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**Professional Interests:**

- Intervention Development for people with severe and persistent mental illness
- Stigma in mental health services
- Health vulnerabilities in people with severe mental illness

**Education:**

*Ongoing*                                      *PhD in Social Work*  
School of Social Work, **University of Southern California**

*May, 2007*                                      *Masters in Social Work (Mental Health specialization)*  
School of Social Work, **University of Minnesota - Twin Cities.**

*July, 04*                                         *M.A. in Psychology (Clinical Specialization)*  
Department of Psychology, **University of Delhi**, New Delhi, India

*June, 02*                                         *B.A. (Honors) in Psychology*  
Government College for Women, **Panjab University**, Chandigarh, India

**Research Experience:**

*Jan'07 onwards*                                 **Bridge Intervention Development (University of Southern California; funded by *UNIHEALTH*)**  
Research Assistant

- Helping in the designing, planning and carrying out the intervention to bridge the gap between health and mental health service delivery for people with severe and persistent mental illness.
- Collecting data, conducting interviews and focus groups.
- Analyzing quantitative and qualitative data.

*May'09 – Aug'09*                                 **RISP Project (University of Southern California; funded by *NIMH*)**  
Research Assistant

- Helping in carrying out the RISP intervention for people with severe mental illness
- Collecting and analyzing qualitative and quantitative data

*Sept'06 – May'07*                                 **Gamble-Skogmo Chair, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities:**  
Research Assistant

- Helped in gathering and assimilating literature on evidence based interventions for racial disparities in the child welfare system.
- Compiled a literature review.

*Sept'05 – May'07*                                 **Evidence Based Practice Project, Minnesota:**  
MSW intern; Research Assistant

- Helped in planning and carrying out the Evidence Based Protocol for Children accessing mental health services.
- Helped in adaptation and implementation of the Hawaii based EBP for children with mental disorders.
- Helped in the formulation of measurement scales, training, data collection, data organization.
- Worked in collaboration with the clinicians in the mental health service delivery agency in implementing the Evidence Based protocol.

*Sept'05 – Aug'06*      **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities:**

Research Assistant to Dr. William Bradshaw.

- Helped gathering and assimilating literature for cognitive therapies for people with schizophrenia, outcome research and identifying no response to therapy.
- Data analysis (qualitative and quantitative).
- Worked on assessing the treatment outcomes of brief psychodynamic therapy.

*Jun'04-Dec'04*      **Michigan State University:**

Research assistant: International Studies Department of Michigan State University.

- Conducted focused group interviews and subsequent marketing follow-ups.

### **Fellowships and Scholarly Awards:**

- 2007-2009      **Provost Fellowship;** University of Southern California
- \$68000 for the academic years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009.
- 2006      **Merrilyn Olson Belgum International Scholarship;** University of Minnesota
- \$500 for summer 2006
- 2005      **Rose E. Snyder Memorial scholarship;** University of Minnesota
- \$2000 for academic year 2005-2006

### **Professional training:**

- July'09-Aug'09      Completed a 4 week workshop in quantitative statistics in social sciences – offered by **ICPSR summer program**, University of Michigan.
- Jan'09      Completed a 1-day workshop on Structural Equation Modeling – offered by **SSWR, 2009** as a pre-conference workshop.
- 1999-2001      Completed a three-year course in Public Relations and Communications from Panjab University.

## Teaching Experience:

*Aug'09 – Dec'09* **University of Southern California, School of Social Work**  
Teaching Facilitator: for Group Therapy course

*Dec'04 – Jul'05* **Top Careers & You, Ludhiana, India:**  
Working as a faculty member undertaking GRE (verbal & analytical) classes for the GRE aspirants

*Sept'04-Dec'04* **Government College for Women, Ludhiana, India:**  
Worked as a guest faculty in the psychology department of the institution. The work entailed conducting workshops and seminars for the undergraduate students of psychology on various topics pertaining to psychology.

## Practice Experience:

*Sept '06 onwards* **Face to Face, Saint Paul, Minnesota:**  
In the capacity of a second year MSW intern. The work entails clinical assessment, diagnosis and therapeutic intervention with children, adolescents and their families by using individual, group and family therapy.

*Aug'04-Oct'04* **Child Development Centre, Ludhiana, India:**  
Worked in this organization as a psychologist. Duties primarily included working with small children with reference to their Psychological development and well-being. This was done in collaboration with the parents or primary care givers on a one to one basis.

*Jun'03-Jan'04* **VIMHANS (Institute for Mental Health and Neuro-sciences), New Delhi, India:**  
Worked as a Clinical Field Trainee in the Psychiatric Ward of this institute for mental health. Duties included working with in and out patients of the psychiatric ward, at the day care rehabilitation center, at the Child Development and Adolescent Health Care Center.

*Jul'03-Aug'03* **ARPANA Karnal, India:**  
Was a part of a Community Outreach Program, conducted in the rural outskirts of Delhi, India where a neuro-psychiatric set-up was being established.

## Leadership/Team Experience:

- *President of the college [July'01-April'02]:* Was elected president of Govt. College for Women. The duties entailed administrative interface between students and college management, organization of events etc.
- *President of Psychology Society 'Manojigyasa' [July'00-April'02]:* Was the president of the Psychology society of Govt. College for Women for the academic sessions 2000- 01 and 2001-02.

- *College Coordinator for Spic Macay [July'01-April'02]:* Spic-Macay is an international organization that promotes Indian Cultural and Creative art forms and I was the coordinator for Government College for Women.

### **Honors and Awards:**

- “ALL ROUND BEST STUDENT AWARD” for the session 2001-2002. (March'02)
- Award of Honor for being the President of the College. (March'02)
- Second position in Psychology for the session 2001-2002. (March'02)
- “ROLE MODEL STUDENT” Award by the Vivekanand Study Circle. (Feb'02)
- Third position in Psychology for the session 2000-2001. (March'01)

### **Professional Presentations:**

Pahwa, R., Chatterjee, A., Tallen, L., & Brekke, J. (2010) Barriers In Accessing Health Care For Individuals with Severe Mental Illness: A Qualitative Study. SSWR, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting, San Francisco, California.

Chatterjee, A., & Pahwa, R. (2009) Addressing Unmet Mental Health Needs in Rural India through Community Outreach. 2009 APM meeting for CSWE, San Antonio, Texas

Bradshaw, W., & Pahwa, R. (2007) *Non-responders to treatment*. Research findings presented at Hamm Clinic, Saint Paul, MN.

### **Publications and Manuscripts:**

Bradshaw, W., Roseborough, D., Richardson, R., & Pahwa, R. (In print) Evaluating Client Improvement Over the Course of Dynamic Psychotherapy: A Pilot Study.

Bradshaw, W., Roseborough, D., Pahwa, R., & Jordan, J. (In print) Evaluation of Psychodynamic Psychotherapy in a Community Mental Health Center