

Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Intimate Partner Violence; Sexual Assault; Cultural Competency; Vulnerable Populations of Interpersonal Violence (e.g., Immigrant Survivors, Refugee Survivors; South Asian Survivors); Gender Empowerment; Prevention and Intervention Development

TEACHING INTERESTS

Introduction to Social Work; Human Behavior and the Social Environment; Intimate Partner Violence

EDUCATION

Doctorate, School of Social Work

Washington University in St. Louis, 2012-2017 (Confer date: August 2017)

Dissertation *Intimate Partner Violence among South Asian Women: Prevalence and Help-Seeking Behaviors* (Drs. Shanta Pandey and Melissa Jonson-Reid, Chairs)

Master of Social Work, School of Social Work

Rutgers University, 2009-2010

Bachelor of Arts, in Social Work and Journalism

Rutgers University, 2005-2009

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017-Present	Assistant Professor, School of Social Work Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO
2017	Instructor, School of Social Work University of Missouri, St. Louis, MO
2016	Instructor, School of Social Work Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
2013-2016	Lab Instructor, School of Social Work Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

- 2013** **Visiting Scholar, School of Social Work**
Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad, India
- 2012** **Project Coordinator, School of Social Work**
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
- 2010-2012** **Domestic Violence Counselor and Prevention Coordinator**
SAFE in Hunterdon, Flemington, NJ

Consultation

Evaluation of the Quality Parenting Initiative. Qualitative consultant for an evaluation funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. **2018-2020**

ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL HONORS, AWARDS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2020** **Faculty Fellow**, Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity, Funded by: Saint Louis University
- 2019** **Faculty Fellow**, Center for Health Equity Research (CHER) Institute, California State University, Long Beach, Funded by: National Institute of Health, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, Research Education Grant R25GM121266
- 2015** **Women and Sex/Gender Differences Travel Award Recipient**, College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Funded by: National Institute on Drug Abuse
- 2013-2016** **Minority Fellowship Doctoral Scholarship**, Council on Social Work Education, Funded by: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (\$22,000/year)
- 2010** **Primm-Singleton Travel Award Recipient**, College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Funded by: National Institute on Drug Abuse
- 2010** **Travel Award Recipient**, National Hispanic Science Network, Funded by: National Hispanic Science Network
- 2010** **Outstanding MSW Student**, Rutgers University, School of Social Work
- 2009-2010** **Verizon Wireless Hopeline Scholarship Recipient**, Verizon Wireless

BIBLIOGRAPHY

(* Indicates publications/presentations with graduate and undergraduate students I have mentored)

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

1. **Murugan, V.**, Bender, A., Trombetta, E*., & Dilts, C*.. (2019). Prevalence and Dynamics of Teen Dating Violence. In Vaughn, Salas-Wright, and Jackson (ed.), *International Handbook of Delinquency and Health*.

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS**Published/Accepted for Publication**

1. **Murugan, V.**, Holzer, K., Termos, M*., & Vaughn, M. (in press). IPV among Pregnant Women reporting to the Emergency Department: Findings from a Nationwide Sample. *BMJ Sexual and Reproductive Health*.
2. **Murugan, V.**, Khoo, Y. M*., & Termos, M*.. (2020). Intimate Partner Violence Against Women in India: Is Empowerment a Protective Factor?. *Global Social Welfare*, 1-13.
3. Bender, A. K., Koegler, E., Johnson, S. D., **Murugan, V.**, & Wamser-Nanney, R. (2020). Guns and Intimate Partner Violence among Adolescents: a Scoping Review. *Journal of Family Violence*, 1-13.
4. Holzer, K. J*., Vaughn, M. G., & **Murugan, V.** (2019). Dog bite injuries in the USA: Prevalence, Correlates and Recent Trends. *Injury prevention*, 25(3), 187-190.
5. Metzger, M. W., Bender, A., Flowers, A., **Murugan, V.**, & Ravindranath, D. (2019). Step by step: tenant accounts of securing and maintaining quality housing with a housing choice voucher. *Journal of Community Practice*, 27(1), 31-44.
6. **Murugan, V.**, & Pandey, S. (2018). Correlates of Female Sterilization in Bihar: Does Women's Empowerment Matter? *Global Social Welfare*, 6(2), 79-85.
7. Dy, T., Lewis, E. M., **Murugan, V.**, Gehlert, S., Taylor, J., Garbutt, J., Bacharier, L. B., & Castro, M. (2018). Caregiver and Pediatric Provider Perspectives on Symptom-Based Inhaled Corticosteroid Therapy in Asthma. *Respiratory Medicine* 137, 201-205.
8. Atteraya, M. S., **Murugan, V.**, & Pandey, S. (2017). Intersection of caste/ethnic affiliation and poverty among married women in intimate partner violence: the case of Nepal. *Global social welfare*, 4(2), 81-90.
9. Pandey, S., **Murugan, V.**, Karki, Y. B., & Mathur, A. (2017). In-home Smoking in Households with Women of Reproductive Age in Nepal: Does Women's Empowerment Matter? *Health & Social Work*, 42(1), 32-40.
10. Pandey, S., Karki, Y. B., **Murugan, V.**, & Mathur, A. (2017). Mothers' risk for experiencing neonatal and under-five child deaths in Nepal: The role of empowerment. *Global Social Welfare*, 4(3), 105-115.

