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EDUCATION

August 2009-Present University of Southern California, Los Angeles

- **PhD Student (Social Work)**

Research Interests: Health and Mental Health Disparities Research, HIV/AIDS Prevention and Intervention, International Social Work.

August 2006- May 2008 California State University, Fresno

- **M.S.W- With Distinction.**

Thesis Topic: Acculturation and its impact on psychosocial functioning among Asian Indian immigrants in the United States

Immigration has always been considered to be a crucial period in a person's life. Central to immigration is the concept of acculturation or cultural adaptation. My thesis focused on the acculturation experiences of the Asian Indian immigrant community in the Central Valley and Bay Area regions of California. In doing so, it looked at the impact that acculturation has on the psychological and social functioning among participants. The role of demographic factors like age, gender, lengths of residence and years of education were also assessed.

August 2004- October 2005 Jawaharlal Nehru University, N.Delhi India

- **M. Phil in Sociology.**

July 2002–July 2004 Jawaharlal Nehru University, N.Delhi India

- **M.A. in Sociology**

June 1999– June 2002 Hindu College, N.Delhi India

- **B.A. in Sociology**

HIGHLIGHTS (HONORS & AWARDS)

- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Member for graduating with a 4.0 G.P.A.
- C.S.U Travel Grant for the purpose of presenting the results of my Thesis at the All C.S.U Student Research Symposium held at C.S.U Hayward April 2008.
- Recipient of Fresno State Women's scholarship 2007-08.
- Recipient of M.H.S.A (Prop 63) stipend through C.A.L.S.W.E.C 2007-2008
- Awarded the Junior Research Fellowship in Science, Humanities and Social Science, by University Grants Commission of India.

- National Eligibility Test (N.E.T) qualified, granted eligibility for lecturership by the University Grants Commission of India.
- Pursued active research in the field of gender studies supplemented with field data through intensive fieldwork. This research report entitled “Battered Dreams: The Harsh Realities of Violence against Women”, has since been accepted as a library document by Tezpur University- India.
- Evaluated the state of education among slum children in Delhi-India and documented the extent of illiteracy rampant among them.
- Worked as a volunteer for Children Relief and You (CRY) - India.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Adhikari A.B.** and Jane Yamaguchi 2008. Study of Acculturation and its effect on Psychosocial functioning among first-generation Asian Indian immigrants in the United States. Oral presentation at All California State University Student Research Competition, Hayward CA May 2008.
- **Adhikari A.B.** and Jane Yamaguchi 2008. Role of demographic factors in determining acculturation strategies among Asian Indian immigrants in the United States. Oral presentation at the Central California Research Symposium, Fresno CA Apr 2008.
- **Adhikari A.B.** and Lisa Hazarika 2008. Battered Dreams: The harsh reality of violence against women. Poster presentation at the Sixth American Symposium on Victomology, **Fresno** CA Apr 2008.

WORK HISTORY

- May 2008-June 09- Social Worker, Quality Foster Care.
- December 2007-May 2008-Graduate Assistant, Social Welfare Education and Research Training Center (S.W.E.R.T.)
- Aug 2007 to May 2008-Social work graduate intern at the Kings County Dept. of Behavioral Health.
- Aug 2006 to May 2007- Social work graduate intern at the Fresno County Dept. of Behavioral Health.
- February 2006 to June 2006- Assistant Grant Writer for Boys to Men Girls to Women Foundation- Fresno CA
- July 2002 to July 2004 - Junior Research Fellow at the Center for the Study of Social Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University- N.Delhi India.
- May 2002 to Sept. 2002 – Customer Care Officer, for Convergys India Ltd
- Aug 2000 to Nov 2000 – Sub Editor for Assam Tribune News paper.