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RESEARCH PROGRAM

Global Mental Health and Cross-Cultural Mental Health Research, particularly: 1) Gender-Based Violence, Gender Disparities, Trauma and Mental Health, 2) Gender-Sensitive and Culturally Adapted Evidence Based Community Mental Health Interventions

My current research integrates feminist perspectives to examine social and cultural determinants of women's mental health and improve care through the development of culturally and contextually adapted interventions in India and other under-resourced settings.

EDUCATION

PhD	Columbia University School of Social Work Concentration: Advanced Practice and Research Dissertation Title: <i>Women's Narratives on Illness and Institutionalization in India: A Feminist Inquiry</i> Sponsor: Dr. Ellen Lukens	October 2019
MSW (CSWE Accredited)	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India Concentration: Health and Development Master's Thesis Title: <i>Girl Street Children in Calcutta: Life Experiences and Vulnerability to Sexual Abuse</i>	May 2012
BA (Hons)	Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India Major: Economics (Honors)	May 2010

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor School of Social Work and Criminal Justice University of Washington Tacoma	September 2019- Present
Adjunct Assistant Professor School of Social Work University of Washington, Seattle	September 2019- Present

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Principal Investigator

Project Title: Gender-Sensitive and Culturally Responsive Care: India-US

Collaboration of Strengths, Needs, and Challenges

Funding Amount: \$10000

Funded by:

Faculty Fellows Award, Office of Community Partnerships, University of Washington Tacoma

January 2021-
December 2021

Principal Investigator

Project Title: Community Integration among Women Living in Psychiatric Institutions in India

Funding Amount: \$2620

Funded by:

University of Washington Tacoma, School of Social Work and Criminal Justice Internal Grant

Co-investigator (Principal Investigator: Dr. Alison Cardinal)

Project Title: Designing Language Access in the South Puget Sound

Funded By: Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Initiative Fund, UW Tacoma

2019-Present

Graduate Research Assistant (Principal Investigator: Drs. Ellen Lukens & Helle Thorning)

Project Title: Parents with Serious Mental Illness served by ACT Teams: Assessing Risks and Needs

Columbia University, School of Social Work & Center for Practice Innovations, New York State Psychiatric Institute,

Funded By: New York Community Trust Funded

2015-2019

Co-Investigator (Principal Investigator: Dr. Susan Witte, Co-Investigator: David Camacho)

Project Title: Exploring Needs and Experiences of ACT Providers: A PhotoVoice Project

Columbia University School of Social Work & The Bridge, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team, New York

2016-2017

Graduate Research Assistant (Principal Investigator: Dr. Denise Burnette)

Project Title: Community Participation in Primary Education in India

Columbia University School of Social Work & Columbia Global Centre South Asia

2014-2015

Research Assistant

Project Title: Transforming M Ward: Leveraging Knowledge for Social

Transformation (A Baseline Socio-Economic Survey of M-East Ward, one of the

2011-2012

poorest areas of Mumbai), School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India

PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED MANUSCRIPTS

Bhattacharya, A. (2021). 'The day I die is the day I will find my peace': Narratives of Family, Marriage and Violence among Women living with Serious Mental Illness in India. *Violence Against Women*. <http://doi.org/10.1177/10778012211012089>.

Bhattacharya, A. (2020). Doing Feminist Research with Vulnerable Communities: Key Challenges and Opportunities. *SAGE Research Methods Cases*. <https://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781529743265>

Bhattacharya, A., Camacho, D., Kimberly, L. L., & Lukens, E. P. (2019). Women's Experiences and Perceptions of Depression in India: A Meta-ethnography. *Qualitative Health Research*, 29(1), 80-95. <http://doi.org/10.1177/1049732318811702>

Camacho, D., Lee, Y., **Bhattacharya, A.,** Vargas, L. X., Kimberly, L., & Lukens, E. (2019). High Life Satisfaction: Exploring the Role of Health, Social Integration and Perceived Safety among Mexican Midlife and Older Adults. *Journal of gerontological social work*, 1-22. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01634372.2019.1621975>

