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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2018 - Present Assistant Professor • The University of Texas at San Antonio, Department of Social Work
2012 - 2018 Adjunct Assistant Instructor • The University of Texas at Arlington, School of Social Work
2014 – 2018 Project Manager/Consultant • The University of Texas at Arlington, School of Social Work
2006 – 2014 Adjunct Faculty • Dallas County Community College, Department of Math and Science

EDUCATION

December 2016 The University of Texas at Arlington
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Social Work
May 2009 The University of Texas at Arlington
Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW)
December 1998 The University of Texas at Arlington
Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry (B. Sc.)

RESEARCH INTERSETS

- Sustainable Development: Women and Global Health; Empowerment and Leadership of Women and Girls; Gender Equality;
- Sustainability: Environmental Health; Place; Natural and Built Environment; Technology as Intervention
- Human Migration: Refugees, Forced Displacement
- Global Social Issues

TEACHING INTERESTS

Global Social Work; Social Policy, Action, and Advocacy; Research Methods; Community & Macro Practice Courses, Environmental Justice

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Small, E., **Sharma, B.B.**, Nikolova, S.P., & Touni, B. (*Accepted*). Hegemonic masculinity attitudes toward female genital mutilation/cutting among college students in Sierra Leone. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*.
Mohr, R., Carbajal, J., & **Sharma, B.B.** (*Accepted*). The influence of educational level on teenage pregnancy in low income countries: A systematic literature review. *Journal of Social Work in the Global Community*.

- Carbajal, J., Cordova, W., de Fátima Cordeiro Dutra, A., Bailey-Wallace, K., Wigington, T., **Sharma, B.**, & Scott, S. (2018). Conducting qualitative research using a phenomenological design: Women ascending to leadership positions in rural communities. *Sage Research Methods Cases*. doi:10.4135/9781526445346
- Sharma, B.B.**, Small, E., Mengo, C. & Ude, P. (2017). Women's autonomy and attitudes toward condom use: A multi-country analysis. *Social Work in Public Health*, 32, pp. 238-253. dx.doi.org/10.1080/19371918.2016.1275073
- Small, E., Nikolova, S., & **Sharma, B.B.** (2017). Cultural Competency in the Global Setting: Are Social Work Students Prepared to Serve in a Culturally Diverse World? *The British Journal of Social Work*, 47 (3), pp. 666–682, doi.org/10.1093/bjsw/bcw050
- Bricout, J.C., **Sharma, B.B.**, Baker, P.M.A., Behal, A., & Bolini, L. (2016). Learning futures with mixed sentience. *Futures*, 87, pp. 91-105. dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.futures.2016.10.001
- Sharma, B.B.** & Small, E. (2016): Let us talk about AIDS: Sexual health communication among Kenyan women about HIV/AIDS risk prevention. *Journal of Women's Health, Issues Care*, 5(2). dx.doi.org/10.4172/2325-9795.1000225
- Mengo, C., Small, E., **Sharma, B.B.**, & Ude, P. (2016). Risky sexual behavior of multiple partner relations and women's autonomy in four countries. *Sexuality and Culture*, 20(3), pp. 535-554. dx.doi.org/10.1007/s12119-016-9341-6
- Pillai, V. K., Wei, F. & **Sharma, B.B.** (2016). Men and reproductive decision-making in Zambia. *Applied Clinical Research, Clinical Trials & Regulatory Affairs*, 3 (1), pp. 20-26.
- Sharma, B.B.** (2015). Revisiting the United Nations' 1951 Convention relating to the Status of refugees: A critical analysis of the international refugee law. *Social Development Issues*, 37(2), pp. 80-94.
- Small, E., **Sharma, B.B.** & Nikolova, S. (2015). A pilot study evaluating students' interest in international Social Work Education. *Social Work Education*, 34 (4), pp. 414-427. dx.doi.org/10.1080/02615479.2015.1015979
- Jayasundara, D., Neddegard, R., **Sharma, B.B.**, & Flanagan K (2014). Intimate partner violence in Muslim communities: A systematic review of the literature. *Special edition on Violence against Immigrant Women- Global Perspectives, Arts, and Social Sciences Journal*, S1: 003. dx.doi.org/10.4172/2151-6200.S1-003
- Black, B. M., Weisz, A., Murray, K. & **Sharma, B.B.** (2014). Parents' awareness of and anticipated responses to their teens' reports of dating violence. *Journal of Family Social Work*, 18(1), pp. 3-20. dx.doi.org/10.1080/10522158.2014.968941
- Mitschke, D. B., Aguirre, R. T. P., & **Sharma, B.B.** (2013). Common threads: Improving the mental health of Bhutanese refugee women through shared learning. *Social Work in Mental Health* 11(3), pp. 249-266. dx.doi.org/10.1080/15332985.2013.769926
- Carbajal, J., Parson, J., Salehin, M. Pillai, V. & **Sharma, B.B.** (2012). The effects of participation and resources on democratic attitudes: Role of social capital in four Latin American countries. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 38(3), pp. 330-341. dx.doi.org/10.1080/01488376.2011.637850

Under Review

Mengo, C., Beaujolais, B., & **Sharma, B. B.** Informal and formal systems of care for women experiencing intimate partner violence in Kenya: the role of socio-cultural factors. *Violence and Victims*.

