



## ABHA RAI

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### EDUCATION

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**Doctor of Philosophy** **Aug 2016-May 2020**  
University of Georgia  
School of Social Work  
Dissertation Title: *Perceptions, prevalence and help-seeking resources of domestic violence among South Asian immigrants in the United States*; Chair: Dr. Y. Joon Choi

**Master's in Social Work, MSW** **Jan 2011– Dec 2013**  
Indira Gandhi National Open University, India  
(CSWE Accredited)

**Bachelor's in Academic Law, BAL** **Aug 2006 – May 2010**  
Bangalore University, India  
CMR Law School

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

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**Assistant Professor** (*tenure-track*) **Aug 2020**  
School of Social Work, Loyola University Chicago

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Gender-based violence (dating, domestic and intimate partner violence, intimate partner stalking) in diverse populations, immigration issues, intervention design, culturally responsive research, international social work, survey methodology.

### TEACHING INTERESTS

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Human behavior and social environment, social work with groups, evaluation of social work interventions, research methods, gender-based violence courses, diversity and cross-cultural issues, international social work.

### GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

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**Nomination** **Jun 2020**  
Graduate Schools and ProQuest Dissertation Award Competition (Not funded)

<b>Letter of Interest (Not Funded)</b> <b>Russell Sage Foundation</b>	<b>May 2020</b>
<b>Summer Institute om Migration Research Methods</b> Russell Sage Foundation (Not funded)	<b>Feb 2020</b>
<b>Graduate School Travel Award</b> University of Georgia, \$650	<b>Jan 2019</b>
<b>School of Social Work Travel Grant</b> University of Georgia, \$750	<b>Jan 2019</b>
<b>Doctoral Fellowship</b> Asian Pacific Islander Social Work Education Association, \$1,200	<b>Jun 2019</b>
<b>Doctoral Scholars Institute</b> The Network for Social Work Management, \$400	<b>Apr 2019</b>
<b>Graduate Education Advancement Board Fellowship</b> University of Georgia, \$2,500	<b>Mar 2019</b>
<b>Research Scholarship</b> Charlayne Hunter-Gault Giving Voice to the Voiceless Program, \$1,500 <i>(Top award among UGA students)</i>	<b>Jan 2019</b>
<b>Graduate School Award Travel Award</b> University of Georgia, \$950	<b>Dec 2018</b>
<b>School of Social Work Travel Grant</b> University of Georgia, \$750	<b>Dec 2018</b>
<b>Teaching Assistantship</b> University of Georgia, \$15,000	<b>Aug 2018</b>
<b>Dean's Research Assistantship</b> University of Georgia, \$15,000	<b>Aug 2016-2017</b>
<b>School of Social Work Travel Award</b> University of Georgia, \$750	<b>Dec 2017</b>
<b>Academic Scholarship</b> Taraknath Das Foundation, Columbia University \$3,500 <i>(Top award for Indian American students across the United States)</i>	<b>Dec 2017</b>
<b>Research R2P Fellowship</b> Center for Victim, \$14,000 (Not funded)	<b>Jan 2017</b>
<b>HONORS, RECOGNITIONS</b>	
<b>Nominated to attend the Reimagining Social Work Research Symposium</b> University of Georgia	<b>Oct 2019</b>

**PhD Student of the Year Award** **Apr 2018**  
University of Georgia

**Promising Rotarian of the Year** **Jan 2012**  
Rotary Club of Mumbai Mulund South, Dist. 3140

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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**Loyola University Chicago** **Jul 2020-present**  
Advisor

- Research and evaluation support in Cook County circuit court’s Family Court Enhancement Project.

**Loyola University Chicago** **Jul 2020-present**  
Principal Investigator

- Conceptualizing and designing a national research study to examine the impact of COVID-19 on the wellbeing of individuals.