11. Bender, A., Metzger, M., **Murugan, V.**, & Ravindranath, D. (2016). Housing Choices as School Choices: Subsidized Renters' Agency in an Uncertain Policy Context. *City & Community*, 15(4), 444-467.
12. Pettus-Davis, C., Howard, M. O., **Murugan, V.**, Roberts-Lewis, A., Scheyett, A. M., Botnick, C., & Vance, M. (2015). Acceptability of a social support intervention for re-entering prisoners. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 6(1), 51-89.
13. Windsor, L. C., & **Murugan, V.** (2012). From the individual to the community: Perspectives about substance abuse services. *Journal of social work practice in the addictions*, 12(4), 412-433.

Submitted

1. **Murugan, V.**, Holzer, K., Vaughn, M., Carbone, J., Jackson, D., & Bitter, C. (under review). Correlates of Diagnostic Coding of Sexual Assaults by Emergency Physicians. *Western Journal of Emergency Medicine*.
2. **Murugan, V.**, Mahapatra, N., Rai, A., & Rijhwani, L*. (under review). South Asian Women's Organizations: An Exploratory Study of Service Providers' Perceptions on Intimate Partner Violence-Related Help-Seeking among South Asian Survivors in the United States. *Healthcare for Women International*.

In Preparation (selected manuscripts)

1. Mahapatra, N., & Murugan, V. South Asian Young Adults and Their Perceptions of Intimate Partner Violence. *Asian American Journal of Psychology*.
2. Mahapatra, N., & **Murugan, V.** Experiences of South Asian women in Dubai with Intimate Partner Violence. *Healthcare for Women International*.
3. **Murugan, V.**, Taylor, M*., Weaver, T., Weaver, N., & Diltz, A*. Barriers and Facilitators to Bystander Intervention in Cases of Public Child Mistreatment. *Journal of Community Practice*.
4. Lewis, E., **Murugan, V.**, Feely, M., Leffler, K*., & Farooq, S*. Exploring Strategies to Engage Communities in Foster Care System Initiatives. *Journal of Community Practice*.

ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP: RESEARCH REPORTS AND BRIEFS

1. Proctor, E., McCrary, S., Hudson, D., Bobmeyer, S., Cooper, B., Gerassi, L., Luke, D., Mueller, N., **Murugan, V.**, Purnell, J. (2015). Saint Louis Adult Behavioral Health Needs Assessment. Prepared for the Saint Louis Mental Health Board.
2. Powell, K.G., **Murugan, V.**, & Peterson, N.A. (2012) Strategic Prevention Enhancement (SPE) Report on Potential Environmental Strategies: Recommendations to PRAMS (Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System). Technical report submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology NJ Department of Health and Human Services, Trenton, NJ.
3. **Murugan, V.**, Powell, K.G., Morton, C.M. & Peterson, N.A. (2012). Performance Assessment

on the Evaluation of the New Jersey State Prevention Framework. Technical report submitted to New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Addiction Services, Trenton, NJ.

