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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

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May 2022–present	<b>Associate Professor</b> <i>College of Social Work, The Ohio State University</i>
August 2016–April 2022	<b>Assistant Professor</b> <i>College of Social Work, The Ohio State University</i>
January 2020–present	<b>Faculty Affiliate</b> <i>Institute for Population Research, The Ohio State University</i>
October 2018–present	<b>Faculty Affiliate</b> <i>Immigrant and Refugee Research Institute School of Social Work, University of Buffalo</i>
February 2017–December 2020	<b>Faculty Affiliate</b> <i>The Global Mobility Project, The Ohio State University Migration Mobility and Immobility Project, The Ohio State University</i>
March 2017–April 2019	<b>Faculty Affiliate</b> <i>Research Methodology Center, The Ohio State University</i>

## EDUCATION

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August 2015	<b>Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Social Work</b> <i>Dissertation: “The social determinants of immigrant well-being in the United States: A gendered perspective” The University of Texas at Arlington Arlington, Texas</i>
May 2004	<b>Master of Social Work</b> <i>The Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis St. Louis, Missouri</i>
June 2002	<b>Bachelor of Social Work</b> <i>St. Xavier’s College Kathmandu, Nepal</i>

## RESEARCH INTEREST & APPROACH

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Human migration and social demography, social and structural determinants of health, forced migration, transnational communities, immigrants and refugees, community-based ethnic organizations, community resilience, global health equity

Transformative research practice, mixed-methods research, community-based participatory research, community-based system dynamics, collective impact

## AWARDS & HONORS

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January 2023	<b>Fellow of the Society for Social Work and Research</b> Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC
April 2022	<b>2022 Inaugural Community Engaged Scholar Award</b> College of Social Work, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
March 2022	<b>2022 Community Engaged Scholar Award</b> The Ohio State University, Office of Outreach and Engagement, Columbus, Ohio
May 2019	<b>Tony Tripodi Research Excellence Award</b> College of Social Work, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
February 2019	<b>Jagaran Puraskar—Community Advocacy &amp; Enrichment Award</b> Jagaran America and the Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio, Columbus, Ohio
January 2016	<b>Outstanding Social Work Doctoral Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention</b> Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC
May 2015	<b>Competitive Dissertation Fellowship</b> The University of Texas at Arlington Graduate School, Arlington, Texas
August 2014	<b>Charles H. Mindel Graduate Research Scholarship</b> School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas
April 2013	<b>Outstanding Doctoral Student Award 2013</b> School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas
March 2013	<b>Women's &amp; Gender Studies Research Excellence Award 2013</b> The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas
August 2011	<b>Graduate Research &amp; Teaching Fellowship (3 years)</b> School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas
May 2003	<b>Mother Teresa Scholarship</b> The Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri
August 2002	<b>Leo Tolstoy Scholarship</b> The Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri
August 2002	<b>Father Charles A. Law Best Student Award</b> Department of Social Work, St. Xavier's College, Kathmandu, Nepal

## FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

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<b>Co-Principal Investigator</b> July 2022–April 2023	<i>The Immigrant &amp; Refugee Town Hall Project: Mapping Sense of Belonging &amp; Inclusion in Central Ohio. <b>Funded By: Columbus City Council (\$100,000).</b> Collaborators: C. Mengo (Co-PI), N. Kagotho (Co-PI), S. Karandikar (Co-PI), OSU College of Social Work</i>
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<p><b>Co-Principal Investigator</b> September 2020–June 2023</p>	<p><i>Leveraging Entrepreneurship to Empower Refugees in Central Ohio. <b>Funded By: Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation (Knowledge Challenge Grant Award: \$120,000).</b></i> Collaborators: A. Contigiani (PI), OSU Fisher College of Business; F. Dell'Acqua (Co-I), Harvard University; S. Oh (Co-I), OSU College of Social Work</p>
<p><b>Principal Investigator</b> June 2022–June 2023</p>	<p><i>Supporting Culturally Responsive Human Services in Central Ohio: A Multicomponent Training Project. <b>Funded By: OSU Outreach and Engagement (\$20,000).</b></i> Collaborators: **S. Pyakurel (Co-I), Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio; *S. Raut (Co-I) &amp; *J. Kirsch (Co-I), OSU College of Social Work</p>
<p><b>Principal Investigator</b> June 2022–May 2024</p>	<p><i>The Afghan Community Project: Mapping Refugee Resettlement and Inclusion Apparatus in Central Ohio. <b>Funded By: OSU College of Social Work Community Engaged Research Pilot Grant (\$30,000) and The Columbus Foundation (10,000).</b></i> Collaborators: S. Karandikar (Co-PI), *J. Kirsch (Co-I), OSU College of Social Work; Y. Kim (Co-I), Louisiana State University, **Mansuri, S., **Zarghoon, A., **Shejad A. **Klinger, G., **Dada, S. &amp; **Gossman, C., Community Refugee and Immigration Services</p>
<p><b>Co-Investigator</b> May 2022-August 2022</p>	<p><i>A Photo Voice Project for Tuberculosis Education and Awareness among the Asian Community in Central Ohio. <b>Funded By: TB Community Engagement Network (\$11,620).</b></i> Collaborators: Wang, S. (PI), The Ohio State University College of Medicine, **Jibou, K. (Co-PI), Asian American Community Services</p>
<p><b>Principal Investigator</b> November 2020–July 2022</p>	<p><i>The BRAVE Project: Exploring the Role of Community-Based Initiatives on Refugee Youth Engagement and Perceived Sense of Belonging in the COVID-19 Context. <b>Funded By: OSU Outreach &amp; Engagement Grant Award (\$10,000); Dean's Seed Funding, College of Social Work, The Ohio State University (\$3,919).</b></i> Collaborators: *H. Haran (Co-I); **S. Pyakurel (Co-I), Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio</p>
<p><b>Co-Investigator</b> December 2020–December 2022</p>	<p><i>Bridging the Digital Divide: A Collaborative Exploration of the Bhutanese Community Response to COVID-19. <b>Funded By: The Ohio State University, Office of Research Competitive Seed Grant for Racial Justice: \$50,000.</b></i> Collaborators: J. Cohen (PI), OSU Department of Anthropology; **S. Pyakurel (Co-I), Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio; T. Suzuki, Denison University (Co-I); F. Montiel Ishino (Co-I), National Institutes of Health</p>
<p><b>Co-Principal Investigator</b> January 2020–January 2022</p>	<p><i>Precarious Work &amp; Mental Well-Being in New Spaces: A Transformative Mixed Methods Study among Bhutanese Refugees in Central Ohio. <b>Funded By: Institute for Population Research NIH Center Grant P2CHD058484, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (\$45,652).</b></i> Collaborators: M. Dutta (PI), OSU Department of Geography; B. Subedi (Co-PI), OSU College of Education and Human Ecology</p>
<p><b>Principal Investigator</b> May 2017–January 2018</p>	<p><i>The New Americans Project: Mapping the Human Service Landscape in Central Ohio. <b>Funded By: The City Council of Columbus, Ohio (\$40,000).</b></i> Collaborators: N. Kagotho (Co-PI), S. Karandikar (Co-I), C. Mengo (Co-I), OSU College of Social Work</p>
<p><b>Co-Principal Investigator</b> May 2017–November 2018</p>	<p><i>Building Community Resilience through a Culturally Responsive Leadership Development Program: A Community-Based Participatory Research Project. <b>Funded By: The Columbus Foundation, United Way of Columbus, &amp; The Ohio State University Office of Outreach and Engagement (Connect and Collaborate Grant Program, \$34,600).</b></i> Collaborators: B. Subedi (Co-PI),</p>

College of Education & Human Ecology; \*\*S. Pyakurel (Co-I), Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio

**Principal Investigator**  
August 2017–July 2018

*From Surviving Earthquake Vulnerability to Building Community Resilience in Nepal: A Community-Based Participatory Research Study. **Funded By: Faculty Academic Enrichment Grant, Office of International Affairs, The Ohio State University (\$5,000)***

**Principal Investigator**  
July 2017–June 2018

*Migration, Collective Identity, & Evidence of Impact: Mapping Nepali Diaspora Engagement in the Post-Earthquake Era. **Funded By: The Global Mobility Project, The Ohio State University (\$3,000)***

**Principal Investigator**  
October 2017–October 2020

*Drawing the Line of Mental Health Risk & Resilience among Bhutanese Refugees in Ohio: A Cultural Cartography of Migration & Mobility. **Funded By: OKURA Mental Health Scholarship, Asian and Pacific Islander Social Workers Association, Council on Social Work Education (\$7,000)***  
Collaborator: Y. Kim (Co-I), Louisiana State University

