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**RESEARCH INTERESTS:** Health, Aging, Disasters, Gender, Race.

## EDUCATION

- 2021-2025    **Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, USA**  
Ph.D. Sociology (Expected)
- 2018        **Utrecht University (Netherlands) – University of Hull (UK)**  
Double (MA) Joint master's degree Program in Women & Gender Studies
- 2016        **University of Delhi, India**  
MSc Anthropology
- 2014        **University of Delhi (Hans Raj College), India**  
BSc (Hons) Anthropology (Silver Medalist)

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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- 2024        **Thakkar, Shriya & Kevin T. Smiley.** Overlooked Realities: Reimagining “Home” and “House” among Women Domestic Workers in India. *Violence Against Women*, 1-20. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10778012241238245>
- 2023        **Thakkar, Shriya, Kevin T. Smiley, Michael. O. Emerson.** Where to live and who to live with? Examining neighborhood preferences for living with immigrants and urban form in Copenhagen, Denmark. *Journal of Urbanism: International Research on Placemaking and Urban Sustainability*, 16(3):1-20.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17549175.2023.2253243>
- 2023        **Thakkar, Shriya, Muhammad T., Chanda Maurya.** An Investigation of the Longitudinal Association of Mobile Phone Ownership and Internet Access with Intimate Partner Violence among Young Married Women in India: Findings from UDAYA. *Journal of Public Health*, 1-12.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10389-023-02106-w>
- 2023        **Thakkar, Shriya.** Exploitation, Harassment, and Violence: Lived Experiences of Women Paid Domestic Workers in India. *Journal of South Asian Development*, 18(2): 1-17). <https://doi.org/10.1177/09731741231164872>

- 2023 Muhammad, T., **Shriya Thakkar**, Arun Balachandran. Understanding major depression among older Indian adults using diathesis-stress framework: The role of perceived neighborhood safety and physical and functional health. *International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*, 38(7): 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1002/gps.5961>
- 2023 Maurya, Chanda, Muhammad T., **Shriya Thakkar**. Examining the Relationship between Risky Sexual Behavior and Suicidal Thoughts among Unmarried Adolescents in India. *Scientific Reports*, 13(1): 7733. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-023-34975-2>
- 2023 Muhammad T., Chanda Maurya, **Shriya Thakkar**. The Cross-sectional Correlates and Longitudinal Predictors of Involvement in Violent and Bullying Behavior among Adolescents and Young Adults: Evidence from India. *Journal of Public Health*, 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10389-023-01945-x>
- 2022 **Thakkar, Shriya**, Muhammad, T., Shobhit Srivastava. Cross-sectional Associations of Frailty with Falls, Multiple Falls, and Fall-injury Among Older Indian Adults: Findings from LASI, 2018. *PLoS ONE*, 17(8): e0272669. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0272669>
- 2022 **Thakkar, Shriya**, Paige Miller, Antony Palackal, Wesley, M. Shrum. Internet and Mobile Use: Exploring the Gendered Digital Divide in Kerala. *Loyola Journal of Social Sciences*, 36(2): 35-56.
- 2021 **Thakkar, Shriya**. Moving Towards Empowerment: Migrant Domestic Workers in India. *Asian Journal of Women's Studies*, 23(3):425-440 <https://doi.org/10.1080/12259276.2021.1957195>
- 2018 **Thakkar, Shriya**. Art in Everyday Resistance: A Case Study of the Pink Vigilantes of India. *Junctions: Graduate Journal of the Humanities, (Utrecht University)*, 3(1):8-17. <http://doi.org/10.33391/jgjh.5>

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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- 2024 **Thakkar, Shriya**, and Rituparna Bhattacharyya. Living by the Edges: Existential Vulnerabilities among the Slum-dwelling Women of Delhi, India. In *Sustainability in South Asian Cities: Performance and Future Prospects* (Edited by Subhash, Anand, Rituparna Bhattacharyya, Madhushree Das, Tulshi Kumar Das, and Pushkar K. Pradhan). *Springer Nature* (In press).

## MANUSCRIPTS IN SUBMISSION/PREPARATION

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- **Thakkar, Shriya** & Hyunsu Oh. Intersectional Social Identity, Perceived Discrimination, and Self-Rated Health among Older Adults in India. *Journal of Aging and Health* (Under Review).
- Parekh, Harsh, **Shriya Thakkar**, Paras Bhatt, Patricia Akello Perry. Social Media as a Social System Justifier in the Wake of #MeToo Campaign: Examining Nuances and Challenges in the Entertainment Industry. *Journal of Social Issues* (Under Review).