**Loyola University Chicago** **Jul 2020-present**  
Principal Investigator

- Conceptualizing and analyzing culturally responsive domestic violence interventions for immigrants in the United States.

**Loyola University Chicago** **Jul 2020-present**  
Co-Principle Investigator

- Investigating and analyzing culturally responsive instruments to measure domestic violence among immigrants, a global perspective.

**Loyola University Chicago** **May 2020-present**  
Principal Investigator

- Big data analysis on twitter API data related to the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders.

**University of Georgia, Athens** **Aug 2018-present**  
Research Assistant

- Conceptualized and assisted in designing a research study to understand “the role of religiosity in gender role attitudes and intimate partner violence-supporting attitudes”

**University of Georgia, Athens** **Jan 2018-May 2018**  
Principal Investigator

- Proposed and conducted a quantitative research study to investigate “multilevel analysis of the risk factors of intimate partner related suicide across States in the U.S.

**University of Georgia, Athens** **Oct 2017-May 2018**  
Co-Principal Investigator

- Designed and conducted a survey methodology-based study titled, “Stress and adjustment issues among international students”

**University of Georgia, Athens** **Oct 2017-Jan 2018**  
Principal Investigator

- Designed and conducted a qualitative study titled, “Gaps in services offered by community-based organizations to South Asian women facing domestic violence in the U.S.”

**University of Georgia, Athens**

**Aug 2016-May 2018**

Research Assistant

- Conceptualized and quantitatively analyzed primary data in a research study to investigate the “risk factors of intimate partner violence among undergraduate college students”

**University of Georgia, Athens**

**Aug 2016-May 2018**

Research Assistant

- Co-designed and performed quantitative data analysis in a research study to investigate the “use of formal and informal help regarding domestic violence among undergraduate college students”

**University of Georgia, Athens**

**May 2017-May 2018**

Principal Investigator

- Designed and conducted content analysis to understand “the source and nature of responses perceived as helpful among Filipina, Indian and Pakistani women in the U.S. experiencing domestic violence”

**University of Georgia, Athens**

**Jan 2017-Aug 2017**

Principal Investigator

- Formulated and led an online survey-based research study to understand the “state of domestic violence content in MSW curriculums across the U.S.”

**University of Georgia, Athens**

**Jan 2017- May 2017**

Co-Investigator

- Conceptualized and conducted a scoping review to understand “the state of feminism in social work education across the U.S.”

**University of Georgia, Athens**

**Sep 2016-Sep 2017**

Principal Investigator

- Constructed and led a scoping review to understand the “the socio-cultural risk factors of domestic violence among South Asians in the U.S.”

**IGNOU University, India**

**Jan 2013- Dec 2013**

Researcher

- Designed a qualitative and policy analysis research study to examine the “ostracism of commercial sex workers from the Indian culture.”

**PUBLICATIONS**

***Refereed Journal Articles:***

***Published/In press:***

1. **Rai, A.,** Villarreal-Otalora, T., Blackburn, J., & Choi, Y. J. (2020). Correlates of stalking-related deaths among intimate partner violence victims in the United States. *Journal of Family Violence* Special issue on Intimate Partner Stalking. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-020-00137-5>

