

Hansini Munasinghe

Curriculum Vitae

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Dept. of Sociology & Criminology, University of Iowa

EDUCATION

Current **PhD Sociology.** University of Iowa (expected completion: 2021)
Area Exams: Social Stratification | Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration

Dissertation: “Immigration & Family: How Couples Make Migration Decisions, Navigate Restrictive Visas, and Influence Political and Civic Participation”
Committee: Mary Noonan (chair), Pallavi Banerjee, Sarah Bruch, Freda Lynn, Michael Sauder, and Marina Zaloznaya.

2019 **Graduate Certificate in College Teaching.** College of Education, University of Iowa.

2015 **M.A. Sociology.** University of Iowa
Thesis: “Academic Behavioral Engagement among Children of Immigrants: Exploring the Mediating Role of Student Aspirations, Parent Expectations, and Family Social Capital in the Resilience of Immigrant Children.”
Committee: Sarah Bruch (chair), Jennifer Glanville, and Sarah Harkness.

2013 **B.S. Sociology,** Iowa State University

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social Stratification, Immigration, Education, Race and Ethnicity, Gender and Family, Citizenship, Quantitative & Qualitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Munasinghe, Hansini. 2020. “Return Migration During a Pandemic.” *Contexts* special online issue on Inequality during the Coronavirus Pandemic edited by Rashawn Ray and Fabio Rojas.

Teaching-Related Work:

Munasinghe, Hansini. 2020. “Review: Ear Hustle.” *Teaching Sociology*.
www.doi.org/10.1177/0092055X20931537

Research Reports:

Bruch, Sarah K, Rachel Maller, KaLeigh White, **Hansini Munasinghe**, and Camille Socares. 2019. “Undergraduate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Campus Climate Survey and Listening Sessions Report”. The University of Iowa.

Bruch, Sarah K, Rachel Maller, KaLeigh White, and **Hansini Munasinghe**. 2019. “Graduate Student Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Campus Climate Survey and Listening Sessions Report” The University of Iowa.

Bruch, Sarah K., KaLeigh White, **Hansini Munasinghe**, and Rachel Maller. 2019. "Faculty and Staff Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Campus Climate Survey and Listening Sessions Report" The University of Iowa.

Bruch, Sarah K, **Hansini Munasinghe**, and Yujia Lyu. 2017. "University of Iowa Parental Leave Survey Report". Iowa City, IA: University of Iowa Public Policy Center.

Working Papers:

Munasinghe, Hansini. "Contextualizing Family Migration Decisions: The Role of the Family, Organizations, and the State". *Draft under review at Sociology Compass.*

Munasinghe, Hansini. "Cross-Nativity Partnering and Political Participation among the Immigrant Second Generation." *Draft available.*

Munasinghe, Hansini. "What do you hope to get out of this class?" Incorporating Student-Centered Goal Setting throughout the Semester" *Draft available.*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor

Social Inequality (Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Summer 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Summer 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Summer 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016)

Section Instructor

Social Inequality, with Dr. Louise Seamster (Fall 2020)
Introduction to Sociology, with Dr. Alison Bianchi (Spring 2016)
Introduction to Sociology, with Dr. Michael Lovaglia (Fall 2015)
Social Inequality, with Dr. Jorge Chavez-Rojas (Spring 2015)

Grader

American Family, with Dr. Mary Noonan (Fall 2014)
Race and Ethnicity, with Dr. Jessica Welburn (Fall 2014)
Social Inequality, with Dr. Jae-On Kim (Spring 2014)
Social Networks, with Dr. Freda Lynn (Fall 2013)
Research Methods, with Dr. Susan Stewart, Iowa State University (Spring 2013)

Teaching Areas and Courses:

Social Inequality
Research Methods (including qualitative and quantitative methods)
Sociology of International Migration
Race and Ethnicity

Coursework in Teaching

2019 Teaching-as-Research, Univ. of Iowa Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL)
2017 Teaching Practicum in Gender and Society with Dr. Jennifer Haylett
2016 Teaching Practicum in Popular Culture and Society with Dr. Jessica Welburn

- 2016 Teaching Sociology
2015 Seminar in College Teaching

Guest Lectures

- 2017 “Transnational Parenting” in Dr. Jenn Haylett’s *Gender and Society*
2016 “Race and Racisms” and “Analyzing Nightlife: Race in Social Spaces” in Dr. Jessica Welburn’s *Culture and Society*.
2015 “Neighborhoods” in Dr. Sarah Bruch’s *Social Inequality*.
2014 “Immigration” in Dr. Jessica Welburn’s *Race and Ethnicity*.