**Co-Principal Investigator**  
August 2019–July 2022

*Financial Empowerment for African Refugees in Baton Rouge: A Healing-Centered Approach. **Funded By: Louisiana State University Seed Grant (\$7,500).*** Collaborator: Y. Kim (PI), Louisiana State University

## **OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS & SUPPORT**

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**Principal Investigator**  
January 2022–January 2023

*Pandemic Othering: A Study of Asian Experiences during COVID-19 in the United States. **Supported By: OSU College of Social Work; Baylor University; Arizona State University (\$6,000).*** Collaborators: Um, M.Y. (Co-I), Arizona State University, Y. Kim (Co-I), Louisiana State University; M. Lee (Co-I), The Ohio State University; S. Moon (Co-I), Baylor University; M. Yu (Co-I), University of Missouri

**Principal Investigator**  
January 2022–January 2024

*Just Research: Exploring Anti-Racist and Anti-Oppressive Research Practice in Social Work. **Supported By: Society for Social Work and Research (\$9,800).*** Conducted under the auspices of the SSWR Research Capacity and Development Committee

**Principal Investigator**  
November 2020–November 2021

*The Missing Counselor Project: Building & Supporting Mental Health Care Capacity in Nepal in the COVID-19 Context. **Supported By: College of Social Work, The Ohio State University (\$1,700).*** Collaborators: \*J. Kirsch (Co-I); \*S. Raut (Co-I)

**Co-Investigator**  
June 2020–December 2020

*Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Mental Health and Health Behaviors among University Students. Collaborators: Y. Kim (PI), Louisiana State University; M. Um (Co-I), Arizona State University; S. Moon (Co-I), Baylor University; M. Yu (Co-I), University of Missouri*

**Co-Principal Investigator**  
December 2017–May 2018

*Exploring Post-Migration Risk & Resilience among African Refugees in Baton Rouge: A Community-Based Participatory Research Project. **Supported By: Ohio State University College of Social Work & Louisiana State University School of Social Work (\$6,000).*** Collaborator: Y. Kim (PI), Louisiana State University

## OTHER GRANT ACTIVITIES

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<b>Co-Investigator</b> (Submitted: October 2022, Not Funded)	<i>Asian and Pacific Islander Cohort Study of Ohio: Comparing Health Outcomes among Refugee and Immigrant Subpopulations.</i> Submitted to: National Institutes of Health (UG3/UH3). Collaborators: S. Wang (PI), Diaz (MPI), S. Ing (MPI), P. Singh (Co-I), C. Nguyen (Co-I), D.J. Lee (Co-I), Pan, X (Co-I), College of Medicine, The Ohio State University (\$3,940,805)
<b>Principal Investigator</b> (Submitted: October 2022, Reviewed and Scored, Not Funded)	<i>Building Civic Infrastructure &amp; Capacity to Address Suicide Prevention among Bhutanese Refugees: A Collective Impact Study.</i> Submitted to: Corporation for National and Community Service, Community Conversations Research, CFDA Number: 94.026. C. R. Quinn (Co-PI), N. Kagotho (Co-I), B. Subedi (Co-I), and **S. Pyakurel (Co-I) (\$199,951)
<b>Co-Principal Investigator</b> (Submitted August 2021, Not Funded)	<i>Correlates of Income Support Strategies and Health Equity among Immigrants and Refugees with Lower English Proficiency: A Multisite Study.</i> Submitted to: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Collaborators: Y. Lim (Co-PI), University of Mississippi; Y. Kim (Co-I), Louisiana State University; N. Kagotho (Co-I), The Ohio State University (\$246,852)
<b>Co-Principal Investigator</b> (Submitted August 2021, Not Funded)	<i>Project Panchavati: Engaged Research and Equitable Pathways to Success and Opportunity for Bhutanese Refugee Youth.</i> Submitted to: William T. Grant Foundation. Collaborators: J. H. Cohen (PI), OSU Department of Anthropology; **S. Pyakurel (Co-I), Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio; Taku Suzuki, Denison University (Co-I); F. A. Montiel Ishino, National Institutes of Health (Co-I) (\$600,956)
<b>Principal Investigator</b> (Submitted August 2021, Not Funded)	<i>Social Network Structures, Immigrant Integration &amp; Quality of Life in the United States: A Mixed Methods Study.</i> Submitted to: Russell Sage Foundation (Letter of Intent). Collaborators: Y. Kim (Co-PI), Louisiana State University; J. Lee (Co-I), Duke University (\$168,680)
<b>Principal Investigator</b> (Submitted May 2020, Not Funded)	<i>Mechanisms of Community-Based Initiatives on Bhutanese Refugee Resilience &amp; Inclusion in the COVID-19 Context: A Transformative Mixed Methods Study.</i> Submitted to: Russell Sage Foundation. Collaborators: T. Betancourt (Co-I), Boston College; **S. Pyakurel (Co-I), Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio (\$172,983)
<b>Co-Investigator</b> (Submitted February 2019, Not Funded)	<i>Mindfulness-Centered Health Coaching for Fibromyalgia: Preliminary Study.</i> Submitted to: National Institutes of Health (R34). Collaborators: Kevin V. Hackshaw (PI), College of Medicine, The Ohio State University (\$702,000).
<b>Co-Investigator</b> (Submitted November 2018, Not Funded)	<i>A Point-of-Care Solution for Addressing Unmet Social Needs of Patients.</i> Submitted to: National Institutes of Health (R21). Collaborators: M. Donneyoung (PI), College of Pharmacy, The Ohio State University (\$250,000)
<b>Co-Investigator</b> (Submitted May 2017, Not Funded)	<i>Comparing Effects of Integrated Behavioral Healthcare Models on Diverse Patient Outcomes.</i> Submitted to: Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute. Collaborators: T. Davis (PI) and W. Xu (Co-I) (\$250,000)

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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1. \*Kirsch, J., \*Haran, H., & Maleku, A. (2023). "Every crisis is a time for an opportunity": Immigrant-refugee leadership perspectives in the COVID-19 era. *Journal of Progressive Human Services*. [In Press]

2. Um, M. Y., Hatch, E., **Maleku, A.**, & Arroyo Portillo, M. (2023). Can technology heal the invisible wall? Exploring mobile application needs and preferences among North Korean refugees in South Korea. *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal*. [In Press]
3. \*Phillips, R., \*Beer, O., & **Maleku, A.** (2023). Conceptualizing and operationalizing community resilience: A systematic scoping review. *Community Development. Journal of the Community Development Society*. [In Press]
4. \*Kirsch, J., \*Raut, S., \*Alvarez Padilla, Y., & **Maleku, A.** (2023) The forgotten human services sector: Leadership narratives of immigrant- and refugee-led community-based ethnic organizations. *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership & Governance*, DOI: 10.1080/23303131.2023.2178990
5. **Maleku, A.**, Subedi, B., Kim, Y. K., \*Haran, H., & \*\*Pyakurel, S. (2022). Toward Healing-Centered Engagement to Address Mental Well-Being among Young Bhutanese-Nepali Refugee Women in the United States: Findings from the Cultural Leadership Project. *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work*, DOI: 10.1080/15313204.2022.2161684.
6. **Maleku, A.**, Kim, Y., \*Kirsch, J., Um, M., \*Haran, H., Moon, S., & Yu, M. (2022). The hidden minority: Discrimination and mental health among international students in the US during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Health & Social Care in the Community*, 30(5), e2419–e2432.
7. Cohen, J.F., **Maleku, A.**, \*\*Pyakurel, S., Suzuki, T., \*Raut, S., Montiel Ishino, F.A. (2022). Exploring the digital divide among the Bhutanese Refugee Community during COVID-19: Engaged Research in Action. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19, 16854. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph192416854>
8. Waller, B. Y., **Maleku, A.**, Quinn, C. R., Barman-Adhikari, A., Traube, D., & Bellamy, J. L. (2022). Just research: Advancing antiracist and antioppressive social work research. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 13(4). <https://doi.org/10.1086/722974>
9. Um, M., **Maleku, A.**, \*Haran, H., Kim, Y. K., Yu, M., & Moon, S. (2022). Mask-wearing and self-harming thoughts among international students in the United States during COVID-19: The moderating role of discrimination. *Journal of American College Health*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07448481.2022.2103378>
10. Kim, Y., Yu, M., Moon, S., **Maleku, A.**, Um, M., & \*Tefera, G. M. (2022). Sociodemographic characteristics, preventive behaviors & the mental health status of social work students during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Social Work in Mental Health*, 20(5), 578–603.
11. **Maleku, A.**, \*Soukenik, E., \*Haran, H., \*Kirsch, J., & \*\*Pyakurel, S. (2022). Conceptualizing mental health through the Bhutanese refugee lens: Findings from a mixed methods study. *Community Mental Health Journal*, 58(2), 376–393.
12. **Maleku, A.**, \*Phillips, R., Um, M., Kagotho, N., \*Lee, G., & \*Coxe, K. (2022). The phenomenon of spiritual homelessness in transnational spaces among international students in the United States. *Population, Space, and Place*, 28(2), e2470.
13. Kim, Y., Moon, S., Yu, M., Um, M., **Maleku, A.**, Kehinde, O., & Pooler, D. (2022). The perfect storm? COVID-19 and substance use amongst social work students in the USA. *The British Journal of Social Work*, 52(5), 2854–2874.
14. Kim, Y. K., **Maleku, A.**, Lim, Y., Kagotho, N., Scott, J., & \*Ketchum, M. (2022). Financial challenges and capacity among African refugees in the southern United States: A study of socio-demographic differences. *The British Journal of Social Work*, 52 (3), 1529–1551.