- Oh, Hyunsu & **Shriya Thakkar**. Spatial Analysis of Racial Capitalism and COVID-19 in Louisiana. *Health Education & Behavior* (Under Review).
- Datta, Biplab & **Shriya Thakkar**. Health Disparity at the Intersection of Religion and Caste: Evidence from India. *Dialogues in Health* (Revise & Resubmit).
- Prakash, Anjal, Noor Kumar, Ashwini Chhatre, **Shriya Thakkar**, Aaditya Dar. Navigating India's Groundwater Crisis: Legal and Institutional Perspectives on Regulation and Conservation. *Water Policy* (Under Review)
- Parekh, Harsh, T. Muhammad, **Shriya Thakkar**, Chanda Maurya. Analyzing the Impact of Screen-related Sedentary Behavior, Peer Connection and Parental Relationships on Depressive Symptoms among Adolescents and Young Adults: A Structural Equation Modeling Approach. *Journal of Technology in Behavioral Science* (Under Review)
- Sinclair, H. Colleen, Andrew R. Burns, Samuel Robison, Jonathan T. Yevuyibor, **Shriya Thakkar**, Kristina Little. Stories of Resilience and Vulnerability: A Qualitative Study of the Challenges and Successes of Community Coalitions Addressing Underage Drinking in Louisiana During the COVID-19 Pandemic (Draft Available)

## OTHER WORKS

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- 2016      **Thakkar, Shriya**. Is India Really Transforming: Narratives from Dabok. *Economic & Political Weekly*, 51(47): 17-20.  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/44165872>
- Covered in [Mint](#)
- 2018      **Thakkar, Shriya**. "Review of *To Live Freely in This World: Sex Worker Activism in Africa* by Chi A. Mgbako." *Women's Studies International Forum*, 70:134.
- 2015      **Thakkar, Shriya**. "Review of *Networked Anthropology: A Primer for Ethnographers* by Matthew S. Durrington and Samuel G. Collins." *Journal of Indian Anthropological Society*, 50: 85-86.

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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- Recipient of the National Science Foundation (NSF) Mentorship Program – Full STEAM Ahead Award, 2023
- Meeting Registration Award, American Sociological Association (ASA), 2022 (\$125)
- Graduate Student Association (GSA) Travel Award, 2022, LSU (\$1000)
- Erasmus Mundus Scholarship, European Union, 2016-18 (EUR 49,000)
- International Summer School (ISS) Scholarship, University of Oslo, Norway, 2016
- 'Global Solutions' Summer Scholarship (G7-G20 Summit), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Berlin, 2018
- Science Meritorious Award, University of Delhi, 2013, 2014

- Thesis Research Grant (2018), NOG Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies, Graduate School of Humanities, Utrecht University (EUR 200)

## FELLOWSHIPS

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- Graduate Fellow – Scholars Strategy Network (SSN) for the New Orleans (NOLA) chapter, January 2023-Present
- NSF Mentorship Program: Full STEAM Ahead, August 2023—March 2024.

## INVITED WORKSHOPS

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- 2024 Thakkar, Shriya. Presenter. “Impact of Extreme Weather Events on the Mental Well-Being of Older Adults” *National Science Foundation (NSF) Full STEAM Ahead*. New Orleans, Louisiana, 7-10 March.
- 2023 Community Engagement Workshops to define the NCAR Earth System Science and Technology Hubs (NESTs). Sponsored by NSF (*National Council of Atmospheric Research (NCAR)*). Omaha, Nebraska, 12-14 September.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2024 Oh, Hyunsu and **Shriya Thakkar** (Presenter). “Spatial Analysis of Racial Capitalism and COVID-19 in Louisiana”. *Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, Louisiana, 3-6 April.
- 2024 Parekh, Harsh, **Shriya Thakkar**, Paras Bhatt. “Social Media as a Social System Justifier in the Wake of #MeToo Campaign: Examining Nuances and Challenges in the Entertainment Industry”. *Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS)*. Hawaii, 3-6 January. <https://hdl.handle.net/10125/106670>
- 2023 **Thakkar, Shriya**. “Between Home and House: Narratives of Women Domestic Workers in India.” *Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, Louisiana, 11-14 October.
- 2023 **Thakkar, Shriya**. “Bollywood Provides bread, at least Doesn’t Abandon Women After Rape: India in the Time of #MeToo”. *Graduate Research Conference*. Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 24-26 April.
- 2023 Sinclair, H. Colleen, Jonathan T. Yevuyibor, **Shriya Thakkar**, Kristina Little, Andrew Burns. ““That’s just the way it is”: Examining Cultural Barriers and Coalition Strengths that Contribute to the Effectiveness of Underage Drinking Interventions”. *International Conference on Psychological Science (ICPS)*. Brussels, Belgium, 9-11 March.
- Covered in [The Psychology Times](#)
- 2022 **Thakkar, Shriya**. “Negotiating Spaces and Identities: Life as A Woman Domestic Worker”. *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting*. Los Angeles, California, 5-9 August.