2. Agha, E., & Rai, A. (2020). Notes from the field: Culturally adapted research methods for South Asian participants. *Professional Development Journal*, 23(1).
3. Mahapatra, N. & **Rai, A.** (2019). Every cloud has a silver lining but... “pathways to seeking formal-help and South-Asian immigrant women survivors of intimate partner violence.” *Health Care for Women International*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/07399332.2019.1641502>
4. **Rai, A.**, Choi, Y.J., & Khandare, L. (2019). State of domestic violence content in MSW curriculum in the U.S. *Perspectives on Social Work*, 15(1), 15-27. Retrieved from <https://www.uh.edu/socialwork/academics/phd/doctoral-journal/perspectives-on-social-worksummer2019rev.pdf>
5. Shultz, J.M., Rechkemmer, A., **Rai, A.** & McManus, K. T. (2019). Public health and mental health implications of environmentally induced forced migration. *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness*, 13 (2), 116-122. [doi:10.1017/dmp.2018.27](https://doi.org/10.1017/dmp.2018.27)
6. Yates, H. T., & **Rai, A.** (2018). A scoping review of feminism in US Social work education: Strategies and implications for the contemporary classroom. *Journal of Evidence-Informed Social Work*, 16 (2), 117-129. [doi: 10.1080/23761407.2018.1555070](https://doi.org/10.1080/23761407.2018.1555070)
7. **Rai, A.**, & Choi, Y. J. (2018). Socio-cultural risk factors impacting domestic violence among South Asian immigrant women: A scoping review. *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, 38, 76-85. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.avb.2017.12.001>
8. Chatterjee A, **Rai, A.** (2017). Strategic philanthropy and its challenges in India: A multiple case study of grantmaking organizations. *Nonprofit Management & Leadership*, 3, 399-411. [doi: 10.1002/nml.21293](https://doi.org/10.1002/nml.21293)
9. Rechkemmer, A., O'Connor, A., **Rai, A.**, Sparks, J.D. L., Mudliar, P., & Shultz, J. M. (2016). A complex social-ecological disaster: Environmentally induced forced migration. *Disaster Health*, 3 (4), 112-120. [doi:10.1080/21665044.2016.1263519](https://doi.org/10.1080/21665044.2016.1263519)

***Under Review/Revise & Resubmit:***

1. **Rai, A.**, Perkins, N. & Grossman, S. (2020) (under review). The effects of COVID-19 on domestic violence and immigrant families. To be submitted to the *Journal of Family Violence*.
2. Nathan, P., **Rai, A.** & Grossman, S. (2020) (under review). Physical and Emotional Sibling Violence in the Time of COVID -19. Submitted to the *Journal of Family Violence*.
3. Choi, Y. J., **Rai, A.**, Yun, S. H., Lee, J. O., Hong, S. H., Cho, H., & An, S. (2020) (under review). Risk factors of intimate partner violence perpetration among college students. Submitted to *Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma*.
4. **Rai, A.**, Choi, Y. J., Yoshihama, M. & Dabby, C. (2020) (under review). Perceived helpful responses of battered Filipina, Indian and Pakistani women in the U.S. Submitted to *Violence and Victims*.

5. **Rai, A.**, Lee, S., Jang, J & Eunhye, L., & Okech, D. (2020) (revise and resubmit). Trends in the utility of structural equation modeling in social work research. Submitted to *the British Journal of Social Work*.
6. **Rai, A.**, Lee, S. Yates, T., & Brown, S.L. (2020) (under review). Acculturative Stress among International Students in the U.S. Submitted to *the College Student Affairs Journal*.
7. Murugan, V., Mahapatra, N., & **Rai, A.** & Leena, R. (2020) (under review). South Asian Women's Organizations: An exploratory study of service provider's perceptions intimate partner violence related help-seeking among South Asian survivors in the United States. Submitted to *Healthcare for Women International*.
8. **Rai, A.**, & Choi, Y.J. Domestic violence victimization among South Asian immigrants in the United States. (2020) (under review). Submitted to *the Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
9. Choi, Y. J., **Rai, A.**, An, S., Cho, H., Son, E., & Yun, S. H. (2020) (under review) Use of formal and informal help regarding dating violence among undergraduate college students. Submitted to *Trauma, Violence & Abuse*.
10. **Rai, A.** Indirect Experiences with Domestic Violence and Help-giving among South Asian Immigrants in the United States. (2020) (under review). Submitted to the *Journal of Community Psychology*.