15. \*Soukenik, E., \*Haran, H., \*Kirsch, J., \*\*Pyakurel, S., & **Maleku, A.** (2022). Barriers and facilitators of mental health service utilization among Bhutanese refugees in the USA: Findings from a mixed methods study. *The British Journal of Social Work*, 52(3), 1552-1576.
16. Lim, Y., Kim, Y. K., **Maleku, A.**, \*Conner, A, Lee, N. Y., & Yang, M. (2022). The phenomenon of repeat payday borrowing in the United States: Assessing risk and protective factors among the financially vulnerable. *The British Journal of Social Work*, 52(4), 2125–2145.
17. **Maleku, A.**, Kim, Y. K., Kagotho, N., & Lim, Y. (2021). Expanding the transformative explanatory sequential mixed methods design archetype in a cross-cultural context: The polemics of African refugee livelihoods in places of resettlement. *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*, 15(2), 212–239.
18. **Maleku, A.**, \*España, M., Jarrott, S., Karandikar, S., & Parekh, R. (2021). We are aging too! The social impact of late-life migration on the health and well-being of older immigrants. *Journal of Immigrants and Refugees Studies*, 20(3), 365–382.
19. Subedi, B., & **Maleku, A.** (2021). Bhutanese–Nepali young women’s experiences with racism inside and outside of schools. *Educational Studies Journal*, 57(2), 142–165.
20. Dabelko-Schoeny, H., **Maleku, A.**, Cao, Q., \*White, K., & \*Ozbilen, B. (2021). “We want to go, but there are no options”: Exploring barriers and facilitators of transportation among diverse older adults. *Journal of Transport and Health*, 20, 100994.
21. Um, M., **Maleku, A.**, \*Rios-Richardson, R., & Rice, E. (2021). A multidimensional examination of psychological distress among Latina mothers with and without HIV. *Social Work in Public Health*, 36(7–8), 806–819.
22. \*Cao, Q., Dabelko-Schoeny, H., White, K., **Maleku, A.**, & Sheldone, M. (2021). “I wanna help, but my hands can be a little tied”: The challenges and benefits of formal volunteering among low-income diverse older adults. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 64(4), 388–404.
23. **Maleku, A.**, Kagotho, N., \*Baaklini, V., \*Filburn, C., Karandikar, S., & Mengo, C. (2020). The human service landscape in the midwestern U.S.: A mixed methods study of human service equity among the New American population. *The British Journal of Social Work*, 50(1), 195–221. [Editor’s Choice Article]
24. Kagotho, N., **Maleku, A.**, \*Baaklini, V., Karandikar, S., & Mengo, C. (2020). Substance use, service provision, access & utilization among foreign-born communities in the United States: A mixed methods study. *Substance Use and Misuse*, 55(12), 2043–2054.
25. Kim, Y. K., Lim, Y., **Maleku, A.**, Kagotho, N., & Kang, M. Y. (2020). Financial stress and depression among African refugees in the southern United States: A serial multiple mediation analysis of financial self-efficacy and financial anxiety. *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies*, 18(2), 151–171.
26. **Maleku, A.**, Kim, Y. K., & \*Lee, G. (2019). Social cohesion & immigrant health: Does language efficacy matter? *International Journal of Migration, Health, and Social Care*, 15(1), 17–30.
27. Kim, Y., **Maleku, A.**, Lemieux, C., \*Du, X., & \*Chen, Z. (2019). Behavioral health risk and resilience among international students in the United States: A study of socio-demographic differences. *Journal of International Students*, 9(1), 282–305.
28. Kim, Y, Kim, Y., **Maleku, A.**, & Moon, S. (2019). Typologies of peer victimization, depression, and alcohol use among high school youth in the United States: Measuring gender differences. *Social Work in Public Health*, 34(4), 293–306.
29. Pillai, V., & **Maleku, A.** (2019). Women’s education and child stunting in India. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 46(3), 111–130.

30. Parekh, R., **Maleku, A.**, Fields, N., Adorno, G., Schuman, D., & Felderhoff, B. (2018). Pathways to age-friendly communities in diverse urban neighborhoods: Do social capital and social cohesion matter? *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 61(5), 492–512.
31. Smith-Osborne, A., **Maleku, A.**, & \*\*Morgan, S. (2017). Impact of applied suicide intervention skills training on resilience & suicide risk in the Army Reserve. *Traumatology*, 23(1), 49–55.
32. Pillai, V. K., Wang, Y., & **Maleku, A.** (2017). Women, war, and reproductive health in developing countries. *Social Work in Health Care*, 56(1), 28–44.
33. **Maleku, A.**, & Pillai, V. K. (2016). Antenatal care in Nepal: A socio-ecological perspective. *Healthcare for Women International*, 37(4), 496–515.
34. Dumars, T., Bolton, K. W., **Maleku, A.**, & Smith-Osborne, A. (2015). Training MSSW students for military social work practice and doctoral students in military resilience research. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 51(1), S117–S127.
35. **Maleku, A.**, & Aguirre, R. (2014). Culturally competent healthcare from the immigrant lens: A qualitative interpretive meta-synthesis. *Social Work in Public Health*, 29(6), 561–580.
36. Small, E., Suzuki, R., & **Maleku, A.** (2014). The impact of family and parental education on adolescents' substance use: A study of U.S. high school seniors. *Social Work in Public Health*, 29(6), 594–605.
37. Pillai, V. K., & **Maleku, A.** (2013). Reproductive health & social development in developing countries: Changes & inter-relationships. *The British Journal of Social Work*, 45(3), 842–860. [Editor's Choice Article]
38. Pillai, V. K., **Maleku, A.**, & Wei, F. (2013). Maternal mortality and female literacy rates in developing countries, 1970 to 2000: A latent growth curve analysis. *International Journal of Population Research*, 2013, 163292.
39. Pillai, V., Wei Fang-Hsun, & **Maleku, A.** (2013). International non-governmental organizations in Latin America and social capital: An empirical case study. *Sage Open*, 3(4).
40. Wei, F. H., Pillai, V., & **Maleku, A.** (2013). Sanitation in India: Role of women's education. *Health Science Journal*, 8(1), 90–101.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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1. **Maleku, A.**, Kim, Y., \*Haran, H., \*Kirsch, J., Scott, J. & \*\*Sesay, D. "System apathetic at best!" Exploring Multi-Level Barriers and Facilitators for Refugee Inclusion in the U.S. *Journal of Immigrants and Refugee Studies*. [Under Review]
2. **Maleku, A.**, Kim, Y., Chun, J. S., Um, M. Y., Canfield, J., Ifeolu, D., Moon, S., & Yu, M. Depression and health risk behavior constellations during COVID-19: A moderated mediation analysis of mask-wearing. *Social Work in Public Health*. [Under Review]
3. \*Kirsch, J., **Maleku, A.**, \*Alvarez Padilla, Y., \*Haran, H., & \*Raut, S. "Just because we talk with an accent does not mean we think with one": Reimagining immigrant and refugee leadership in the United States. *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*. [Under Review]
4. Moon, S. S., Zhao, Q., Pooler, D., Kim, Y. K., **Maleku, A.**, Um, M. Y., & Yu, M. Marijuana use among college students after the COVID pandemic: A classification and regression tree modeling. *Addictive Behaviors*. [Under Review]