Bhattacharya, A. (2016). The many ways of knowing: Embracing multiplicity in narrative research. *Qualitative Social Work*, 15(5-6), 705-714. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1473325016652683>

Sharma, S., Burnette, D., **Bhattacharya, A.** & Nath S. (2016). Community participation in rural primary education: An underestimated and understudied component of India's Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (Education for All) initiative, *Psychosociological Issues in Human Resource Management*, 4(1): 96–114

Bhattacharya, A & Nair, R. (2015). Ethical Considerations in Researching Sensitive Topics in India: Some Dilemmas, *Indian Journal of Social Work*, 76(2), 177-192

Bhattacharya, A & Nair, R. (2014). Girls on the streets of Kolkata. Life Experiences and Vulnerability to Sexual Abuse, *Indian Journal of Social Work*, 75(1), 27-42

REFEREED MANUSCRIPTS (REVISE AND RESUBMIT)

Camacho, D., **Bhattacharya, A** & Lukens, E. (2021). Palabras Fuertes: Description of Methods and Implications for Recruitment, Engagement and Conducting Qualitative Research with Older Latino Gay Men. *Ageing and Society*. (Revise and Resubmit)

REFEREED MANUSCRIPTS (IN PREPARATION)

Bhattacharya, A. "“These places are easy to get into but impossible to get out of:” Women's narratives on Illness and Institutionalization in India. (in progress)

Bhattacharya, A. Aging in a Psychiatric Institution in India: A Feminist Perspective. *Emerging Issues in Gerontology*. *Indian Journal of Social Work* (in progress)

Bhattacharya, A., Camacho, D., Lukens, E & Weiner, T. Impact of Social Relationships on Mental Health among Low-Income Older Indian Women: Results from the World Health Organization's (WHO) Study on Global AGEing and Adult Health (SAGE) (in progress)

BOOK REVIEW

Bhattacharya, A. (2021). Book Review: Women's activism, feminism, and social justice (Studies in Feminist Philosophy). *Affilia*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886109920985117>

NON-REFEREED MANUSCRIPTS

Bhattacharya, A (2018). Research as Personal and Political, *Qualitative Inquiry in Social Work: Global Perspectives*, 1(1)

REPORTS

Sharma S, Burnette D, **Bhattacharya A** & Nath S. (2015). Community Participation in Primary Education. Working Paper Series No. 13, Columbia Global Centre

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Bhattacharya, A (January 2020). Relational Sense of Self and Recovery Among Women Living with Serious Mental Illness in Institutions in India. Symposium: Going Global: Intersecting Violence and Mental Health Research in Low Resource Settings across North America, Africa, and Asia. *24th Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research*, Washington DC

Bhattacharya, A (January 2020). Impact of Gender Inequality and Violence on Women's Mental Health: Narratives from a Halfway Home in India. Gender and Global Adversity Panel. *24th Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research*, Washington DC

Kramer, C; Cosgrove, D; **Bhattacharya, A**; Velez-Gray, C & Camacho, D. (January 2020). Navigating an Integrated Personal and Scholarly Identity: Experiences of Participatory Action Research Scholars of Color. Roundtable. *24th Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research*, Washington DC

Lukens, E; Thorning, H; **Bhattacharya, A**; Yang, L & Hartlieb, K. (January 2020). ACT Team Participants Who Are Also Parents of Young Children: Assessing Risks and Strengths in Recovery Oriented Care. Parental Behaviors and Parenting Stress Panel. *24th Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research*, Washington DC

Hartlieb, K; Thorning, H; Lukens, E; **Bhattacharya, A**; Kang, J & Yang, L (January 2019). Family Planning and Pregnancy with Assertive Community Treatment: Convergent and Divergent Perspectives from Providers and Participants, *23rd Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research*, San Francisco

