films in India: A Trend Analysis." *Tobacco Control* 32(2):218–24.
- Shrivastava, Surbhi**, Saurabh Rai, and M. Sivakami. 2021. "Challenges for pregnant women seeking institutional care during the COVID-19 lockdown in India: A content analysis of online news reports." *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics* 6(3):202–211.
- Nazar, Gaurang P., Monika Arora, Vinay K. Gupta, Tina Rawal, Aastha Chugh, **Surbhi Shrivastava**, Prasanna Dhore, Anjali Bhatt, Shailesh R. Deshpande, and A.G. Unnikrishnan. 2021. "The impact of project diabetes with dignity intervention on knowledge and quality of life among adults with diabetes in a rural Indian setting." *International Journal of Noncommunicable Diseases* 6(3):129–136.
- Arora, Monika, Gaurang P. Nazar, Aastha Chugh, Tina Rawal, **Surbhi Shrivastava**, Praveen Sinha, Vineet Gill Munish, Fikru Tesfaye Tullu, Kerstin Schotte, Jonathan R. Polansky, and Stanton Glantz. 2021. "Tobacco imagery in on-demand streaming content popular among adolescents and young adults in India: implications for global tobacco control." *Tobacco Control* 30(1):42–48.

- Shrivastava, Surbhi**, and M. Sivakami. 2020. Evidence of obstetric violence in India – an integrative review. *Journal of Biosocial Science* 52(4):610-628.
- Arora, Monika, **Surbhi Shrivastava**, Vijay K. Mishra, and Manu Raj Mathur. 2020. “Use of Betel Quid in India from 2009-17: An Epidemiological Analysis of the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS).” *Substance Use & Misuse* 55(9):1465-1471.
- Nazar, Gaurang P., Monika Arora, Vinay K. Gupta, Tina Rawal, Amit Yadav, Nanda K. Kannuri, **Surbhi Shrivastava**, Nathan Grills, and Premila Webster. 2019. “Adolescent and adult perceptions of the effects of larger size graphic health warnings on conventional and plain tobacco packs in India: A community-based cross-sectional study.” *Tobacco Induced Diseases* 17(70):1-12.

Book Chapters

- Shrivastava, Surbhi**, and M. Sivakami. 2024. “Gender, Relationship Dynamics, and Vertical Transmission of HIV in Delhi, India.” In: Ravindran, T.S., Sivakami, M., Bhushan, A., Rashid, S.F., Khan, K.S. (eds) *Handbook on Sex, Gender and Health: Perspectives from South Asia*. Singapore: Springer.
- Kanougiya, Suman, and **Surbhi Shrivastava**. 2024. “Intimate Partner Violence and Mental Health Outcomes in South Asia.” In: Ravindran, T.S., Sivakami, M., Bhushan, A., Rashid, S.F., Khan, K.S. (eds) *Handbook on Sex, Gender and Health: Perspectives from South Asia*. Singapore: Springer.
- Rawal, Tina, **Surbhi Shrivastava**, Chetna Duggal, and Melissa H. Blythe. 2023. “Public Health Approaches to Healthy Behaviors among Children and Adolescents in Schools.” In: Arora, M., Goenka, S. (eds) *Public Health Approaches to Health Promotion*. CRC Press.

Other Writing

- Shrivastava, Surbhi**, and M. Sivakami. 2023. “[Enforcing the Ban on the ‘Two-Finger Test’](#).” The India Forum.
- Shrivastava, Surbhi**, and Sangeeta Rege. 2021. “Breaking the mould: Redefining gender in medical education in India.” *Research & Humanities in Medical Education*, 8:25-28.
- Rege, Sangeeta, and **Surbhi Shrivastava**. 2020. “[Coping with the ‘Shadow Pandemic’: Responding to Violence against Women during COVID-19](#).” Sexual Violence Research Initiative.
- Shrivastava, Surbhi**, and M. Sivakami. 2020. “[Obstetric Violence During COVID-19 Is yet Another Challenge for Indian Women](#).” The Wire.
- Shrivastava, Surbhi. 2018. “[Why You Should Care About Depersonalization in Healthcare](#).” The Wire.
- Shrivastava, Surbhi. 2028. “[Why Institutional Delivery in India Is a Nightmare for Women](#).” The Wire.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Competitive

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| 2025-26 | Dean’s Teaching Fellowship, Emory University – \$30,243 |
| 2025-26 | Writing Center Fellowship, Emory University – <i>declined</i> |
| 2024 | Field Scholars Program (PI: Jeffrey Lesser), Emory Global Health Institute – \$4,000 |
| 2022 | Graduate Global Fellow, Halle Institute for Global Research, Emory University – \$4,400 |
| 2021 | Field Scholars Program (PI: Jeffrey Lesser), Emory Global Health Institute – \$2,000 |
| 2020-25 | George W. Woodruff Fellowship, Emory University – \$25,000 |