**Book Reviews:**

1. **Rai, A.** (2019). Book review: *Taking control of writing your thesis-A guide to get you the end*. Bloomsbury Academic: London, UK. *LSE blogs*. Available at <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2019/02/10/book-review-taking-control-of-writing-your-thesis-a-guide-to-get-you-to-the-end-by-kay-guccione-and-jerry-wellington/>

**Research Reports & Briefs:**

1. **Rai, A.** (2019). Manual summarizing the evaluation tools for Apna Ghar's enhanced supervised visitation and safe exchange program. Submitted to Apna Ghar, Chicago.

**Manuscripts in Preparation:**

1. **Rai, A.**, Agha, E. & Shrestha, N. Scoping Review on South Asian Women in the Workplace: Barriers, Challenges and Opportunities. To be submitted to *Aggression and Violent Behavior*.
2. Kristen, E. & **Rai, A.** & Voth Schrag, R. The effects of COVID-19 on intimate partner violence and transportation. To be submitted to the *Journal of Family Violence*.
3. **Rai, A.**, Choi, Y.J., Mowbray, O., & Elkins, J. Examining domestic violence perceptions and its correlates among South Asian immigrants in the United States. To be submitted to the *Journal of Family Violence*.
4. **Rai, A.**, Ravi, K.E., Shrestha, N. & Alvarez, L.R. Scoping Study on Culturally Responsive Intimate Partner Violence Interventions for Immigrant Communities. To be submitted to the *Aggression & Violent Behavior*.
5. Ravi, K.E. & **Rai, A.** Systematic Review of the psychometric properties of culturally sensitive

intimate partner violence measures. To be submitted to *Trauma, Violence & Abuse*.

6. **Rai, A.**, Choi, Y.J., Cho, S., Das, U., & Menon, G. Social media analysis of domestic violence tweets during COVID. *To be submitted to the Journal of Family Violence*.
7. Saasa, S., & **Rai, A.** Correlates of mental health service utilization among African immigrants. To be submitted to the *Journal of Black Studies*.
8. Choi, Y. J., Takahashi, S., **Rai, A.**, & Yoshihama, M. Role of religiosity in gender role attitudes and intimate partner violence supporting attitudes: implications for violence prevention. To be submitted to *British Journal of Social Work*.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### *Refereed Presentations:*

1. **Rai, A.**, Perkins, N. & Choi, Y.J. (2020, January). *Family violence research in Asian immigrant communities in the U.S.: What is missing?* Roundtable conducted at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, Washington, DC.
2. **Rai, A.**, Lee, S. & Okech, D. (2020, January). *Trends in the utility of structural equation modeling in social work: a systematic review*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, Washington, DC.
3. **Rai, A.** & Choi, Y. J. (2019, October). *Correlates of stalking-related deaths among intimate partner violence victims*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education APM, Denver, CO.
4. Choi, Y. J. & **Rai, A.** (2019, October). *Intimate partner violence perpetration among college students: Adverse childhood experiences' impact*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education APM, Denver, CO.
5. **Rai, A.**, Choi, Y. J. & Mowbray, O. (2019, January). *Risk factors of intimate partner violence (IPV) related suicide*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Francisco, CA. Available at <https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2019/webprogram/Paper33913.html>
6. Choi, Y. J., **Rai, A.** & Yoshihama, M. (2019, January). *Role of religiosity in gender role attitudes and intimate partner violence supporting attitudes: implications for violence prevention*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Francisco, CA. Available at <https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2019/webprogram/Paper34389.html>
7. **Rai, A.**, Reddy, S., Parekh, R. & Agha, E. (2019, January). *Culturally adapted research methods for South Asian participants*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Francisco, CA. Available at <https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2019/webprogram/Session10085.html>

