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The Pennsylvania State University

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Education

- 2010 Ph.D. Sociology and Demography, The Pennsylvania State University (expected)
Dissertation title: "Child health in India – Trends, determinants, and inequalities"
Committee: Glenn Firebaugh (Chair), John Casterline, Nancy Landale, David Shapiro, Shannon Stokes
- 2008 Certificate in Quantitative Methods, Department of Sociology, Penn State
- 2005 M.A. Economics, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2003 B.A. Economics, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2001 B.A. Economics and Political Science, Osmania University, India

Areas of Specialization

Population issues in low-income settings: maternal and child health, health inequalities, and vulnerable adolescents; Quantitative methods

Experience

- 2009 Consultant, Population Council and UNFPA, Malawi
Provided technical inputs to the adolescent services coverage exercise; Consulted with teams from youth organizations on securing funding for targeted, evidence-based programming for adolescents.
- 2009 Research Coordinator, Population Council, Malawi
Managed data collection and data entry for a census of 3200 households in Machinga and Balaka districts as part of the Malawi Schooling Quality Project.
- 2008 Interviewer, Study on infertility among women in Accra, Ghana
Conducted interviews with infertile women as part of colleague's dissertation research.
- 2008 Consultant, Population Council and UNFPA, Liberia
Participated in planning of nationally representative coverage exercise; Conducted meetings at UNFPA and Liberia Institute of Statistics to articulate the statistical evidence component of future adolescent girl programming.
- 2008 Research Intern, Poverty, Gender and Youth Division, Population Council
Conducted multi-country statistical analyses for the Adolescent Advocacy Capacity Building Project led by Judith Bruce, and for the 'Girls Transformed' report by Cynthia Lloyd.
- 2005-07 Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Penn State
Worked on original research with John B. Casterline and Jennifer L. Hook.
- 2003-05 Graduate Teaching Assistant, McCombs School of Business, University of Texas
Graded exams and assisted 300 undergraduates each semester with writing papers.

Fellowships and Awards

- 2009 Dissertation Support Grant, Research and Graduate Studies Office, Penn State
- 2008-09 Population Policy Communications Fellow, Population Reference Bureau
- 2007-08 Pre-doctoral Fellow, Quantitative Social Science Initiative, Penn State
- 2006, 2007 Graduate Scholar Award, College of the Liberal Arts, Penn State
- 2005-06 University Graduate Fellowship, Penn State
- 2005 Herbert Bailey Graduate Fellowship, Penn State

Published Work

Hook, Jennifer L., and Satvika Chalasani. "Gendered Expectations? Reconsidering Single Fathers' Childcare Time". *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 2008, 70(November): 978-990

Chalasani, Satvika. "The Changing Relationship between Parents' Education and their Time with Children". *International Journal of Time Use Research*, 2007, 4(1): 93-117

Work under Review

Chalasani, Satvika, John B. Casterline, and Michael A. Koenig. "Unwanted childbearing and child survival in Bangladesh". Revise and resubmit at *Demography*

Chalasani, Satvika. "Prenatal care and infant health in India". Under review at *Population Studies*

Work in Progress

Chalasani, Satvika, Abhishek Singh, Michael A. Koenig, and Bidhubusan Mahapatra. "The consequences of unintended fertility for maternal and child health in India"

Hewett, Paul, and Satvika Chalasani. "The accuracy of adolescent reporting of household characteristics in rural Malawi"

Casterline, John B., Satvika Chalasani, Michael A. Koenig and Carel van Mels. "Unwanted childbearing and children's educational attainment in Bangladesh"

Casterline, John B., and Satvika Chalasani. "Young women and childbearing in Africa: The new skepticism"

Skills

Software STATA, SPSS, HLM, AMOS, ArcMap, Adobe Illustrator

Languages Fluent English, Hindi, and Telugu; Intermediate French; Elementary Spanish

Professional Service

Reviewer *International Journal of Epidemiology*, *International Journal of Time Use Research*, *Maternal and Child Health Journal*

Member Demography Faculty Recruitment Committee, 2007-08, and Sociology Graduate Concerns Committee, 2006-08; Penn State

Presentations

2009 "The consequences of unintended fertility for maternal and child health in India", IUSSP, Morocco

2009 "Socioeconomic inequalities in child health in India", IUSSP, Morocco; Also presented at PAA, Detroit and at the 24th Annual Graduate Research Exhibition, Penn State

2008 "Prenatal care and infant health: Elementary, dear Watson?", PAA, New Orleans

2008 "Consequences of unwanted fertility: Longitudinal evidence on child mortality and schooling from Bangladesh", Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore

2008 "An introduction to causal inference using propensity score matching", Quantitative Social Science Initiative Seminar Series, Penn State

2007 "Consequences of unwanted childbearing: A study of child outcomes in Bangladesh", PAA, New York

2007 "Young women and childbearing in Africa: The new skepticism", PAA, New York

2006 "The changing effects of parents' education on their time with children", PAA, Los Angeles