5. \*Haran, H., \*Alvarez Padilla, Y., \*Kirsch, J., & **Arati, M.** "It's not just finding them a job," Reimagining meaningful employment and economic inclusion among forced migrants: Narratives from service providers. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*. [Under Review]

## **PUBLIC IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP & DISSEMINATION**

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1. **Maleku, A.**, & \*\*Pyakurel, S. (2022). *Mental well-being among the Bhutanese refugee community*. The Ohio State University College of Social Work. <https://csw.osu.edu/mentalwellbeing/>
2. **Maleku, A.**, \*Haran, H., \*\*Sharma, P., \*\*Acharya, U., & \*Crook, H. (2021). *Women of knowledge and empowerment evaluation report*. The Ohio State University College of Social Work.
3. **Maleku, A.** (2021, August 3). *An urgent social work call to action for global COVID-19 vaccine equity #EndGlobalVaccineApartheid*. Society for Social Work and Research. <https://secure.sswr.org/an-urgent-social-work-call-to-action-for-global-covid-19-vaccine-equity-endglobalvaccineapartheid/>
4. **Maleku, A.** (2021, May). *Policy brief: COVID-19 vaccine equity for Nepal*. Nepal Rising. [https://nepalrising.org/ckfiles/userfiles/files/NR\\_Policy\\_Brief\\_May\\_2021.pdf](https://nepalrising.org/ckfiles/userfiles/files/NR_Policy_Brief_May_2021.pdf)
5. **Maleku, A.** (2021, May 6). *Open letter to the White House: COVID-19 support for Nepal*. Nepal Rising. <https://nepalrising.org/page/covid-wh-petition?fbclid=IwAR0spBvFgsNBdWf5Tsn36sSLmRjzuvCz8uTif428KPJ5A6qtlvZqIDIFb3c>
6. **Maleku, A.**, Wu, S., & Mangalang, D. (2021, April 23). *Social work's call to action against pandemic othering and anti-Asian racism*. Society for Social Work and Research and Council on Social Work Education. <https://secure.sswr.org/social-works-call-to-action-against-pandemic-othering-anti-asian-racism/>
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8. **Maleku, A.** (2019, July). *The practice of hope: Participatory models with communities & organizations*. Council on Social Work Education, Center for Diversity and Social & Economic Justice. [https://www.cswe.org/getdoc/1799c84d-8195-48be-bebb-8be55b880e23/July-2019-\(1\).aspx](https://www.cswe.org/getdoc/1799c84d-8195-48be-bebb-8be55b880e23/July-2019-(1).aspx)
9. **Maleku, A.**, Subedi, B., & \*\*Pyakurel, S. (2018, November). *Toward healing-centered engagement to address mental well-being among young Bhutanese refugee women: Findings from cultural leadership project*. The Ohio State University, College of Social Work. [https://csw.osu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2019-11-November\\_Cultural-Leadership-Project.pdf](https://csw.osu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2019-11-November_Cultural-Leadership-Project.pdf)
10. **Maleku, A.**, Kagotho, N., Karandikar, S., Mengo, C., Freisthler, B., \*Baaklini, V., & \*Filbrun, C. (2018, January). *The New Americans Project: Assessing the human service landscape in Central Ohio*. The Ohio State University, College of Social Work. [https://csw.osu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/New-Americans-Project\\_Research-Report-January-2018.pdf](https://csw.osu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/New-Americans-Project_Research-Report-January-2018.pdf)
11. **Maleku, A.** (2014, September). *Human migration in the 21st century: Implications for the social work profession* [Podcast]. inSocialWork Podcast Series. <http://www.insocialwork.org/episode.asp?ep=151>

## **BOOK CHAPTERS & REVIEWS**

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(\*denotes student collaborator, \*\*denotes community collaborator)

1. **Maleku, A.**, \*Raut, S. & Kagotho, N. (2023). Gender and the Sustainable Development Goals: Envisioning a Transformative Social Work Agenda. Chapter 6. In Androff, D. (Ed). *Social Work and the Sustainable Development Goals*. [In Press] (Invited).

2. Subedi, B., **Maleku, A.**, & \*\*Pyakurel, S. (2019). Culturally responsive leadership development project for mental health & resilience: A case of Bhutanese-Nepali refugee young women in Central Ohio. In R. M. Lowery, M. Oslick, & R. Pringle (Eds.), *Immigrant experiences: Expanding the school-home-community dialogue* (pp. 39–56). Rowman and Littlefield. [Invited]
3. **Maleku, A.**, & Hoefler, R. (2017). Policy and practice engagement of social work faculty in the U.S. In J. Gal & I. W. Gal (Eds.), *Where academia and policy meet: A cross-national perspective on the involvement of social work academics in social policy* (pp. 221–242). Policy Press at the University of Bristol. [Invited]
4. Nagoshi, C., & **Maleku, A.** (2017). Gender dysphoria. In A. Wenzel (Ed.), *The Sage Encyclopedia of abnormal and clinical psychology* (pp. 1531–1533). Sage. [Refereed/Juried]
5. Pillai, V. K., Wang, Y., & **Maleku, A.** (2017). Adolescent issues in India: Towards a rights-based approach. In A. Cherry, V. Baltag, & M. E. Dillon (Eds.), *International handbook on adolescent health and development: The public health response* (pp. 449–460). Springer. [Invited]
6. **Maleku, A.** (2013). Global health disparities: Closing the gap through good governance by Enku Kebede-Francis. *Social Development Issues*, 35(1), 87–90. [Book Review]

## **PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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1. \*Raut, S., **Maleku, A.**, Cohen, J., \*\*Pyakurel, S., Montiel Ishino, F., & Suzuki, T. (2023, January). *Re-framing the digital divide during COVID-19: A study of Bhutanese refugees in the U.S.* [Oral Presentation]. 2023 Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
2. \*Kirsch, J., Mendoza, N., & **Maleku, A.** (2023, January). *Patterns and proximity of social network structures in new spaces among young Bhutanese refugee women: What do ecomaps tell us?* [Poster Presentation]. 2023 Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
3. \*Kirsch, J., \*Raut, S., \*Padilla, Y. A., & **Maleku, A.** (2023, January). *The forgotten human services sector: Leadership narratives of immigrant- and refugee-led community-based ethnic organizations* [Oral Presentation]. 2023 Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
4. \*Raut, S., \*Kirsch, J., & **Maleku, A.** (2023, January). *Multilevel barriers and facilitators of mental health services: Narratives from Nepal* [Oral Presentation]. 2023 Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
5. \*Haran, H., Kim, Y. K., Touni, B., & **Maleku, A.** (2023, January). *Resettlement stressors, cultural resilience and mental health among African refugees: Findings from a mixed methods study* [Poster Presentation]. 2023 Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
6. Rao, S., \*Raut, S., \*Doherty, F., & **Maleku, A.** (2023, January). *Correlates of sociodemographic factors and community disaster preparedness in Nuwakot: Lived experiences from the 2015 Nepal earthquake* [Oral Presentation]. 2023 Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
7. **Maleku, A.**, & Kim, Y. K. (2022, April). Resettlement stressors, cultural resilience and mental health among African refugees: Findings from a mixed methods study [Oral Symposium Presentation]. 2022 Life Paths Resilience Conference (Virtual).
8. \*Haran, H., & **Maleku, A.** (2022, January). *Refugee youth engagement and perceived sense of belonging: Impact of community-based initiative among Bhutanese refugee youth in the COVID-19 context* [Poster presentation]. 2022 Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC.