8. **Rai, A.,** Rechkemmer, A., Powers, M., Machado-Escudero, Y., & Schultz, J.M. (2019, January). *Environmental migration and climate refugees: an intersectional, interdisciplinary dialogue on research, policy, practice and action*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Francisco, CA. Available at <https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2019/webprogram/Session9885.html>
9. **Rai, A.** (2018, October). *Feminist teaching style: being self-reflexive within classrooms*. Poster presented at the Innovation in Teaching Conference, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
10. Yates, T., **Rai, A.,** Lee, S. & Brown, S.L. (2018, September). *Acculturative stress among international students in the U.S.* Paper presented at the Engage Conference, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
11. **Rai, A.,** Yoshihama, M. & Choi, Y.J. (2018, January). *Perceived helpful responses of abused Filipina, Indian and Pakistani women in the U.S. : implications for socioculturally effective support*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC. Available at <https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2018/webprogram/Paper31353.html>
12. **Rai, A.,** Khandari, L. & Choi, Y.J. (2018, January). *Socio-cultural risk factors impacting domestic violence among South Asian immigrant women: a scoping study*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC. Available at <https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2018/webprogram/Paper30852.html>
13. Mahapatra, N. & **Rai, A.** (2018, January). *“Every cloud has a silver lining but...” pathways to seeking formal-help and South-Asian women survivors of domestic violence*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC. Available at <https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2018/webprogram/Paper31498.html>
14. Choi, Y.J., An, S. & **Rai, A.** (2018, January). *Use of formal and informal help regarding Dating violence among undergraduate college students*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC. Available at <https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2018/webprogram/Paper31263.html>
15. Yates, T. & **Rai, A.** (2018, January). *The state of feminism (s) in social work education*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC. Available at <https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2018/webprogram/Paper30866.html>
16. Rechkemmer, A., **Rai, A.,** Reeder, M. (2018, January). *Climate change refugees - the case for advanced social work research*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC. Available at <https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2018/webprogram/Paper33045.html>
17. **Rai, A.,** Khandare, L. & Choi, Y.J. (2017, November). *The state of domestic violence content in MSW curriculum in the U.S.* Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education APM, Dallas, TX.
18. Yates, T. & **Rai, A.** (2017, November). *The state of feminism (s) in social work education*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education APM, Dallas, TX.



19. **Rai, A.** & Chatterjee, A. (2017, January). *Gaps in international giving: A qualitative study of leading International grantmaking organizations*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC. Available at <https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2017/webprogram/Paper27728.html>
20. Yates, T. & **Rai, A.** (2017, February). *The state of feminism(s) in social work education*. Paper presented at the Annual Women's Studies Student Research Symposium, Athens, GA.
21. Goel, R. & **Rai, A.** (2016, October). *India has a rape problem*. Paper presented at the first South Asian Womanhood and Girlhood Conference, Chicago, IL.
22. **Rai, A.**, Bender, K.A., Thompson, S. & Ferguson, K.M. (2016, January). *What types of transience places homeless youth at risk for drug use and addiction?* Paper Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC. Available at <https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2016/webprogram/Paper25153.html>
23. Rechkemmer, A., Bexell, S., **Rai, A.**, O'Connor, A. (2016, January). *Global environmentally induced migration: A major challenge for social work research and practice*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC. Available at <https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2016/webprogram/Paper27256.html>
24. **Rai, A.**, Hasche, L. (2016, January). *Intimate partner violence among Asian Indian immigrant women in the U.S.: A systematic review on acculturation*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC. Available at <https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2016/webprogram/Paper25650.html>
25. Rechkemmer, A., **Rai, A.** & Bexell, S. (2015, April). *Environmental migration: A rapidly changing global phenomenon. Preparing DU students for global interventions and practice*. Paper Presented at the Second Annual Internationalization Summit, Denver, CO.
26. Rechkemmer, A., **Rai, A.** & Portalupi, L. (2015, October). *Environmental migration: A rapidly emerging phenomenon in social work intervention*. Paper Presented at the Council on Social Work Education APM, Denver, CO.