COMMENTARIES AND BLOG POSTS

1. **Murugan, V.** (2020, September 28). IPV during pregnancy has negative implications on maternal and neonatal health. *BMJ Sexual and Reproductive Health*.
<https://blogs.bmj.com/bmj/srh/2020/09/28/ipv-pregnancy-neonatal-health/>

REFEREED ORAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Presented/Accepted for Presentation

1. **Murugan, V.** (2020). *Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: MFP Perspectives as Students and Faculty*. Panel presentation at the Council for Social Work Education Annual Conference.
2. Holzer, K., **Murugan, V.**, Carbone, J., Vaughn, M & Jackson, D. (2020). *Emergency Department Visits for Confirmed Cases of Intimate Partner Violence*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington DC.
3. Taylor M, Weaver N, Weaver T, **Murugan V**, Kutz T. (2019). *Support Over Silence for KIDS: An academic community partnership to address child maltreatment*. Poster presented at the 8th Annual Primary Care Research Symposium at Saint Louis University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO.
4. **Murugan, V** & Mahapatra, N. (2019). *South Asian Young Adults and their Perceptions of Intimate Partner Violence*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA
5. **Murugan, V.** (2018). *IPV Service Utilization among Married Women in India*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
6. **Murugan, V.**, Azhar, S., & Ali, S (2018). *Challenges in Offering Social Services to the South Asian Community*. Round Table Discussion at the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
7. **Murugan, V.**, Bender, A., & Metzger, M. (2017). *Housing processes and preferences: subsidized renters' experiences in an uncertain policy context*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research. New Orleans, LA.
8. **Murugan, V.** (2016). *Predictors of help-seeking among women experiencing IPV in India*. Paper presented at the South Asian Womanhood and Girlhood Conference. Chicago, IL.
9. Pandey, S., Karki, Y., **Murugan, V.**, & Mathur, A. (2016). *Did the community based newborn care program reduce neonatal and under-five child mortality in Nepal?* Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

10. **Murugan, V.** (2015). *The prevalence and correlates of spousal sexual violence among women in India*. Poster presented at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Phoenix, AZ
11. **Murugan, V.** & Kumar, P (2015). *Help-seeking behaviors among women experiencing IPV in Bihar*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans, LA.
12. **Murugan, V.** & Pandey, S (2014) *predictors of female sterilization in Bihar*. Paper presented at the Washington University St. Louis Graduate Student Symposium, St. Louis, MO.
13. Pettus-Davis, C., Williams, E., Grier, A., & **Murugan, V** (2014) *Supporting prisoners after release: Strategies families use to prevent re-incarceration*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research, San Antonio, TX.
14. **Murugan, V.** & Pandey, S (2014) *Predictors of female sterilization in Bihar*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research, San Antonio, TX.
15. Windsor, L. & **Murugan, V.** (2010) *Community Wise: Using concept mapping in community based participatory research*. Poster presented at the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse, New Orleans, LA.
16. **Murugan, V.**, Windsor, L., Dunlap, E., & Benoit, E. (2010, June). *Predicting and explaining multiple and simultaneous intimate relationships among African Americans in distressed households in New York City*. Poster presented at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Scottsdale, AZ.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

1. **Murugan, V.** (2019, November). *Mental Health among South Asian American Communities*. Presented at the Washington University School of Medicine's APAMSA and I am Shakti Mental Health Conference at Washington University in St. Louis.
2. **Murugan, V.** (2018, October). *Brave Miss World: Sexual Violence*. Presented at the screening of Brave Miss World at the Jewish Federation in Saint Louis University, Missouri.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSITY COURSES

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| Fall 2020 | Human Behavior and the Social Environment (SWRK 5725) . School of Social Work, Master's Course, St. Louis University. |
| Fall 2020 | Introduction to Social Work (SWRK 1000) . School of Social Work, Undergraduate Course, St. Louis University. |
| Summer 2020 | Intimate Partner Violence: Culturally Relevant and Trauma Informed Approaches. Professional Practice Institute (SWRK 5931) . School Social Work, Master's Course, St. Louis University. |

- Spring 2020** **Introduction to Social Work (SWRK 1000).** School of Social Work, Undergraduate Course, St. Louis University.
- Fall 2019** **Human Behavior and the Social Environment (SWRK 5725).** School of Social Work, Master's Course, St. Louis University.
- Fall 2018** **Introduction to Social Work (SWRK 1000).** School of Social Work, Undergraduate Course, St. Louis University.
- Spring 2018** **Human Behavior and the Social Environment (SWRK 5725).** School of Social Work, Master's Course, St. Louis University.
- Fall 2017** **Human Behavior and the Social Environment (SWRK 5725).** School of Social Work, Master's Course, St. Louis University.
- Spring 2017** **Research Design in Social Work (SWRK 3410).** Social Work, Undergraduate Course, University of Missouri, St. Louis.
- Fall 2016** **Research Methods II (SWRK 595).** Social Work, Master's Course, Rutgers University.