Yang, L; Lukens, E; **Bhattacharya, A**; Hartlieb, K; Kang, J & Thorning, H; (January 2019). "They are my backbone, my advocate": Assessing the Nature of Social Support Among Parents with Severe Mental Illness, *23rd Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research*, San Francisco

Thorning, H., Lukens, E., **Bhattacharya, A.**, & Hartlieb, K (October 2018). Everyone Has to Step in: Gender, Cultural and Family-Based Solutions to Parenting for Parents with Mental Health Challenges, *5th World Congress of the World Association of Cultural Psychiatry*, New York City

Bhattacharya A., Camacho, D, Lukens E & Kimberly, L. (October 2018). Cultural, Contextual and Social Factors that Contribute to Depression among Women in India: A Meta-Ethnography, *5th World Congress of the World Association of Cultural Psychiatry*, New York City

Bhattacharya, A. (May 2018). Listening to Women's Stories of Institutionalization and Community Reintegration: A Feminist Narrative Inquiry, *Fourteenth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana Champaign*. Urbana-Champaign

Witte, S., **Bhattacharya, A.**, Camacho, D., Velez-Grau, C & Bermudez, L. (May 2018). Promoting the Implementation of Participatory Research Methods: Including PhotoVoice in Social Work Doctoral Curricula, *Fourteenth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry*, Urbana Champaign

Thorning, H., Lukens, E., Hartlieb, K & **Bhattacharya, A.** (January 2018). Family as Community Extenders for Individuals Participating in Assertive Community Teams: Facilitating and Hindering Factors for Family Involvement, *22nd Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research*, Washington DC

Camacho, D., Lee, Y., Lukens, E., **Bhattacharya, A** & Kimberly, L. (January 2018). Health and Mental Health Predictors of Social Isolation Among Older Adults Living in Mexico, *22nd Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research*, Washington DC

Camacho, D., Lukens, E & **Bhattacharya, A.** (January 2018). Exploring Sexual Minority Men's Explanatory Model of Depression: A Comprehensive Meta-Synthesis, *22nd Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research*, Washington DC

Lukens E., Thorning, H., **Bhattacharya, A** & Stone, L. (January 2017). Risk and Protective Factors Among Parents Served by ACT Teams, *21st Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research*, New Orleans

Bhattacharya A., Lukens E, Camacho D & Kimberly, L. (January 2017). Contextual and Social Factors That Contribute to Depression among Women in India, *21st Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research*, New Orleans

Bhattacharya A., Lukens E & Camacho D. (May 2016). Women's Experiences of Depression in India: A Meta-Synthesis, *12th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry*, Urbana-Champaign

Bhattacharya A., Camacho D, Moore, K., Vargas & Wells, V. (May 2016). Discovered Epistemologies, *Twelfth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry*, Urbana-Champaign

Bhattacharya A., Camacho D, Moore, K., Vargas & Wells, V. (May 2016). *In Search of epistemologies*, Twelfth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign

Thorning, H., Lukens, E., **Bhattacharya, A** & Stone, L (May 2016). Consumers who are also Parents: Challenges and Opportunities for Recovery. Social Work Grand Round. New York State Psychiatric Institute. New York City

Burnette, D., Kimberly, L., **Bhattacharya A.**, McCullagh, C., Camacho D., & Jiang, N. (January 2016). Mental Illness and Mental Health in Later Life: Testing the Two Continua Model in India, 20th Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Phi Alpha Speaker Event. University of Washington Tacoma February 2021
Presentation Title: *Impact of Violence and Gender Inequality on Women's Mental Health: Narratives from a Halfway Home in India*

Opening Plenary Panelist. *Social Work and the Common Good*. Fourteenth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana Champaign May 2018

Invited Filming Interview with SAGE Publishing for Medicine & Health Research Collection March 2021
Topic: *Feminist Health Research with Vulnerable and Underserved Populations*