9. \*Kirsch, J., & **Maleku, A.** (2022, January). *Exploring community perceptions of mental health and the state of mental health services in Toledo, Belize* [Oral presentation]. 2022 Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC.
10. Um, M., **Maleku, A.**, \*Hanna, H., & Kim, Y. (2022, January). *Discrimination and self-harming thoughts among international students in the United States during COVID-19: The role of mask-wearing* [Poster presentation]. 2022 Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC.
11. \*Kirsch, J., \*Haran, H., & **Maleku, A.** (2022, January). *Every crisis is a time for an opportunity”: Immigrant-refugee leadership perspectives in the COVID-19 era* [Oral presentation]. 2022 Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC.
12. \*Kirsch, J., \*Haran, H., Um, M., Kim, Y., & **Maleku, A.** (2022, January). *The hidden minority: Discrimination and mental health among international students in the US during the COVID-19 pandemic* [Oral presentation]. 2022 Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC.
13. \*Kirsch, J., \*Raut, S., & **Maleku, A.** (2022, January). *Building mental healthcare capacity of mental health professionals in Nepal: Findings from the missing counselor project during COVID-19* [Oral presentation]. 2022 Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC.
14. \*Kirsch, J., \*Haran, H., & **Maleku, A.** (2021, October). *Immigrant-refugee leadership during COVID-19: A qualitative exploration of community-based ethnic organizations* [Oral presentation]. 2021 CSWE Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
15. \*Kirsch, J., \*Raut, S., & **Maleku, A.** (2021, October). *The Missing Counselor Project: Findings from a mental health capacity building project in Nepal* [Oral presentation]. 2021 CSWE Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
16. Kim, Y., Yu, M., Moon, S., **Maleku, A.**, & Um, M. (2021, October). *Impact of COVID-19 on the mental health of social work students* [Oral presentation]. 2021 CSWE Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
17. \*Haran, H., \*Kirsch, J., \*Soukenik, E., & **Maleku, A.** (2021, October). *Mental health service utilization among Bhutanese refugees: Findings from a mixed-methods study* [E-poster session]. 2021 CSWE Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
18. Kagotho, N., Biswas B., Halaas, B., & **Maleku, A.** (2021, January 21). *From strangers to neighbors: Strategies towards building inclusive refugee-immigrant communities* [Live roundtable discussion] 2021 Society for Social Work and Research Virtual Conference.
19. **Maleku, A.**, Kim, Y. K., Kagotho, N., & Lim, Y. (2021, January 21). *Advancing the repertoire of transformative sequential explanatory mixed methods design in a cross-cultural context: an illustrative study of African refugees in the southern U.S.* [Presentation]. 2021 Society for Social Work and Research Virtual Conference.
20. **Maleku, A.**, \*Kirsch, J., Um, M. Y., Kim, Y. K., & \*\*Pyakurel, S. (2021, January). *Understanding mental health & culturally responsive mental health interventions among Bhutanese refugees in the United States: A systematic scoping review* [Poster presentation]. 2021 Society for Social Work Research Virtual Conference.
21. **Maleku, A.**, Kagotho, N., Karandikar, S., & Kirsch, J. (2020, November). *The social impact of migration on immigrant women: (Re) positioning feminization of migration* [Presentation]. Council on Social Work Education Virtual Conference.
22. **Maleku, A.**, Scott, J., Kim, Y., & Haran, H. (2020, November). *“System apathetic at best!” Multi-level barriers and facilitators of African refugee inclusion* [On-demand presentation]. Council on Social Work Education Virtual Conference.

23. **Maleku, A.**, Kim, Y. K., Shrestha, S., & Subedi, P. (2020, June). *Our school is the epicenter of our lives: Findings from an arts-based inquiry among adolescent earthquake survivors in post-earthquake Nepal* [Oral presentation]. 2020 Joint World Conference on Social Work Education and Social Development. [Conference Canceled Due to COVID-19]
24. **Maleku, A.**, Kim, Y., Kagotho, N., & Lim, Y. (2020, January). *The financial polemics of African refugee livelihoods in places of resettlement: A mixed methods inquiry of financial stress, financial literacy, and financial self-efficacy in the southern U.S.* [Presentation]. 2020 Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC.
25. \*McCloskey, R., \*España, M., & **Maleku, A.** (2019, November). *Application of social determinants of health framework in immigrant health research: A systematic scoping review* [Presentation]. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Philadelphia, PA.
26. **Maleku, A.**, \*España, M., Karandikar, S., Kagotho, N., Parekh, R., & Jarrott, S. (2019, November). *The social determinants of late-life migration in the U.S.: Findings from the New Americans Project* [Poster presentation]. Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Austin, TX.
27. Kim, Y. K., **Maleku, A.**, Lim, Y., Kagotho, N., & Scott, J. (2019, October). *Socioeconomic differences in financial behaviors among African refugees in the southern United States* [Presentation]. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.
28. **Maleku, A.**, Kagotho, N., Karandikar, S., & España, M. (2019, July). *Social inclusion & immigrant integration efforts in the mid-western United States: Findings from the New American Research Project* [Presentation]. International Conference of International Consortium for Social Development, Universitas Gadjah Mada Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
29. **Maleku, A.**, Kagotho, N., Karandikar, S., Mengo, C., & \*Baaklini, V. (2019, January). *The role of human services in immigrant integration in an urban space: Findings from the New Americans Project* [Presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Francisco, CA.
30. **Maleku, A.**, \*Phillips, R., Kagotho, N., Subedi, B., & \*\*Pyakurel, S. (2019, January). *Not born a refugee: An arts-based inquiry of intersectional experiences of young Bhutanese refugee women on identity, community & well-being* [E-poster presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Francisco, CA.
31. \*Phillips, R., \*Beer, O., & **Maleku, A.** (2019, January). *Conceptualizing and operationalizing community resilience: A scoping review of the social & health sciences literature* [Presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Francisco, CA.
32. Kagotho, N., **Maleku, A.**, Karandikar, S., \*Phillips, R., \*Beer, O., & Mengo, C. (2018, October). *Feminization of migration: Contesting identities and disrupting gender norms* [Presentation]. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, San Diego, CA.
33. \*Phillips, R., **Maleku, A.**, & Subedi, B. (2018, November). *Building community resilience among young Bhutanese refugee women in a mid-western city in the U.S.: Findings from a culturally responsive leadership project* [Roundtable session]. American Public Health Association Conference, San Diego, CA.
34. Kim, Y., Lim, Y., & **Maleku, A.** (2018, November). *Financial stressors and depression among new refugees: A case of the southern US* [Presentation]. Council on Social Work Education Annual Public Meeting, Orlando, FL.
35. **Maleku, A.**, Kim, Y. K., & \*Lee, G. (2018, January). *Does English language efficacy affect social cohesion and healthcare utilization among immigrants in the U.S.? Testing mediation effects* [E-poster presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC.

36. \*Lee, G., **Maleku, A.**, & Parekh, R. (2018, January). *The well-being of Asian immigrants in the United States: An intersectional analysis* [E-poster presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC.
37. **Maleku, A.**, & Pillai, V. K. (2018, January). *Stunting in India: What does women's empowerment have to do with it?* [E-poster presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC.
38. **Maleku, A.**, Kagotho, N., Karandikar, S., & Mengo, C. (2018, August). *Social inclusion & immigrant integration efforts in a mid-western urban city in the U.S.: Examining the findings from the New Americans Research Project through intersectionality & capability approaches* [Paper presentation]. Human Development and Capability Association Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
39. **Maleku, A.**, & Pillai, V. K. (2017, January). *The social determinants of immigrant well-being: An intersectional analysis* [E-poster presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, New Orleans, LA.
40. Hoefler, R., & **Maleku, A.** (2017, January). *Policy and practice engagements of social work academics* [E-poster presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, New Orleans, LA.
41. **Maleku, A.**, & Pillai, V. K. (2016, October). *The overlapping effects of structural vulnerability among immigrants in the United States* [Poster presentation]. Council on Social Work Education Conference, Atlanta, GA.
42. **Maleku, A.**, Sharma, B. B., & Small, E. (2015, January). *Identity & intersections: A phenomenological examination among international students in the United States* [Poster presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, New Orleans, LA.
43. **Maleku, A.**, Sharma, B., & Kim, Y. (2015, January). *The question of social justice in social work: A systematic examination* [Paper presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, New Orleans, LA.
44. **Maleku, A.**, Preble, K., & Wallace, C. (2015, January). *The language of health equity: A transdisciplinary approach to increasing equity in population health* [Poster presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, New Orleans, LA.
45. **Maleku, A.**, Ando, S., & Kim, Y. (2014, October). *Spiritual homelessness: A phenomenological examination of lived experience among international students in the U.S.* [Paper presentation]. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL.
46. Kim, Y., **Maleku, A.**, & Sharma, B. (2014, October). *Building a paradigm for social work and social justice: A systematic review* [Paper presentation]. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL.
47. **Maleku, A.**, Sharma, B., & Pillai, V. (2014, January). *Reproductive health and social development in developing countries: A latent growth curve analysis* [Paper presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Antonio, TX.
48. Sharma, B., **Maleku, A.**, & Nikolova, S. (2014, January). *Internally displaced children, data inconsistency, and methodological implications: A case of Nepal* [Paper presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Antonio, TX.
49. **Maleku, A.**, & Sharma, B. (2013, October). *Gendered patterns of healthcare utilization: A case of California* [Poster presentation]. Council on Social Work Education Conference, Dallas, TX.
50. Elliott, D., & **Maleku, A.** (2013, October). *Human migration in the 21st century: Implications for social work* [Paper presentation]. Council on Social Work Education Conference, Dallas, TX.