Carbajal, J., Bailey-Wallace, K., **Sharma, B.**, Wigington, T., Cordova, W., Scott, S., & de Fátima Cordeiro Dutra, A. Women Ascending to Leadership Positions in Rural Nonprofit Organizations. *Contemporary Rural Social Work Journal*.

MISCELLANEOUS

Contribution Acknowledgement In Book Chapter: Huang, J., Sherraden, M. S., Despard, M. R., Rothwell, D., Friedline, T., et. al. (2018). *Building Financial Capability for All*. In *Grand Challenges in Social Work Society*, edited by Fong, R., Lubben, J., & Barth, R. P. Oxford University Press.

Sharma, B. B. (2017). Poetry: *Reproductive Justice for Women of the East*. In *Radical Reproductive Justice: Foundation, Theory, Practice, Critique*, edited by Ross, L.J., Roberts, L., Derkas, E., Peoples, W., & Toure, P. B. Feminist Press in the City University of New York.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (NATIONAL)

Sharma, B.B. (2019). *Oral presentation*: Measuring gender inequality in Sustainable Development Goals. *Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)*, San Francisco, CA.

Ramos, B. & **Sharma, B.B.** (2019). *Poster presentation*: Maternal health services during times of natural disasters: a systematic review. *Cultural Inclusivity*, San Antonio, TX.

Mengo, C., Beaujolais, B., & **Sharma, B. B.** (2019). Informal and formal systems of care for women experiencing intimate partner violence in Kenya: the role of socio-cultural factors. *Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)*, San Francisco, CA.

Sharma, B.B., Nikolova, S.P., & Small, E. (2019). Women's rights: a global trend analysis. *Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)*, San Francisco, CA.

Sharma, B. B., Nikolova, S. P., & Small, E. (2018). Meeting student demand: using mixed-model group effect to understand students' interest in international social work. *Council on Social Work Education Conference (CSWE)*, Orlando, FL.(Accepted).

Sharma, B. B., Bricout, J. & Vilbig, K. (2018). Engaging community capabilities with technology: a mixed-method study of human-robot social learning for people with disabilities. *Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)*, Washington, D.C.

Mengo, C. & **Sharma, B. B.** (2016). A human rights approach for addressing gender-based violence. A cross-cultural study. *Council on Social Work Education Conference (CSWE)*, Atlanta, GA.

Sharma, B. B., & Nikolova, S.P. (2016). Factors associated with social work students' willingness to participate in international exchange program. *Council on Social Work Education Conference (CSWE)*, Atlanta, GA.

- Sharma, B.B.**, Small, E., Mengo, C., & Ude, P. (2016). A sustainable approach to addressing gender-based violence. A multi-country studies. *Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)*, Washington, D.C.
- Mengo, C., **Sharma, B.B.**, & Ude, P. (2015). Women's Autonomy and HIV/AIDS: An analysis of four countries using Demographic Health Surveys Indicators. *Council on Social Work Education Conference (CSWE)*, Denver, CO.
- Sharma, B. B.**, Peterson, H., & Small, E. (2015). HIV serostatus disclosure among a high-risk Kenya's population. *Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)*, New Orleans, LA.
- Maleku, A., **Sharma, B. B.**, & Kim, Y. K. (2015). The Question of Social Justice in Social Work: A Systematic Examination. *Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)*, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Sharma, B.B.** & Peterson, H. (2014). HIV Prevention among Kenyan women: Application of communication privacy management theory. *Council on Social Work Education Conference (CSWE)*, Tampa, FL.
- Sharma, B.B.**, Maleku, A., and Nikolova, S. (2014). Internally displaced children, data inconsistency, and methodological implications: A case of Nepal. *Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)*, San Antonio, TX.
- Mitschke, D. B., Aguirre, R. T. P, & **Sharma, B.B.**, (2014). Social enterprise and its potential for empowerment and enhanced self-esteem among female Bhutanese Refugees. *Society for Social Work and Research Conference (SSWR)*, San Antonio, TX.
- Maleku, A., **Sharma, B.B.**, and Pillai, V. (2014). Reproductive health and social development in developing countries: A latent growth curve analysis. *Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)*, San Antonio, TX.
- Sharma, B.B.** (2012). Gender mainstreaming in Nepal. *Himalayan Policy Conference*, Madison, WI.
- Sharma, B.B.** (2012). Implications on internally displaced Children as a result of conflicts and consequent human rights violations. *Southwest Conference on Asian Studies*, Dallas, TX.
- Sharma, B.B.**, Jayasundara, D. Bouie, R., and Madrigal, C. (2012). Maternal and infant mortality in developing countries: Empirical tests of Sen's perspectives of capability and development. *Society of Social Work Research (SSWR)*, Washington D. C.
- Sharma, B.B.** & Jayasundara, D. (2011). Human development perspective and its application to global reproductive health. *Council in Social Work Education (CSWE)*, Atlanta, GA.
- Opollo, D. & **Sharma, B.B.** (2010, October). Culturally adapted social work practice with refugee women living with HIV/AIDS. *National Association of Social Work (NASW)*, Houston, TX.
- Madrigal, C. R., Jayasundara, D. S., **Sharma, B.B.** (2008). Refugee and asylum policies in the US: a critical analysis. *Social Welfare Action Alliance on Katrina Recovery*, Houston, TX.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (INTERNATIONAL)

