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## Education

Ph.D. in Sociology (in progress, 2021–present)

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, USA

- Concentration: Religion and Health
- Graduate Assistant

M.A. in Sociology (2024)

LSU, Baton Rouge, USA | GPA 3.67

M.Phil. in Sociology (2011–2014)

Punjabi University, Patiala, India | GPA: 4.3/5 (First Division)

M.A. in Sociology (2007–2010)

Panjab University, Chandigarh, India | First Division

B.Com. (2004–2006)

Kurukshetra University, India | First Division

Diploma in Guidance & Counselling (2006–2007)

Kurukshetra University, India

## Teaching Experience

Instructor– Louisiana State University (2023–present)

- Designed and taught Introduction to Sociology for 200+ undergraduates.
- Developed lecture materials, assignments, and exams; integrated active learning.

Graduate Assistant – Louisiana State University (2021–2022)

- Led discussion sections, guest lectured, and supported grading and mentoring.

Assistant Professor (Guest Faculty) – Punjabi University, Patiala (2012–2016)

- Taught UG and PG courses in Sociology and Law; supervised research field trips.

## Research & Academic Experience

Graduate Assistant – Social Research & Evaluation Center (SREC), LSU (2021–2022)

- Conducted quantitative data cleaning, coding, and analysis for Louisiana Children’s Trust Fund and LYFE projects.
- Co-authored evaluation reports for state agencies.

Research Assistant – Carnegie Community Engagement Classification Team, LSU (2021-2022)

- Collected and analyzed institutional data for LSU's Carnegie re-certification.

Academic Associate – Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (2016–2021)

- Assisted faculty with courses in Public Policy, Qualitative Research, Social Entrepreneurship, and Business & Society.
- Supported classroom teaching, case development, and student mentoring.
- Conducted research support on CSR, e-waste management, and governance.

Research Supervisor – ICSSR, Govt. of India (2012–2013)

- Led field team for national study on Educational Status of Scheduled Castes in Punjab, collected and analyzed in-field extensive data.

## **Publications**

Smiley, K. T., Domingue, S. J., Lewis, A. L., McNeese, H., Pellegrin, S. J., & Sandhu, H. (2022). Inequalities and interrelations: The sociology of disasters at a new crossroads. *Sociology Compass*, 16(12).

Winchester, E., Thomas-Smith, J., Sandhu, H., Moles, A., & Rhodes, J. (2022). Louisiana Children's Trust Fund: 2021–2022 Annual Report. LSU-SREC.

## **Conference Presentations**

Sandhu, H. (2025). [Religiosity and Self-Rated Health in India: Results from a National Study]. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.

Sandhu, H. (2023). [Challenging Menstrual Taboos and Promoting Reproductive Justice, The Role of Menstrual Leave Policies in India's Feminist Movement]. Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

Additional papers presented at Punjabi University and Mahindra College (2012–2016).

## **Honors & Fellowships**

- Maulana Azad National Fellowship – University Grants Commission, India (2013)
- UGC-NET Qualified – Sociology (2012)

## **Leadership & Service**

Vice-President – The Women's Network, LSU (2023–24)

Event & Cultural Chair – Indian Students' Association, LSU (2021–23)

International Orientation Leader – LSU (2022)

## **Professional Memberships**

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA)

North West Indian Sociological Association (NWISA)

## **Skills**

- Quantitative Analysis: SPSS, Stata, R/R-Studio, Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Word, PowerPoint) data cleaning & large dataset management
- Qualitative Research: Fieldwork, interviews, focus groups, thematic coding
- Languages: English, Hindi, Punjabi (fluent spoken)