

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 Behavior (Drs. Shanta Pandey and Melissa Jordan Reid, Chairs)

- 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





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-during-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 reincarceration. 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. 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

Fall 2020 Human Behavior and the Social Environment (SWRK 5725) School of

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Introduction to Social Work (SWRK 1000). School of Social Work, Undergraduate Course, St. Louis 1 0 0 1 72.384 236.09 Tm [ ( ) ] TJ ET 2(t)-2(e)C8

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
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
Fall 2017	Human Behavior and the Social Environment (SWRK 5725) School of Social Work,
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). Rutgers University.

#### UNIVERSITY GUEST LECTURES AND TALKS

1. CPHSJ 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 CPHSJ 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. 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 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

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### 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

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- 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

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### MANUSCRIPT AND SCHOLARSHIP REFEREE

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