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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gender issues, South-Asia, Inequality, Notions of development, Gender-based Violence, Social Movements, Monitoring and Evaluation, Community based interventions, Intervention design

EDUCATION

University of Oregon (UO), Eugene, OR

PhD, Cultural Anthropology

October 2020-Present

Middlebury Institute of International studies (MIIS), Monterey, CA

MA, International Policy and Development

December 2017

Concentration: *Monitoring, Evaluation and Design*

Certificate: *Design, Partnership, Management and Innovation*

January 2017

Louisiana State University, Shreveport (LSU-S), LA

BA (Magna cum laude), Mass communications

December 2015

Concentration: *Public relations*

PAPERS & ARTICLES

- **Chintakindi, M.** (2025). "Dreams Deferred: Navigating Urban Aspiration and Vulnerability among Informal Laborers in Hyderabad". *Anthropology of Work Review*. (*Under Review*)
- **Chintakindi, M.** (2025). "Dalit Intersectionality as Method and Theory: Women's Narratives from the Margins of Urban Progress". In *Intersectionality beyond Eurocentrism*. Intersectionality in Research Network (InReNet). Tampere University. (*forthcoming*)
- **Chintakindi, M.** (2025). "Dreams Deferred: Navigating Aspiration and Constraint in Urban India's Margins". 2025 Center for the Study of Women in Society (CSWS) Annual Review, University of Oregon.
- **Chintakindi, M.** (2023). "Informal Labor Blues: Effects of COVID-19 on Dalit Caste Women in Hyderabad". *Interdisciplinary Knowledge Series*. Women's Studies Unit, Bhairab Ganguly College, New Delhi Publishers.
- **Chintakindi, M.** (2023). "Informal Labor Blues: Gendered Effects of COVID-19 and Beyond on Women Belonging to Backward Castes in Hyderabad, India". *Journal of the Indian Anthropological Society*.
- **Chintakindi, M.** (2022). "Informal Labor Blues: Gendered Effects of COVID-19 and Beyond on Backward Caste Women in India". 2022 Center for the Study of Women in Society (CSWS) Annual Review, University of Oregon.
- **Chintakindi, M., Adhikari, P.** (2022). "Let them Eat Cake: Narratives Around Food Amidst the Pandemic among Backward Communities in India". *The Village Square Journal*.
- Sreedharan, G., Datta, D., Jain, N., **Chintakindi, M.** (2019). "Nourishing hard to reach communities". *Vihara Innovation Network for Reckitt Benckiser*.
- **Chintakindi, M.** (2019). "Gender transformative approach to societal empowerment". *Indian Journal of Women and Social Change*.
- **Chintakindi, M., Sood, S.** (2019). "Re-examining WASH Outcomes for Behaviour Change and Development: Case of two Districts in Bihar". *Indian Association of Social Science Institutions (IASSI) Quarterly-Contributions to Indian Social Science*.
- **Chintakindi, M.** (2019). "Change through Communities: Lessons from District Bureaucrats". *Sehgal Foundation Newsletter*.
- **Chintakindi, M.** (2018). "Positive Deviance and Appreciative Inquiry: The story of slowly transforming Sadai". *The Village Square Journal*.
- Sood, S., **Chintakindi, M.** (2018). "Do governance and development go hand in hand". *New Delhi Times*.
- **Chintakindi, M., Sood, S.** (2018). "Measuring happiness and sustainable development in India". *SDG Philanthropy Platform*.
- Mukharya, P., Chawla, P., **Chintakindi, M.** (2017). "Rapid Assessment of the Phasing Out of Hazardous Pesticides in Dhoraji, Gujarat". *Better Cotton Initiative*.