51. **Maleku, A.** (2013, March). *Does female literacy reduce maternal mortality? Findings from a latent growth curve analysis* [Paper presentation]. Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX.
52. **Maleku, A.** (2013, February). *Culturally competent healthcare from the immigrant lens: Findings from a Q.I.M.S. study* [Paper presentation]. 2013 Cultural Competence Conference, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Manoa, HI.
53. **Maleku, A., & Aguirre, R. T. P.** (2012, December). *Culturally competent healthcare through the immigrant lens* [Poster presentation]. 2012 Summit on the Science of Eliminating Health Disparities: Building a Healthier Society Integrating Science, Policy, and Practice, Bethesda, MD.
54. Small, E., Suzuki, R., & **Maleku, A.** (2012, December). *Socio-contextual determinants of adolescent well-being: Ethnic variations and substance use* [Poster presentation]. Summit on the Science of Eliminating Health Disparities: Building a Healthier Society Integrating Science, Policy, and Practice, Bethesda, MD.
55. **Maleku, A., & Pillai, V.** (2012, October). *Antenatal care inequities in Nepal: Does geography matter?* [Paper presentation]. Seventh Annual Himalayan Policy Conference: A Focus on S.A.A.R.C. Countries, Nepal Study Center, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.
56. **Maleku, A., & Pillai, V.** (2012, September). *Inequities in antenatal care in Nepal: An ecological perspective* [Paper presentation]. 41st Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX.
57. **Maleku, A., Barnett, T., & Kim, Y. J.** (2012, March). *Theorizing in the Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work* [Poster presentation]. Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX.

## **INVITED PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS**

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1. Guest Speaker: Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Employee Resource Group. College of Medicine, The Ohio State University, April 25, 2023. (Sip, Support, Social Event).
2. Guest Speaker: *The transformative potential of mixed methods research in health and social sciences*. The Quantitative Methodology Center, The Ohio State University, November 4, 2022.
3. Keynote Speaker: *Diversity, equity, and inclusion and community-based ethnic organizations*. Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, October 22, 2022.
4. Workshop Facilitator: *The power of data: Storytelling for advocacy and impact for community-based ethnic organizations*. Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants. Baton Rouge, Louisiana, October 22, 2022.
5. Virtual Panelist: *The ethics of research with immigrant participants*. The Center for Ethics and Human Values, The Ohio State University. December 6, 2021.
6. Moderator: *Addressing the digital divide and digital literacy gap*. New American Forum, Franklin County New American Advisory Council. May 20, 2021.
7. Virtual Panelist: *Minority representation in research*. The Center for Ethics and Human Values, The Ohio State University. April 20, 2021.
8. Virtual Panelist: *Shining a further light on the AAPI experience: Stopping Asian hate*. Louisiana State University Conference, Tackling Twin Pandemics: Responding to COVID-19 & the Reckoning over Racial Injustice. April 16, 2021.

9. Virtual Panelist: *Building capacity and momentum for community-engaged scholarship: A career-spanning panel discussion*. Society for Social Work and Research Virtual Conference: Social Work Science for Social Change. January 22, 2021.
10. Research Presentation: *Nepali diaspora engagement in the U.S.* Women's National Conference Non-Resident Nepali Association, National Coordinating Council. September 26, 2020.
11. Keynote Speaker: *Toward culturally responsive human services: Findings from the New Americans Project*. Cultural Humility Training, The Ohio State University & ADAMH Board of Franklin County. October 29, 2019.
12. Plenary Speaker: *Immigrants welcome: Responding locally to global crises*. National Association of Social Workers Ohio Chapter Annual Conference. November 15, 2019.
13. Plenary Speaker: *Refugee and immigrant panel*. 2019 Ohio Cultural Competence Conference, Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence. November 1, 2019.
14. Panel Presentation: *Exploring successes and challenges of community-based participatory research: Shared lessons from an African refugee research project in Baton Rouge*. Louisiana State University School of Social Work Annual Conference. April 2019.
15. Panel Presentation: *Assessing the needs and capacity of newly resettled refugees in Baton Rouge through a social justice lens*. Louisiana State University School of Social Work Annual Conference. April 2018.

## **SPECIALIZED TRAINING**

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January 2023	<b>Community-Based System Dynamics</b> 2023 Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Phoenix, AZ
November 2020	<b>Business of Science</b> The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business & Center for Translational Research ( <i>Competitive</i> ), Columbus, OH
June 2019	<b>Community-Based Systems Dynamics</b> Urban Health Summer Institute, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
May 2019	<b>Community-Based Participatory Research: Indigenous &amp; Critical Methodologies</b> Center for Participatory Research, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
March 2019	<b>Mixed Methods Research</b> Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA
July 2018	<b>Certification in Mixed Methods Research</b> University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
June 2018	<b>Critical Participatory Action Research</b> Public Science Project, City University of New York ( <i>Competitive</i> ), New York, NY
November 2017	<b>Certification in Citizen-Led Asset-Based Community Development</b> Coady International Institute, University of St. Thomas ( <i>Competitive</i> ), Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada

## **OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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### **SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON (Arlington, TX): August 2011–August 2015**

**Center for Advocacy, Nonprofits & Donor Organization** (Director: Dr. Richard Hoefer, Roy E. Dulak Professor for Community Practice Research)  
Graduate Research Assistant: May 2014–August 2015

**Center for Clinical Social Work** (Director: Dr. Alexa Smith-Osborne, Associate Professor)  
Clinical Research Project Manager and Clinical Intern Supervisor: May 2012–May 2015

**Research Project: The Intersectionality Project** (Principal Investigator: Dr. Julieann L. Nagoshi, Assistant Professor)  
Co-Investigator: February 2013–March 2014

**Research Project: Crossroads** (Funded by the Office of Adolescent Health; Principal Investigator: Dr. Diane Mitschke, Associate Professor)  
Graduate Research Assistant: July 2014–December 2014

**Research Project: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training on Soldiers' Suicide Risk and Resilience** (Principal Investigator: Dr. Alexa Smith-Osborne, Associate Professor)  
Graduate Research Assistant: August 2011–May 2012

**Research Assistantship** (Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Doreen Elliott, Professor Emeritus)  
Graduate Research Assistant: August 2011–December 2012

**INSTITUTE OF APPLIED RESEARCH (St. Louis, MO)**  
Research Assistant: January 2004–May 2004

**THE BROWN SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS (St. Louis, MO)**  
Research Assistant: August 2002–December 2003

## **OTHER INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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**ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE (Kathmandu, Nepal)**  
**Researcher: August 2001–May 2002**

- BSW Research Project: A Study on the Level of Awareness and Perception Regarding Gender Discrimination in the Existing Laws among Professionals Working in Social Organizations
- BSW Seminar Paper: Poverty Alleviation and Public Health in Nepal

**CHILD WORKERS IN NEPAL CONCERNED CENTER (Kathmandu, Nepal)**  
Field Researcher: May 2002

**RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP NEPAL, WOMEN RESEARCH PROJECT (Kathmandu, Nepal)**  
Research Associate: August 2001–April 2002

## **OTHER GRANTS & CONTRACTS EXPERIENCE**

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**Health Resources & Service Administration: Mental Health Training Grant** (Approved for \$480,228 for three years without funding)  
Role: Grant Writer & Project Manager (Principal Investigator: Dr. Alexa Smith-Osborne, The University of Texas at Arlington)

**Social Innovation for Missouri** (Approved \$2,000,000 matching federal funds: Social Innovation Fund)  
Role: Grant Writer & Program Associate (Missouri Foundation for Health Team, St. Louis)



## **Travel Grants (\$2,500, 2012–2014)**

The University of Texas at Arlington, The Graduate School and School of Social Work