***Invited Presentations:***

1. **Rai, A.** (2020, July). *COVID-19 & South Asians in the U.S.: A Conversation*. Moderator for the first inaugural webinar by South Asian Social Work Educators' Association. Conducted via Zoom.
2. **Rai, A.** (2019, October). *Perceptions, prevalence and help-seeking resources of domestic violence among South Asian immigrants in the United States*. Asian Pacific Islander Social Work Educators Association. Oral presentation to be given at the Council on Social Work Education, APM, Denver, CO.
3. **Rai, A.** (2018, September). *Discussion on the evaluation tools for Apna Ghar's enhanced supervised visitation and safe exchange program*. Apna Ghar, Chicago, IL.
4. **Rai, A.**, Brown, S., Jennings, P.F. & Mois, G. (2017, October). *The PhD experience from students' perspectives*. Student Panel, School of Social Work, University of Georgia.

5. **Rai, A.** (2015, July). *Changing face of strategic philanthropy. An interdisciplinary approach.* Presented as a webinar at The Network for Social Work Management, Los Angeles, CA. Retrieved from <https://socialworkmanager.org/nswm-event/webinar-strategic-philanthropy/>

***Blogs/Opinion Pieces:***

1. **Rai, A.** (2020, April). Domestic violence and Covid-19: How to support victims? Sayfty, New Jersey. Retrieved from <https://sayfty.com/domestic-violence-and-covid-19-how-to-support-victims/>
2. **Rai, A.** (2017, March). Promoting menstrual dignity is something you need to get with – Period. Browngirl magazine, New Jersey. Retrieved from <https://www.browngirlmagazine.com/2017/03/promoting-menstrual-dignity-is-something-you-need-to-get-with-period/>
3. **Rai, A.** (2016, September). Gender Stereotyping. But really, who makes the rules? Browngirl magazine, New Jersey. Retrieved from <http://www.browngirlmagazine.com/2016/09/gender-stereotyping-but-really-who-makes-the-rules/>
4. **Rai, A.** (2016, May). How married women in India are exploited in the name of marital rape. Clic Abroad, Wisconsin. Retrieved from <http://www.clicabroad.org/2016/gallery/how-married-women-in-india-are-exploited-in-the-name-of-marital-rape/>
5. **Rai, A.** (2016, April). How does culture perpetuate violence among women? Colorado Coalition for Violence Against Women, Colorado. Retrieved from <https://www.violencefreecolorado.org/2016/04/culture-perpetuate-violence/>
6. **Rai, A.** (2016, January). How NGOs in India become puppets at the hands of corporates in the name of ‘philanthropy’. Youth ki Awaaz, India. Retrieved from <https://www.youthkiawaaz.com/2016/01/strategic-philanthropy/>
7. **Rai, A.** (2015, December). Domestic Violence and the holidays. Colorado Coalition for Domestic Violence Against Women, Colorado. Retrieved from <https://www.violencefreecolorado.org/2015/12/domestic-violence-and-the-holidays/>
8. **Rai, A.** (2015, December). Real time challenges in the realm of strategic philanthropic giving: Who faces it in India? Network for Social Work Management, California. Retrieved from <https://socialworkmanager.org/press-blogs/community-voice/community-voice-real-time-challenges-in-the-realm-of-strategic-philanthropic-giving-who-faces-it-in-india/>
9. **Rai, A.** (2015, November). My own home scares me. Colorado Coalition for Domestic Violence Against Women, Colorado. Retrieved from <https://www.violencefreecolorado.org/2015/11/my-own-home-scares-me/>
10. **Rai, A.** (2015, August). I forgive everyone who stood in my way. Colorado Coalition for Domestic Violence Against Women, Colorado. Retrieved from <https://www.violencefreecolorado.org/2015/08/i-forgive-everyone-who-stood-in-my-way/>

11. **Rai, A.** (2015, July). Am I a lost identity? Colorado Coalition for Domestic Violence Against Women, Colorado. Retrieved from <https://www.violencefreecolorado.org/2015/08/i-forgive-everyone-who-stood-in-my-way/>