- Sharma, B. B.** (2019). A review of environmental health perceived risks and literacy. *23rd IUHPE World*

Conference on Health Promotion, Rotorua (Aotearoa), New Zealand.

Sharma, B.B. & Carbajal, J. (2013). Role of social capital on democratic attitudes: Effects of participation and resources in four Latin and South American countries. *International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD)*, Kampala, Uganda.

Jayasundara, D. S., Barkdull, C., **Sharma, B. B.**, & Madrigal, C. (2011). Maternal and infant mortality in developing countries: empirical tests of Sen's theoretical perspectives of capability and development. *Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA)*, The Hague, Netherlands.

Jayasundara, D. S., Barkdull, C., **Sharma, B.B.**, & Madrigal, C. (2011). Efficacy of Sen's capability and development perspectives to fields of reproductive health and international social work. *Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA)*, The Hague, Netherlands.

RESEARCH

Project Manager /Consultant, 2016 – 2018; The Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Wireless Inclusive Technologies (WIT RERC). PI: Dr. John Bricout, on site PI: Dr. Ling Xu
NIDILRR Funded (UTA, \$108,000)

Project Manager/Pre-Doctoral, 2014 – 2018; Social Learning in Mixed Human-Robot Groups for People with Disabilities. PI: Dr. John Bricout
National Science Foundation (NSF) Funded (UTA, \$119,663).

Research Collaborator, 2013 – 2016; Global Health Projects: HIV/AIDs and Gender Based Violence
PI: Dr. Eusebius Small

Summer Fellow, 2014, Summer; Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), University of Oxford Funded (*OPHI, \$1,500*).
Travel grant, The University of Texas at Arlington, School of Social Work Funded (*UTA, \$1,000*)

Co-investigator, 2014, Spring; Students' Attitudes Toward International Social Work
PI: Dr. Eusebius Small

Invitee: High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, United Nations, New York, NY. (2013, September 23, 24). Invitee to the sustainable development meeting on land-locked and least developed countries; forum on "What People Want"

Project Manager/Graduate Research Assistant, (I-CAP) Fellowship, 2012- 2013
Common Threads: Refugee Reintegration through Financial Literacy, Community Building, and Creative Arts.
PI: Dr. Diane Mitschke
The University of Texas at Arlington collaboration of Social Work Innovative Community Academic Partnership (ICAP). [Grant funded through Amon G. Carter Foundation and the Harold Simmons Foundation] (*UTA, \$60,000*)

Graduate Research Assistant, 2012; Parents' and Non-Parents' Awareness of and Responses to Teen Dating Violence. PI: Dr. Beverly Black

TEACHING

Graduate Courses Taught as Primary Instructor, 2012 – 2019

The University of Texas at San Antonio, College of Public Policy, San Antonio, TX

- SWK 5103 Social Problem and Social Welfare Policy
- SWK 5233 The Global Context of Social Work

The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX (Face-to-Face and Online)

- Research Methods and Evaluation, I
- Research and Evaluation II
- Research Methods II
- Social Policy and Child Welfare
- Foundations of Social Policy and Services
- Applied Social Work Practice II (Field Liaison)
- Advanced Community Practice
- Advanced Administrative Practice
- Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy

The University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota (Synchronous Online)

- Generalist Research Methods and Analysis
- Advanced Generalist Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
- Consultant for Student Internship in Nepal

Undergraduate Courses Taught as Primary Instructor

The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas (Face-to-Face and Online), 2012 - 2015

- Foundations of Social Policy and Services
- Social Work Practice III

Dallas County Community College District: North Lake College Science, Irving, Texas (face-to-face), 2006 - 2014

- General Biology for Majors
- General Biology for Non-majors

PRACTICE

Post-MSW

Program Officer/Grant Writer, 2009 – 2015

Hamro Chahana Nepal (HCN), Kathmandu, Nepal

A non-governmental organization (NGO), committed in working with rural and underprivileged women and children to promote education, health, and sustainable livelihood by empowering them.