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK (Columbus, OH)**

#### **Instructor (August 2016–present)**

- Spring 2023: Organization and Community Systems (SWK 6302)
- Autumn 2022: Mixed Methods Research for Social & Health Sciences (SWK 8406)
- Summer 2022: Evidence in Social Work (SWK 7400)
- Summer 2022: Introduction to Social Work in Contemporary Societies (SWK 1130)
- Spring 2022: Organization and Community Systems (SWK 6302-9803, SWK 6302-9805)
- Spring 2022: Introduction to Social Work in Contemporary Societies (SWK 1130)
- Autumn 2021: Mixed Methods Research for Social & Health Sciences (SWK 8406)
- Autumn 2021: Introduction to Social Work in Contemporary Societies (SWK 1130)
- Summer 2021: Needs Assessment & Program Design (SWK 7530)
- Summer 2021: Evidence in Social Work (SWK 7400)
- Autumn 2020: Mixed Methods Research for Social & Health Sciences (SWK 8306)
- Autumn 2020: Introduction to Social Work in Contemporary Societies (SWK 1130)
- Summer 2020: Needs Assessment & Program Design (SWK 7530)
- Summer 2020: Evidence in Social Work (SWK 7400)
- Autumn 2019: Mixed Methods Research for Social & Health Sciences (SWK 8306)
- Summer 2019: Needs Assessment & Program Design (SWK 7530)
- Spring 2019: Organization and Community Systems (SWK 6302-9803, SWK 6302-9805)
- Spring 2018: Organization and Community Systems (SWK 6302-9803, SWK 6302-9805)
- Spring 2017: Organization and Community Systems (SWK 6302)
- Autumn 2016: Discovering Evidence (Honors Section: SWK 3401H)

#### **Field Co-Instructor**

- Autumn 2017: Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio
- Spring 2018: Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio
- Autumn 2018: Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio
- Spring 2019: Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio

#### **Field Liaison**

- Autumn 2016 and Spring 2017

### **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK (Arlington, TX)**

#### **Adjunct Instructor (January 2013–May 2016)**

- Fall 2015 (Online): Generalist Micro Practice (SOCW 5304 008/009)
- Fall 2015 (Online): Stress, Crisis & Coping (SOCW 6361 009)
- Fall 2014: Social Work Research Methods & Evaluation I (SOCW 5522-005)
- Spring 2013, Summer 2013, and Summer 2014: Social Work Macro Practice (SOCW 3306-001/003)
- Summer 2013: Social Work Field Seminar II (SOCW 4252-001)
- Spring 2013 and Spring 2014 (Online): Social Work Research Methods & Evaluation I (SOCW 5522-003/004)
- Fall 2013 and Summer 2014: Generalist Macro Practice (SOCW 5306-001/005)
- Spring 2014: Introduction to Social Work (SOCW 3301-001)

**Field Liaison (Summer 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Summer 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Summer 2014, Spring 2015)**

**Graduate Teaching Assistant (Fall 2011)**

- Foundation of Social Policy & Services (SOCW 5303-002, Online, Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Doreen Elliott, Professor)

## **COLLEGE SERVICE**

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- Member: Promotion & Tenure Committee (April 2023— present)
- Member: Teaching and Learning Committee (August 2022—present)
- Member: Promotion & Tenure Workgroup (October 2022—May 2023)
- Member: Ph.D. Committee (May 2020—May 2023)
- Member: Research Advisory Committee (May 2020—April 2022)
- Member: MSW Committee (May 2017—May 2019)
- Member: Teaching and Learning Committee (March 2019—April 2021)
- Member: BSSW Research Curriculum Review Ad Hoc Committee (May 2017—November 2017)

## **COLLEGE INITIATIVES FOR INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE**

- Organized and moderated community and stakeholder conversation webinar: *From Resettlement to Belonging: Pathways for Bhutanese Refugee Resilience and Mental Well-Being*. (September 16, 2022)
- Initiated and co-led three-part discussion series on global vaccine apartheid: *Three Country Case Studies: Nepal, Kenya, and Brazil*. Collaborators: OSU College of Social Work; Arnhold Institute for Global Health, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; Elmhurst Global Health Institute; Justice is Global; University of Michigan School of Social Work, and Nepal Rising. (May–July 2021)
- Proposal for Inclusive Excellence Repository. Brought to fruition in collaboration with Academic Affairs and Diversity Office. (September 2020—present)
- Establishment of New American Scholarship for Students from Immigrant and Refugee Communities. (Autumn 2019)
- Establishment of a Field Practicum Site at the Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio. (August 2017)

## **STUDENT ADVISING & MENTORSHIP**

- Chair, Doctoral Dissertation Committee: Hanna Haran. Title: Expanding Individual and Institutional notions of wealth: A Modified Mixed Methods Study of Community wealth attainment among forced migrants. OSU College of Social Work. (January 2023—present)
- Chair, Doctoral Candidacy & Dissertation Committee: Jaclyn Kirsch. Title: *Investigating the Role of Historical Trauma Among Afghan Refugees: A Transformative Mixed Methods Study*. OSU College of Social Work. (May 2021—May 2023)
- Doctoral Candidacy and Dissertation Committee Member: Wu Xie. Title: *A Mixed Methods Study on Asian International Students in COVID-19 Turmoil*. OSU College of Education and Human Ecology (January 2022—present)
- Doctoral Candidacy Committee Member: Hana Haran. Title: *Economic Integration of Refugees in the United States*. OSU College of Social Work. (August 2022—December 2022)
- Doctoral Candidacy Committee Member: Maryan Dualle. Title: *An Intersection of the Food Environment, Food Security, dietary patterns and Mental Health: A Mixed-Methods Study of East and West African Immigrants in the US*. OSU Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Nutrition. (August 2022—December 2022)
- Honors Thesis Advisor: Juliana M. Bibawy. Thesis Title: *Spirituality, Identity & Belonging: Exploring Mental Well-Being among the Coptic Community*. OSU College of Social Work. (Autumn 2021—Spring 2022)
- Faculty Advisor: Jaclyn Kirsch. Ph.D. Seed Grant Project: *Mental Health and Suicide among Bhutanese Refugees in the U.S.: A Qualitative Exploration*. OSU College of Social Work. (March 2021—February 2022)
- Faculty Advisor: Jaclyn Kirsch. Office of International Affairs Grant Project: *Perceptions and Current State of Mental Health in Toledo, Belize*. OSU College of Social Work. (March 2020—July 2021)
- Faculty Advisor: Hanna Haran. Ph.D. Seed Grant Project: *Exploring Economic Well-Being and Integration among Refugees in Places of Resettlement: A Study with Service Providers*. OSU College of Social Work. (March 2021—February 2022)
- Honors Thesis Advisor: Eliza Soukenik. Thesis Title: *Barriers and Facilitators of Mental Health Service Utilization among Bhutanese Refugees: A Mixed Methods Study*. OSU College of Social Work. (Autumn 2019—Spring 2020; Graduated May 2020)
- Doctoral Candidacy and Dissertation Committee Member: Rebecca Phillips. OSU College of Social Work. (January 2020—present)

- Doctoral Candidacy and Dissertation Committee Member: Guijin Lee/. Dissertation Title: *Do Social Cohesion and Social Support Matter for At-Risk Asian Immigrant Adolescents? The Mediation Effect of Depressive Symptoms on Risky Health Behaviors*. OSU College of Social Work. (Graduated July 2020)
- Dissertation Committee Member: Melinda McClimans. Dissertation Title: *How Teachers Counter Islamophobia: Theorizing Means for Decolonizing Curriculum Related to Islam and Muslims*. OSU College of Education and Human Ecology. (Graduated December 2018)
- Faculty Advisor: Undergraduate Students (54), Graduate Students (78)
- Graduate Research Supervisor for Doctoral Students (2016–present): Guijin Lee (2016–2017), Rebecca Phillips (2017–2018), Megan Espana (2017–2018), Jaclyn Kirsch (2019–present), Kaltum Ahmed (2020–2021), Hanna Haran (2019–present), Shambika Raut (2020–present), Jhuma Acharya (2022–present)
- Faculty Mentor: Rupal Parekh (The University of Texas at Arlington), The Sahanshakti Project. Funded by OKURA Mental Health Scholarship, Asian and Pacific Islander Social Workers Association, and Council on Social Work Education, Competitive Grant Award: \$7,000 (2017–2019)