ACADEMIC
HONORS

- Virginia Green and Leila Johnston Award (2025), Department of Anthropology, UO
- Jane Grant Dissertation Fellowship (2025-2026), Center for the Study of Women in Society (CSWS), UO
- Oregon Humanities Center Dissertation Fellowship (Winter 2026), Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation, UO
- Sushil Jajodia Indian Student Scholarship (2023-2024)(2025-2026), Division of Graduate Engagement, UO
- Global Oregon Graduate Research Award, Global Studies Institute (2023, 2025), UO
- Graduate Student Research Grant (2021-2022, 2024-2025), Center for the Study of Women in Society (CSWS), UO
- Asian Studies Graduate Student Presentation Award (2023), Asian Studies Program, UO
- Center for Asian and Pacific Studies (CAPS) Grant (2023), UO
- Asian Studies Graduate Student Presentation Award (2022), Asian Studies Program, UO
- Promising Scholar Award at Graduate School (2020), UO
- Peter Grothe Endowed Scholarship for Women (2016-17), MIIS
- Chancellor Award for academic achievement (2015), LSU-S
- Vice-President, Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society and Secretary of Public Relations Student Organization (2015), LSU-S
- Kerry Garland Memorial Scholarship (2014), Shreveport Journalism Foundation
- Scholar Awards (Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014), LSU-S
- Nationally Ranked in the Top 10 (Novice Division)(2014), Top 25 (Professional Division)(2014), International Public Debate Association

CONFERENCES,
TALKS, LECTURES

- Facilitator and Discussant, "Feminist Pedagogies", Collaboration and Building Bridges: Regional Encounter and Conversation Workshop across Pacific Northwest, May 2025
- Presenter and Panelist, "Pursuing the 'Good Life': Global Ethnography of Dalit women's aspirations in urban India's Informal Economy", Fourth Global South Graduate Student Conference, Global South Research Hub, George Mason University, May 2025
- Invited talk on "In Pursuit of 'Good Life': Gender, Caste and Class in India's Shadow Economy", Center for the study of Women in Society (CSWS), UO, April 2025.
- Guest Lecture on "The Paradox of Urban Progress in the Global South" for South Asian Folklore (Folklore 410/510), UO, April 2025
- Presenter and Panelist, "Navigating Identity and Agency While Rethinking Equity, Sustainability, and Landscapes", Single paper, Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Portland, March 2025
- Presenter and Panelist, "Praxis as Theory in Colonial Contexts: Anthropological Responsibility and Methodologies of Care", Round table, Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Portland, March 2025
- Presenter and Panelist, "Informal economy and migrant workforce in cities: Assessing Risk, Insecurity and Vulnerability among the urban poor in Post-Pandemic world", 4th Vienna Anthropology Days, University of Vienna, September 2024
- Presenter and Panelist, "The Labor of Caste/the Caste of Labor", Annual South Asian Studies Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2023
- Presenter and Panelist, "Labor and Precarity: Gendered voices from a new generation", South Asian Conference of the Pacific Northwest, University of Washington, May 2023.
- Guest lecture on "Caste and Anthropology" for Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 161), UO, November 2022.
- Invited talk on "How Can I/Do I Decolonize?", Decolonial Philosophies Collaboratory, UO, October 2022 .
- Presenter and Panelist, "Ethnography and Qualitative Literacy", Chicago Ethnography Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 2022.
- Guest lecture on "Caste, Gender and Labour" for Cultures of South Asia (ANTH 331), UO, February 2022.
- Invited talk on "Informal Labor Blues: Effects of COVID-19 and beyond on women belonging to Backward Castes", CSWS, UO, January 2022.
- Presenter and Panelist, "COVID-19 and Development – effects and new realities for the Global South", WIDER Development Conference, United Nations University, September 2021.
- Presenter, 19th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Social Science Institutions (IASSI), National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), Hyderabad, India, January 2019.
- Presenter and participant, "Social dynamics to sustainable futures from narratives of

vision and identity”, hosted by Institute of Advance Sustainability studies (Potsdam, Germany) and Risk Society and Policy Research Center (RSPRC), National Taiwan University, Taipei, October 2018.