Program Developer, 2014

Texas Muslim Women's Foundation (TMWF), Dallas, Texas
TMWF operates as Domestic Violence Shelter and community support for Muslim and non-Muslim immigrant families in North Texas.

Consultant, 2013

Koseli School for Slum and Street Children, Kathmandu, Nepal
Koseli operates as a school committed to empower children of slums and streets by offering formal and informal education, meals, hygiene, and shelter.

Pre-MSW

Counselor Intern, 2008 – 2009

Community for Clinical Social Work, Arlington, Texas
The Center for Clinical Social Work of the School of Social Work, a clinical and translational research institute.

Intern, 2007

United Community Centers, Inc., Fort Worth, TX
United Community Centers is a non-profit agency in partnership with United Way of Tarrant County, the United Methodist Church and other foundations and grantees that empower individuals, strengthens families, and enriches communities at three neighborhood centers.

AmeriCorps Intern, 1999

AmeriCorps UTA @ Resource Center, Dallas, TX
The Resource Center of Dallas empowers men, women, and youth with HIV/AIDS in identifying resources in the community.

SERVICE (PROFESSION)

Appointed Member: The Council on Global Social Issues, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), 2018 – 2021

Environmental Task Force, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), 2019

Ad Hoc Reviewer: The British Journal of Social Work, 2016, 2018

Ad Hoc Reviewer: Contemporary Rural Social Work, 2014 -2015

Ad Hoc Reviewer: South African Journal of International Affairs, 2015

Ad Hoc Reviewer: Social Development Issues, 2015

SERVICE (SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY)

The University of Texas at San Antonio

Member: Graduate Program Committee, 2018 -2019

Ad Hoc Member: Program Evaluation Committee, 2018 -2019

Ad Hoc Member: Mentorship Committee, 2018 -2019

Faculty Search Committee, 2018 -2019

The University of Texas at Arlington

Member: Students for Global Change (SGC-UTA), 2014-2016

Student Member: Search Committee, UTA, School of Social Work, 2015

Panel Judge: Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students (ACES-UTA), 2014

SERVICE (COMMUNITY)

Board Advisor, 2012 - Current

Hamro Chahana Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal.

A non-governmental organization (NGO), committed in working with rural and underprivileged women and children to promote education, health, and sustainable livelihood by empowering them.

Strategic Team Member/ Coalition Builder, 2015 – 2016

Nepal Rising Campaign, Nepal Ko Yuwa, USA.

A global collaborative campaign of relief, rebuilding and resilience in the wake of devastating earthquakes of 2015, in Nepal.

Disaster Relief Assistance, 2005

The American Red Cross, Chisholm Trail Tarrant County Chapter, Fort Worth, Texas
Hurricane Katrina displaced persons relief initiative, Fort Worth, Texas

Member of the Disaster Relief Team, 1997 -1999

The American Red Cross, Chisholm Trail Tarrant County Chapter, Fort Worth, Texas
Emergency quick response service provision.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- Council on Social Work Education - Katherine A. Kendall Institute for International Social Work Education's (CSWE-KAKI), Partners in Advancing International Education (PIE) Award – Student Recipient, 2015 (*In name only*).
- Research to Practice Institute (RPI), Network for Social Work Management and Leadership Training Recipient, 2015 (\$500)
- Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) Fellowship, University of Oxford, 2014 (\$1,500)
- Graduate Research Fellowship Innovative Community Academic Partnership (ICAP), 2010, 2011 (\$21,000)
- Graduate Fellowship at University of Texas at Arlington, Recipient, 2009, 2010, 2011(\$22,000)
- Outstanding Doctoral Student for GPA, 2011- 2012 (*In name only*).
- Academic Excellence Award, 2009, 2011(*In name only*).
- Carolyn C. and Santos H. Hernández Endowed Scholarship, 2009 (\$500)
- AmeriCorps National and Community Service Fellowship Award, 1999 (\$10,000)
- Other Travel Grants (\$3,500)

AFFILIATIONS

Member: Amnesty International (AI)

Member: Council for Social Work Education (CSWE)

Member: Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)

Member: International Institute for Sustainable Development (iisd)

Golden Key International Honor Society, Inductee, 2010

Phi Kappa Pi Honor Society, Inductee, 2008

Phi Alpha Honor Society, Inductee, 2008