- 2021 Shrum, Wesley, Jonathan T. Yevuyibor, **Shriya Thakkar**. “Internet Use and Mental Health in Africa and India”. *AoIR Selected Papers of Internet Research*, Virtual Event, 13-15 October. <https://doi.org/10.5210/spir.v2021i0.12241>
- 2018 **Thakkar, Shriya**. “Life as a Woman Domestic Worker: Perceptions & Realities” at *The Third “Voices of GEMMA” Intercultural Forum*. Granada, Spain, 10-11 December.
- 2018 **Thakkar, Shriya**. “Home and Domesticity: A Case of Migrant Women Domestic Workers of Delhi, India” at *The Migration Conference (TMC)*. Lisbon, Portugal, 26-28 June.
- 2017 **Thakkar, Shriya**. “Labor Migration and Gender Roles: A South Asian Perspective”, at *The Yorkshire African Studies Network (YASN) Conference on Migration and Transition*. Hull, United Kingdom, 18-19 May.

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

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- 2016 “Will Modi’s Swachh Bharat Mission meet its target?” *Livemint*, Dec 28.
- 2023 “Psychological Scientists Attend International Event” *The Psychology Times*, April 30.

## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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### **Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA**

- July 2023 – Present: Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology.
- Jan 2021 – July 2021: Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology.

### **Social Research and Evaluation Center (SREC), Louisiana State University**

- Aug 2021 – Aug 2023: Graduate Research Assistant (Monitoring & Evaluation).

### **Asian Development Bank (ADB Headquarters), Manila, Philippines**

- Aug 2019 – Sep 2019, Intern (Environment & Safeguards Division (SDCC)).

### **Indian School of Business (Hyderabad Campus)**

- April 2019 – Dec 2020, Research Associate (Bharati Institute of Public Policy).

### **Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A)**

- April 2018 – April 19, Academic Associate (Area of Business Communications).

### **Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

- Oct 2017 – Feb 2018, Research Intern (Health Department).

## **ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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- **Section Editor** (Book & Multimedia Reviews)  
*Anthropology & Aging* (University of Pittsburgh Open Library Publishing)
- **Reviewer** (Peer-reviewed journals)

*Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics, PLoS One, Violence Against Women, Asian Journal of Women's Studies, Ageing & Society, Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking.*

- **Ad-hoc Reviewer** (Conferences)

*The Gulf South Service-Learning Summit, 2022, 2023, Baton Rouge, LA.*

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

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### *Departmental Service*

2021-2023      Treasurer – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee Department of Sociology, LSU

2021-22        Vice President, Sociological Graduate Student Association (SGSA), LSU

2014-15        Vice President, Delhi University Anthropological Association (DUAA)

### *University Service*

2023            Judge, LSU Graduate Research Conference (GRC)

2023            Judge, LSU Discover Day (Undergraduate Research Symposium)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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List of Courses—Primary Instructor of Record (Louisiana State University)

- Undergraduate:
- SOCL 2505 Marriage and Family (100% Web-based), Summer 2023 (**Student Evaluation: 4.7/5**)
- SOCL 2211 Methods of Social Research, Fall 2023 (**Student Evaluation: 4.2/5**)

Guest Lectures—List of Courses

- Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge: Methods in Social Research (undergraduate)
- University of Hull, United Kingdom: Current Perspectives on Gender and Development (graduate)

Teaching Assistant—List of Courses

- Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA): Written Analysis & Communication (WAC), Communication for Managers, Strategic Communication in the Digital Era.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- American Sociological Association (ASA)
- Natural Hazards Engineering Research Infrastructure (NHERI) Graduate Student Council (NGSC)
- Southern Sociological Society (SSS)
- Scholars Strategy Network (SSN)