UNIVERSITY GUEST LECTURES AND TALKS

1. **CPSJ Medallion Program Coffee and Conversations.** Will present at the CPSJ Medallion Program at Saint Louis University. St. Louis, Missouri. November 2020.
2. **Keeping True to Yourself and Surviving Academia as a BIOPIC Scholar.** Presented at BIOPIC PhD Collective at Washington University in St Louis. St. Louis, Missouri. September 2020.
3. **Preparing Social Work PhD Students for Independent Course Instruction.** Presented at Pedagogy in Social Work Education course at the University of Denver. Denver, Colorado. September 2020.
4. **COVID-19: Interdisciplinary Perspectives from the CPSHJ.** Presented at the College for Public Health and Social Justice at St. Louis University. St. Louis, Missouri. April 2020.
5. **After Coursework: Research Area Synthesis, Written Exam, Oral Exam, and Defense.** Presented at Doctoral Professional Development Seminar at Saint Louis University's School of Social Work. November 2019.
6. **Preparing Social Work PhD Students for Independent Course Instruction.** Presented at Pedagogy in Social Work Education course at the University of Denver. Denver, Colorado. September 2019.

7. **Go Forth and Conquer: Advice for Pre-Doctoral Students.** Presented at the Center for Innovation in Child Maltreatment Research, Policy, and Training (CICM) LEAD 2019 Predoctoral Summer Institute at Washington University in St. Louis. August 2019.
8. **The Essentials of the Academic Job Market.** Presented at Doctoral Professional Development Seminar at Saint Louis University's School of Social Work. April 2018, April 2019.
9. **What are my Career Options?** Perspectives from Brown School PhD Alumni. Presented at Doctoral Professional Development Seminar at Washington University in St. Louis. November 2018, November 2019
10. **The Role of Mentorship in the Academy.** Presented at Doctoral Professional Development Seminar at Washington University in St. Louis. October 2018.

RESEARCH PROJECTS, GRANTS, AND RESEARCH AWARDS

Completed

- 2018-2020 **Role: Principal Investigator.** *Community Members' Perceptions of IPV in the Jewish Community in STL: A Needs Assessment.* The National Council for Jewish Women Grant. Total grant award: \$30,000.
- 2018-2020 **Role: Co-Investigator.** *Assessing Child Maltreatment with Social Marketing and Bystander Intervention Models.* Missouri Foundation for Health Grant. Total grant award: \$340,000.

Current

- 2020 **Role: Co-Principal Investigator.** *Effects of COVID-19 on Survivors of Domestic Violence and Service Provisions in the STL Metropolitan Area.* Saint Louis University SPARK Grant. Total grant award: \$1,000.

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

- 2019 **Course Design Institute,** Reinert Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning, Saint Louis University
- 2019 **University- Vision, Design, and Capacity (UVDC) Technical Grant Writing Workshop,** Harris Stowe University, Sponsored by the Office of Minority Health Resource Center

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

MANUSCRIPT AND SCHOLARSHIP REFEREE

Ad-Hoc Journal Reviewer for:
Campbell Collaboration
Global Social Welfare
Affilia

Dissertation Scholarship Reviewer for:

SSWR Outstanding Doctoral Student Dissertation Reviewer, 2018-Present

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Board Member, Washington University in St. Louis, Campus Y, 2019-present

Program Evaluator, Show Me Costa Rica Project, 2017-2019

SERVICE TO ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY

University

Reviewer, Faculty Success Program Applications, 2020

Panelist, Professional Ethics for the College of Education, 2017

Judge, Doctoral Research Symposium for the College of Public Health and Social Justice, 2017

Community

2019-Present *Board Member*
Washington University in St. Louis, Campus Y

2017-2019 *Program Evaluator*
Show Me Costa Rica Project

School of Social Work

Member, Applied Behavioral Analysis Thesis, 2019

- Jenny Mulvhill

Member, Equity and Inclusion Taskforce, 2018-present

Member, BSW Curriculum Committee, 2019-present

Member, MSW Clinical Committee, 2017-present

Member, Doctoral Committee, 2017-present

- Nathaniel House (2019-present)
- Robert Donnelly (2019-present)
- Lauren Terzis (2017-2019)

Mentor for Research Assistants, 2017-present

- Vanessa Sarmiento (2020-Present)
- Theresa Schaffer (2020-Present)
- Elise Trombetta (2018-2019)
- Caroline Dilts (2017-2018)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Council for Social Work Education
Society for Social Work and Research

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