Non-Competitive

2025	Professional Development Support Funds – Conference, Emory University – \$1,465
2025	Laney Graduate Student Council Travel Grant, Emory University – \$250
2024	Professional Development Support Funds – Research, Emory University – \$1,156
2023	Laney Graduate Student Council Travel Grant, Emory University – \$250
2022	Professional Development Support Funds – Research, Emory University – \$1,250

AWARDS & HONORS

2025	Finalist, “3MT Three Minute Thesis” Competition, Emory University
2024	Martin Levin Scholarship for ICPSR Summer Program, Department of Sociology, Emory University – \$2,500
2022-23	Fellow, Empowering Women for Leadership in Global Health (EMERGE), Emory University
2019	Young Health Programme Scholarship for One Young World Summit, AstraZeneca

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2025	Shrivastava, Surbhi. “Caste, tribe, cesareans, and first-time mothers: Differentiating social disparities in surgical births in India.” Roundtable paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August 9.
2025	Xu, Bin, and Surbhi Shrivastava . “Theorizing Through Interviewing in Ethnographic Encounters.” Paper presented at the 10th Ethnography & Qualitative Research International Conference. Trento, Italy, July 10.
2025	Shrivastava, Surbhi. “The other immigrants: South Asian women’s health experiences in Brazil.” Paper presented at Fourth Global Carework Summit, Durham, NC, June 5.
2025	Shrivastava, Surbhi. “Immigration, assimilation, and health: South Asian women’s narratives of moving to and living in Brazil.” Paper presented at the Virtual Mini-Conference of South Asian Sociologists, May 5.
2023	Shrivastava, Surbhi , and Emily C. Dore. “Structural Sexism and Preventive Health Care Use: Evidence, scope for research, and areas of intervention.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences, Baltimore, MD, October 5.
2023	Shrivastava, Surbhi , and Heeju Sohn. “Extricating Individual and Contextual Sources of Racial/Ethnic Disparities in C-Sections in Brazil: A decomposition analysis of live births from 2019.” Poster presented at AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, WA, June 25.
2023	Dore, Emily C., Surbhi Shrivastava , and Patricia Homan. “Structural Sexism and Preventive Health Care Use in the United States.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA, April 15.
2022	Shrivastava, Surbhi , and M. Sivakami. “Stand by me: Exploring male partner involvement in preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV in Delhi.” Roundtable paper presented at the annual meeting of American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA, August 7.
2022	Shrivastava, Surbhi. “From home to the hospital: Medicalization of childbirth among black mothers in nineteenth-century Brazil.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA, August 5.
2022	Shrivastava, Surbhi. “Stratified surgical births: Disparities in cesarean section births in São Paulo, Brazil.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of Population Association of America, Atlanta, GA, April 9.

- 2022 **Shrivastava, Surbhi**, and Ellen Idler. “Declining abortion rates and their association with supportive state social policies in the US: A panel data analysis from 2009-2016.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of Population Association of America, Atlanta, GA, April 9.
- 2021 **Shrivastava, Surbhi**, and Vijay K. Mishra. “Examining Linkages of Factors Associated With Anemia Among Pregnant Women in India: Evidence From the Fourth National Family Health Survey, 2015-2016.” Virtual poster presented at the annual meeting of Population Association of America, May 5.
- 2021 Mishra, Vijay K., and **Surbhi Shrivastava**. “Increasing Multiple Chronic Conditions (MCC) and their Associated Predictors Among the Ageing Population in Europe: Findings from the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE).” Virtual poster presented at the annual meeting of Population Association of America, May 7.
- 2021 Dowd, Timothy, Roberson Beauville, Hannah Chong, Amber Churchwell, **Surbhi Shrivastava**, and Allison Sullivan. “The Ebb & Flow of Subgenre Formation: The Case of Progressive Rock 1965-2015.” Virtual paper presented at the annual meeting of Southern Sociological Society, April 8.
- 2021 **Shrivastava, Surbhi**, and M., Sivakami. “Evidence of obstetric violence in India: an integrative review.” Virtual paper presented at the winter meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society, January 31.
- 2016 Shrivastava, Surbhi. “Exploring masculinities as a determinant of women’s HIV risk in India.” Paper presentation at the annual conference of Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health, Pune, India, September 23.

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

Instructor of Record

- Health Consequences of Violence in Global Perspective (Department of Sociology; Spring 2024)
- Introduction to Statistical Inference – Lab (Department of Data and Decision Sciences; Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

Teaching Assistant (Sociology)

- Social Causes and Consequences of Health Inequalities (Dr. Heeju Sohn, Spring 2023)
- Race, Culture, and Health (Dr. Apoorva Ghosh, Spring 2022)
- Sociological Aspects of Health and Illness (Dr. Ellen Idler, Fall 2021)
- Introduction to General Sociology (Dr. Ju Hyun Park, Spring 2021)