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2020 Teaching as Research Project Proposal, Center for Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning, University of Iowa (\$250)
2020 Grant and Fellowship Writing Seminar for Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (\$250)
2020 Graduate & Professional Student Government Travel Grant, University of Iowa (\$250)
2020 Digital Scholarship & Publishing Studio Fellowship, University of Iowa (\$5,000)
2020 Summer Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa (\$300)
2019 Iowa Graduate Success Fellowship Incentive Program (\$500)
2019 Department of Sociology Travel Award, University of Iowa (\$400)
2019 Summer Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa (\$350)
2018 Department of Sociology Travel Award, University of Iowa (\$300)
2012 Iowa State Univ. International Student Gold Ambassador Scholarship (\$7000/year)

PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 “Cross-Nativity Partnering and Political Participation Among the Immigrant 1.5- and Second-Generation”, roundtable, International Migration section at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2020. (Conference cancelled.)
2020 “The Effects of Visa Restrictions on Immigrants: How “Dependent Spouses” Navigate Everyday Experiences, Meaning- and Decision-Making”, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, April 2020. (Conference cancelled.)
2020 “Immigration Policy and Visa Restrictions: How Dependent Spouses Navigate Experiences, Meaning, and Life Decisions” presented at the Towards Critical Migration Studies mini conference at the Eastern Sociology Society Annual Meeting, February 2020.
2019 “Forced Time-Out: The Effects of “Dependent” Visa Status on the Gendered Division of Labor” presented at the roundtable on Gender and Migration at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2019.
2019 “Cross-Nativity Partnering and Political Participation Among the Immigrant Second Generation” presented at the 21st Annual James F. Jakobsen Memorial Graduate Conference, March 2019.
2018 “Incorporating and Marginalizing Experiences in School and their Impact on the Civic Incorporation of Immigrant Children” presented with Sarah Bruch at the section session on “Social Inclusion and Exclusion and International Migration” at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2018.
2015 “Academic Behavioral Engagement among Children of Immigrants” presented at University of Iowa’s Inequality Seminar, December 2015.

- 2015** “Academic Behavioral Engagement among Children of Immigrants” roundtable presentation at the Midwest Sociology of Education Research Symposium. Iowa City, IA. October 2015.
- 2015** “A Buffer against Downward Assimilation: The Role of Parental Relationships in the Educational Engagement of Immigrant Children” presented at James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference, March 2015.

APPLIED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2018** Graduate Research Assistant for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion research project at the University of Iowa. Survey and focus group data collection and analysis.
Supervisor: Dr. Sarah Bruch
- 2017** Graduate Research Assistant for Parental Leave research project for the Council on the Status of Women, University of Iowa. Quantitative and qualitative survey data analysis.
Supervisor: Dr. Sarah Bruch

Statistical Skills

Programming: R (basic), Python (basic)
Packages: Stata (advanced), MAXQDA (intermediate)

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Departmental and University

Communications Committee (2020-2021)
Organizing Committee for Departmental Summer Research and Professionalization Series (2020)
Womxn’s Summit, University of Iowa – “Unmask the Hidden Curriculum” workshop organizer and facilitator (2020)
Engaging Across Cultures Professional Development Series, International Programs at the University of Iowa (2019)
Graduate Student Writing Group, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa – founder and organizer (2019-current)
Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Dept of Sociology, Univ of Iowa – Graduate Student Representative (2019-2020).
Graduate Student Orientation Committee, Dept of Sociology, Univ of Iowa – Committee member (2014-2015); Committee Lead Organizer (2016).
Diversity Committee, Dept of Sociology, Univ of Iowa – Grad Student Representative (2014-2015).
Sociology Club, Iowa State University – Treasurer. (2012-2013)

Service to Profession

Reviewer: Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health
Discussant, ASA regular session on Race, Gender, and Class (2020)

Professional Memberships

Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL), University of Iowa – Associate (2020-current).
American Sociological Association (2016-current). Sections: International Migration; Race, Gender, and Class; Sociology of Sex and Gender.
Campaign to Organize Graduate Students (COGS) (2013-current)

REFERENCES

Dr. Mary Noonan

Associate Professor

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University of Iowa

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Dr. Pallavi Banerjee

Assistant Professor

Department of Sociology

University of Calgary

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Dr. Sarah K. Bruch

Associate Professor

Biden School of Public Policy and Administration & Department of Sociology

University of Delaware

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