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Social Worker 2012-2014
Agency: *Tarasha*, (<http://www.tiss.edu/view/11/projects/all-projects/tarasha/>)
Field Action Project, Center for Health and Mental Health, School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences
Project Director: Dr. Shubhada Maitra
Area of Work: Transition and reintegration of women from psychiatric institutions to Communities (psychosocial support, housing, vocational training, and livelihood)
Individual and family psychoeducation, Mental Health Advocacy & Sensitizing Communities

Social Work Intern 2011-2012
Agency: Regional Mental Hospital, Thane, Mumbai, India
Area of Work: Women's Mental Health and Rehabilitation, Case work and Group work with women inpatients, Individual and Family Psychoeducation, led a daylong seminar, '*Survivors of Psychiatry*'- an interactive workshop among the women inpatients, the hospital staff and MSW students, where women inpatients voiced their experiences and concerns as mental health service users

Social Work Intern 2010-2011
Agency: Kripa Foundation, Mumbai, India

Area of Work: Substance abuse among adults, Homelessness, and substance abuse among Street Children, Facilitated sessions on 12 Steps and 12 traditions of the Recovery and Alcoholic Anonymous Program

Social Work Intern

Agency: Janarth Adivasi Vikas Sanstha, Nandubar, Maharashtra, India

Area of Work: District Mental Health Program, Mental Health Service Utilization in Rural Communities, Psychoeducation and Mental Health Advocacy

TEACHING

BACCAULAUREATE

Human Behavior in the Social Environment, University of Washington Tacoma

MASTERS

Cultural Diversity and Societal Justice, University of Washington Tacoma

Integrative Practice I and II, University of Washington Tacoma

Adult and Adolescent Interpersonal Violence and Treatment, University of Washington Tacoma

Clinical Case Evaluation, Columbia University School of Social Work

Direct Practice with Individuals, Families & Groups, Columbia University School of Social Work

Social Work Research, Columbia University School of Social Work

Evidence Based Practice for Mental Health Conditions, Columbia University School of Social Work

Psychoeducation Wellness, Columbia University School of Social Work

GUEST LECTURES

Women's Narratives on Illness and Institutionalization in India: A Feminist Inquiry, Spring 2020
Columbia University School of Social Work

Relevance of Community Based Participatory Research in Contemporary Times, Spring 2018
School of Social Work, Columbia University

Women's Experiences of living with Serious Mental Illness in India: Perspectives from the Global South, Fall 2018
University of Alabama, School of Social Work

Social Work Program Evaluation in the Indian Context, Fall 2018
School of Social Work, Columbia University

Critical Experiences of ACT Team Providers: A PhotoVoice Project, Spring 2017
School of Social Work, Columbia University

Mental Health Practice in Cross Cultural Settings: Clinical Experience in the Indian Context, Fall 2016
School of Social Work, Columbia University

COMMITTEES

University of Washington Tacoma

Member, UW Tacoma Climate Survey Implementation Oversight Committee June 2021-Present
Co-Chair, UW Tacoma Climate Survey Graduate Study Implementation Plan Team June 2020-Present

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Chair, Professional Standards Committee September 2019-
September 2020
Co-Chair, Equity, and Inclusion Committee September 2020-
June 2021
Member, Equity, and Inclusion Committee September 2021-
Present

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Influencing Social Policy, Board of Directors July 2021-Present
Society for Social Work and Research, Member January 2015-
Present
Anti-Racism Action Committee (AAC), Influencing Social Policy, Member January 2021-
Present
International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Member 2016-Present

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Strengthening Educational Excellence Through Diversity (SEED) Fellow, University of Washington Tacoma Summer 2020
SpeakOut Summer Training Institute, Attendee (2020) July 2020
Sustaining Momentum for Open Educational Resources Faculty Training Program Fellow, University of Washington Tacoma Summer 2020

Reviewer and Editorial Duties

Editor for South Asia, *Qualitative Inquiry in Social Work*
Reviewer, Qualitative Social Work
Reviewer, Qualitative Health Research

HONORS AND AWARDS

Doctoral Student Fellowship, Columbia School of Social Work 2014-2018
Best Student in Social Work. Centre for Health and Mental Health, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India 2012