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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- Faculty Expert and Member: Theme Advisory Group for the GE Theme in Migration, Mobility, and Immobility (August 2022–present)
- Faculty Advisor: Bhutanese American Student Organization, The Ohio State University (2020–present)
- Grant Reviewer: Office of International Affairs Academic Enrichment (2018, 2019, 2022, 2023)
- Grant Reviewer: Center for Clinical and Translational Science, The Ohio State University (2022)
- Graduate Representative: Halah Alwehaibi. Dissertation Title: *Writing for Emergent Bilingual Kindergartners in an Islamic School in the United States*. OSU College of Education and Human Ecology (July 2020, Graduated 2020)
- Member: Faculty of Community Practice Initiative, Office of Outreach & Engagement (2020–present)
- Grant Reviewer: College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, The Ohio State University (2017)
- Abstract Reviewer: 2018 National Summit on Promoting Well-Being and Resilience in Healthcare Providers, The Ohio State University (2017)
- Graduate Representative: Heather M. Derry. Dissertation Title: *Cognitive Function and Cardiorespiratory Fitness: A Study of Breast Cancer Survivors prior to Chemotherapy or Radiation Treatment*. OSU Department of Psychology (November 2017, Graduated 2017)

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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- Board of Directors: Asian American Community Services (August 2017–April 2023)
- Advisory Board: Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio (June 2017–present)
- Grant Reviewer: Women’s Fund in Central Ohio (2017–present)
- ENACT Program Planning Committee Member: Ohio History Connection (2020)
- Co-Founder and President: Nepal Rising (Daayitwa U.S.), 501(c)(3) nonprofit (April 2015–present)
- Board of Director: Mitrata-Nepal Foundation for Children Inc., St. Louis, Missouri (June 2007–April 2014)
- Founding President: Nepali Women’s Global Network St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri (December 2008–December 2013)

## **COMMUNITY RESEARCH COLLABORATION & CONSULTATION**

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- Grant Writing & Project Consultation Support: Arizona Allnation Refugee Resource Center, Pheonix, Arizona (Office of Refugee Resettlement Grant, \$594,605, June 2022-July 2022)
- Research Consultation: Civic Engagement among APIDAs in Ohio, Ohio Progressive Asian Women’s Leadership (September 2022–present)
- Research Collaboration Support: The Healing-Centered Family Strengthening Initiative Listening Sessions, Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio (June 2021–present)
- Research Collaboration Support: Health Assessment of Bhutanese Refugees in Central Ohio, Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio (February 2021–present)

- Grant Writing & Project Consultation Support: The Bhutanese Response Assistance Volunteer Effort, Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio, funded by The Columbus Foundation, Grant Award: \$10,000 (March 2020–present)
- Grant Consultant & Evaluator: Women of Knowledge and Excellence (WOKE): Healthy Relationships and Reproductive Health Project among Young Bhutanese Refugee Women, funded by Women’s Fund of Central Ohio, Grant Award: \$6,000 (March 2019–December 2019)

## **LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- Secretary, Executive Council: Nepali Academics in America (Elected, 2-year appointment, April 2023—present)
- Associate Editor: *The British Journal of Social Work* (March 2023—present)
- Member: Research Capacity and Development Committee, Society for Social Work and Research (February 2023—present)
- Early Career Director at Large: Board of Directors, Society for Social Work and Research; Co-Chair: Research Capacity and Development Committee (Elected, 3-year appointment, February 2020–January 2023)
- Advisor: South Asian Social Work Educators Association (2-year appointment, 2021–2023)
- Member: Commission for Diversity and Social and Social and Economic Justice, Council on Social Work Education (3-year appointment, July 2018–January 2021)
- Co-Founder and Chair: South Asian Social Work Educator’s Association (2016–2020)
- Abstract Reviewer: ICSD Scientific Board 2019 Conference, Indonesia (2018)
- Book Review Editor: *Social Development Issues* (November 2016–November 2018)
- Peer Reviewer: *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* (August 2022–present)
- Peer Reviewer: *Affilia: Journal of Women & Social Work* (December 2018–present)
- Peer Reviewer: *Prevention Science* (September 2018–present)
- Peer Reviewer: *International Social Work* (August 2017–present)
- Peer Reviewer: *The International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* (November 2016–present)
- Peer Reviewer: *PLOS* (August 2016–present)
- Peer Reviewer: *The British Journal of Social Work* (June 2013–present)
- Peer Reviewer: *Social Work in Public Health* (November 2013–present)
- Peer Reviewer: *Advances in Social Work* (July 2015–present)
- Abstract Reviewer: 143rd American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition (March 2015)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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- Society for Social Work and Research
- American Public Health Association
- Mixed Methods International Research Association
- Council on Social Work Education

## **SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

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### **MISSOURI FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH (St. Louis, MO) Program Associate (June 2008–July 2012)**

Worked in healthcare philanthropy geared toward empowering communities to achieve equal access to quality health services. Worked with funding program teams and cross-functional teams to develop grant applications, review proposals, and provide necessary recommendations to the board. Managed a portfolio of grants, provided analysis and trends of program-related interim and final reports, scheduled needed site visits, and provided recommendations for capacity building and technical assistance for eligible grantees. Built stakeholder relationships and represented the Missouri Foundation for Health during on-site visits, regional presentations, and community and coalition presentations throughout the state.

*Accomplishments:*

- Produced and presented a white paper describing a method for enriching current funding programs by utilizing elements of another funding program and embedding elements related to social determinants of health
- Developed standard social determinants of health language to be used across all funding programs for the solicitation of proposals
- Worked as a team member in the conceptual, strategic, and programmatic design of the federally funded Social Innovation Fund and played a crucial role in the federal grant writing process and implementation of the funded project (Social Innovation in Missouri)

**CHILDREN'S HOPE INTERNATIONAL (St. Louis, MO)**  
**Social Worker and Program Coordinator (June 2004–June 2008)**

Worked directly with adoptive families to conduct home studies, provide postadoption supervision, write reports, and train and educate families on diversity and international adoption issues. As a program coordinator, worked with staff in branch offices, international offices, and external agencies to evaluate families' pre- and post-adoption needs.

*Accomplishments:*

- Streamlined the postadoption monitoring program by redesigning the layout and developing a database for evaluating the postadoption needs of adopted children from Russia, which helped maintain the agency's credentials in Russia
- Developed training materials and manuals for family education training used by branch offices around the country
- Initiated, developed, and coordinated monthly e-newsletters aimed at addressing pre- and postadoption issues, resulting in a cost-effective operation
- Created an e-forum for discussion and dissemination of information

**ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT ATTORNEY'S VICTIM SERVICES OFFICE (St. Louis, MO)**  
**Case Manager (January 2003–June 2003)**

Provided education to survivors of domestic violence and child abuse and assisted families through the criminal justice system.

*Accomplishments:*

- Completed telephone survey on the evaluation of services offered by the organization
- Participated in the Domestic Violence Volunteer Joint Training organized by Missouri Coalition Against Domestic Violence, St. Louis Metro region (May 2003)

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

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**AGRO FORESTRY BASIC HEALTH & COOPERATIVES NEPAL (Kathmandu, Nepal)**  
**Trainer (August 2000–June 2001)**

Worked with women's groups from semirural communities in Nepal, focusing on income-generating activities. Worked with trafficked victims at the shelter home; provided literacy and psychosocial services, case studies, group therapy, and art therapy.

*Accomplishments:*

- Successfully facilitated leadership training programs geared toward forming micro-credit groups
- Developed visual training materials for leadership and health awareness trainings
- Implemented health awareness programs (specifically maternal child health and HIV/AIDS) as part of informal education classes

**ACADEMY OF AUDIO-VISUAL ARTS & SCIENCES (Kathmandu, Nepal)**  
**Radio Journalist (December 2000–December 2001)**

Produced radio programs on social issues, especially targeting women, youth, and children.

*Accomplishments:*

- Successfully produced five public service announcements on domestic violence, gender equity, child well-being, and public health awareness for UNICEF Nepal (*Competitive*)

**UNITED MISSION TO NEPAL, YALA URBAN HEALTH PROGRAM (Patan, Nepal)  
Facilitator (August 1999–August 2000)**

Facilitated informal education classes for women and children, health education classes for culturally diverse low-income populations in carpet factories, and mother-child health clinics. Worked with families in the community with mentally challenged members to develop need-based programs.

*Accomplishments:*

- Designed and implemented programs for women completing informal education classes: a bag library program as a continuing education program and a savings group program focused on creating micro-loans to start small businesses
- Designed and conducted a community-based participatory research study on the needs and attitudes of families regarding the daily living skills of mentally challenged family members and initiated a support group in the local area based on data analysis
- Organized a seminar involving different service delivery organizations working in the field of mental health in the larger metropolitan area to assist the family support group and advocated for gender-sensitive programs