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

**Graduate Teaching Fellow,
University of Oregon, Department of Anthropology** September 2020-Present

- As Instructor of Record: ANTH 165 Sexuality and Culture (Summer 2023); ANTH 220-Introduction to Nutritional Anthropology (Winter 2025)
- As Graduate Teaching Fellow: ANTH 114-Pirates and Piracy (Fall 2021); ANTH 331-Cultures India and South Asia (Winter 2022); ANTH 165-Sexuality and Culture (Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2024); ANTH 161-Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Fall 2023); ANTH 220-Introduction to Nutritional Anthropology (Winter 2023); ANTH 110-Introduction to Traditional Ecological Knowledge (Fall 2023); ANTH 332- Human Attraction and Mating Strategies (Winter 2024); ANTH 114-Pirates and Piracy (Summer 2024); ANTH 165-Sexuality and Culture (Fall 2024)

**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE**

**Research Associate,
International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)** July 2019-December 2020

- Managed two large grant programmes: 1) Swashakt-Empowering Indian Women’s Collectives (USD 7.3 million), 2) Agricultural Innovation Evidence Program in Africa (USD 1 million)
- Assisted in the day-to-day management of large-scale impact evaluations, including facilitating meetings and communication with project stakeholders in India and Africa
- Contributed to 3ie’s public knowledge base by developing policy-maker friendly briefs, summaries, systematic reviews, evidence gap maps, blogs, literature reviews, portfolio reviews, learning papers, and data gathering
- Analysed and summarized results from baseline and final reports of the impact evaluation studies conducted under themes of gender empowerment and agricultural innovations
- Participated in key stakeholder meetings, and field-based missions and coordinate with key stakeholders in the programme, such as donors, thought-partners, grantees, implementers, policymakers and others

**Research Manager,
Vihara Innovation Network** April 2019-July 2019

- Collected, analysed and interpreted primary and secondary data from low resource rural and tribal landscapes on maternal and child health vulnerabilities due to climate and environmental factors
- Devised ethnographic research methodologies and utilised appropriate methods and tools
- Managed and delivered research reports and presentations to government and private stakeholders
- Maintained and developed donor and client relationships

**Research Associate,
Sehgal Foundation** April 2018-March 2019

- Conducted research on themes: food security, water security, and social justice
- Collected qualitative data through Focus Group Discussions, Key Informant Interviews, Case studies and observations in rural contexts relevant to Sehgal Foundation’s work
- Curated raw datasets, conducted data analysis and administered statistical tools on datasets
- Led training sessions on qualitative and quantitative tools with the research field team
- Assisted in formulation and field testing of tools
- Conducted secondary research for reports and assisted in writing research reports

**Research Analyst,
Outline India** July 2017-February 2018

- Built on-going and completed research project/field reports and proposals on child education, farming practices, sexual and reproductive health and so on
- Assisted in qualitative/quantitative survey tool drafting, translations and conducted tool review
- Conducted data analysis and performed timely data checks for live projects

- Led field management, field training, supervised on field data collection, monitored and conducted timely field visits
- Conducted a short-term evaluation of Outline India's research and outcomes
- Managed projects end to end, communications and undertook client outreach activities
- Created content for Social Media and other Outline India publications

GRADUATE
RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

Micro-Enterprise Consultant (MEC)

Center for Social Impact Learning, (MIIS)

September 2016-May 2017

- Worked one-on-one with 25 clients providing loan assistance and created portfolios for California Farm link, a micro-finance enterprise
- Led a team of 6 to evaluate and measure outcomes every four months and oversaw monitoring
- Filled and revised credit analysis memos and assessed financial stability
- Provided business literacy and English competency classes

Graduate Research Assistant,

**James Martin Center for non-proliferation studies
(MIIS)**

February 2016-May 2016

- Researched pertinent global non-proliferation issues and managed the Center's database
- Scanned and recruited prospective students and interns from universities across the globe for the Center
- Successfully conducted the 2015-2016 CIF conference on "Global Nuclear Vulnerability: Lessons for a More Secure and Peaceful World" with high school participants from Japan, Russia and USA

SOFTWARE

SPSS, MS Office, MAXQDA, NVivo, SurveyCTO

LANGUAGES

English, Telugu, Hindi, Kannada (Basic) and Tamil (Basic)