Guest Lectures

- Research Methods (Dr. Megan Reed; Fall 2023, Spring & Fall 2024, Spring 2025)
 - Topic – *Structural sexism and preventive healthcare use*
- Gender, Society, & Health: Global Perspectives (Kanika Sharma; Spring 2025)
 - Topic – *Obstetric violence: A case of gender-based violence in healthcare institutions*
- Gender and Global Health (Dr. Kathryn Yount; Spring 2022, 2024)
 - Topic – *Abortion Reform vs. Abortion Realities*
- Class, Status, Power (Allison Sullivan; Fall 2023)
 - Topic – *Gender-based violence*
- Social Causes and Consequences of Health Inequality (Dr. Heeju Sohn; Spring 2023)
 - Topic – *Ethnoracial disparities in C-sections in Brazil*

Undergraduate Mentor

Nidhi Ganta (Capstone Project), Sociology Research Apprenticeship (SRA) Program, Spring 2024

INVITED PRESENTATIONS & PANEL

- 2024 “Birth experiences in India and Brazil,” Universidade Federal do Paraná (UFPR) Research Group, Curitiba, Brazil, September 11.
- 2023 “PhD 101,” Alumni Talk Series, Health Policy, Economics & Finance at School of Health Systems Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India (Virtual), October 8.
- 2021 Panelist, “Consultation on Birth Companions,” ANC/PNC Research Collective in collaboration with Jhpiego (Virtual), November 9.

CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS & PANEL

- 2025 Guest speaker, Graduate seminar on “Intersectionality,” Department of Sociology, Emory University, October 8.
- 2025 Guest speaker, South Asia Seminar Series, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies (MESAS), Emory University, September 15.
- 2024 Llovet, Alexandra, **Surbhi Shrivastava**, Maria Jose Velez, Cintia de Almeida, Luanna Mendes Nascimento, Fernando Cosentino, and Jeffrey Lesser. “Structural Health: Immigrants, the State, and the Built Environment in São Paulo, 1870-present.” Poster presented at Emory Global Health Institute’s Field Scholars Symposium, November 18.
- 2024 Guest panelist, Graduate seminar on “Teaching Sociology,” Department of Sociology, Emory University, February 19.
- 2021 **Shrivastava, Surbhi**, Savannah Miller, Sabrina Jin, Cintia de Almeida, Luanna M. Nascimento, Fernando Cosentino, Emily S. Pingel, and Jeffrey Lesser. “States of Health and Wellbeing in Brazil: Women, Urban Working Class, and Brazilians of Asian Descent.” Virtual poster presented at Emory Global Health Institute’s Field Scholars Symposium, October 28.

SERVICE

To the Discipline

- 2025 Presider, “Women on the Global Margins,” Global and Transnational Sociology Roundtable, American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting
- 2024 Discussant, “Intimate Partner Violence Across Contexts,” Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, April 14
- 2024 Member, Student Planning Committee, Mentor of the Month Series, American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on Medical Sociology
- Ad hoc reviewer BMJ Global Health | Health Policy & Planning | International Journal of Women’s Health | Journal of Family Violence | Journal of Gender Studies | PLOS One | SAGE Open Medicine | Tobacco Control | Violence Against Women

To the University

- 2021-25 Ambassador, Jones Program in Ethics (JPE) 600 mentorship seminar for incoming doctoral students
- 2023 Panelist, “Tips and Strategies for Serving as a TA in the US Classroom,” English Language Support Program Workshop
- 2023 Moderator, “Make the Most of Microteaching,” Teaching Assistant Training & Teaching Opportunity (TATTO) 600 for doctoral students
- 2023 Panelist, “How to Succeed in Graduate School,” Emory Student Alumni Association
- 2022 Member, Student Advisory Board, Professional Development and Career Planning

To the Department

2024 Member, Search Committee, Sociology Assistant Professor: Open Area
 2022 Program Assistant, Sociology Study Abroad Program (UK)
 2022 Moderator, Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium (SEUSS)
 2021-22 Member, Community Camaraderie Committee
 2021-22 Social Justice Co-Chair, Coalition of Graduate Sociologists
 2020-21 First-Year Representative, Coalition of Graduate Sociologists

To the Community

2023 Volunteer, Emory Decatur Labor Support Program, 44 hours

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021-25 Digital Scholarship Associate, Emory Centre for Digital Scholarship
 2021-23 Writing Tutor, Academic Resource Centre, Emory University
 2019-20 Senior Research Associate, CEHAT, Mumbai
 2019 Independent Researcher, CEHAT, Mumbai
 2018-19 Research Assistant, HRIDAY, New Delhi
 2018 Independent Researcher, Matra Technologies, Mumbai

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

2024 ICPSR Summer Program General Session, University of Michigan
 2023 Empowering Interdisciplinarity Graduate Workshop, Institute for the Liberal Arts, Emory University
 2020 Emory Foundations for Online Teaching, Emory University

SKILLS

Software: Stata, R, MaxQDA, ArcGIS, WordPress
 Languages: Hindi (Native); English (Fluent); Portuguese (Conversational)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)
 • Sections: Global and Transnational Sociology | Medical Sociology | Race, Gender, and Class |
 Science, Knowledge, and Technology | Sociology of Sex and Gender
 International Sociological Association (ISA)
 Population Association of America (PAA)
 Southern Sociological Society (SSS)

REFERENCES

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