#### **MEDIA FEATURES & RECOGNITIONS**

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**Featured as an Asian Pacific Islander Social Work Educators Association Fellowship Recipient** **Jun 2019**  
(Available at <https://apiswea.webs.com/scholarships>)

**Featured as a Giving Voice to the Voiceless Fund Recipient** **Apr 2019**  
Khabar Magazine  
(Available at <http://www.khabar.com/magazine/community-newsmakers/abha-rai-wins-uga-grant-to-study-domestic-violence>)

**Featured as a Giving Voice to the Voiceless Fund Recipient** **Mar 2019**  
Indiawest News  
(Available at [https://www.indiawest.com/news/global\\_indian/university-of-georgia-student-receives-funding-for-tackling-domestic-violence/article\\_5b116154-3ee6-11e9-9a7f-2b6c4eafe605.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://www.indiawest.com/news/global_indian/university-of-georgia-student-receives-funding-for-tackling-domestic-violence/article_5b116154-3ee6-11e9-9a7f-2b6c4eafe605.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share))

**Featured as a South Asian domestic violence researcher** **Feb 2019**  
American Bazaar Magazine  
(Available at <https://www.americanbazaaronline.com/2019/02/28/cultural-values-domestic-abuse-indian-american-abha-rai-436578/>)

**Featured as a Giving Voice to the Voiceless Fund Recipient** **Feb 2019**  
University of Georgia Newspaper  
(Available at [https://www.redandblack.com/uganews/charlayne-hunter-gault-funds-grant-gives-uga-students-chance-to/article\\_8cbf84b6-3337-11e9-b266-73d34534141f.html](https://www.redandblack.com/uganews/charlayne-hunter-gault-funds-grant-gives-uga-students-chance-to/article_8cbf84b6-3337-11e9-b266-73d34534141f.html))

**Featured as a Giving Voice to the Voiceless Fund Recipient** **Feb 2019**  
University of Georgia School of Social Work  
(Available at [http://ssw.uga.edu/news/2018-19/Students\\_receive\\_Giving\\_Voice\\_to\\_the\\_Voiceless\\_grants.html](http://ssw.uga.edu/news/2018-19/Students_receive_Giving_Voice_to_the_Voiceless_grants.html))

**Featured as a Giving Voice to the Voiceless Fund Recipient** **Feb 2019**  
News India Times  
(Available at <http://www.newsindiatimes.com/indian-american-to-receive-grant-honoring-the-first-african-american-students-at-the-university-of-georgia>)

**Profile Feature** **Jan 2019**  
University of Georgia Graduate School Magazine  
(Available at <http://gradmag.uga.edu/abha-rai/>)

**Featured as UGA Amazing Student** **May 2018**  
University of Georgia  
(Available at <https://news.uga.edu/abha-rai/>)

**Featured in the Monday Morning Manager Series** **Jul 2016**  
The Network for Social Work Management  
(Available at <https://socialworkmanager.org/press-blogs/mm-manager/mmm-abha-rai-phd-student-university-georgia/>)

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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*Instructor*

**BSW SOWK 303: Social Work Practice with Groups** (online course) **Aug 2020**  
Loyola University Chicago

*Part-time instructor/Adjunct:*

**MSW SOWK 7112E: Human Behavior and Social Environment** (online course) **Aug 2019**  
University of Georgia

**BSW SOWK 2155: Social Work Communication** **Aug 2018- May 2019**  
University of Georgia, Athens

*Co-instructor:*

**MSW SOWK 7116: Social Work with Groups** **Jan 2018**  
University of Georgia, Athens

*Guest lecturer:*

**BSW SOWK 5767: Current Issues in Social Work** **Apr 2019**  
Topic: Social work practice, education and challenges in India  
University of Georgia

**MSW SOWK 7160: Direct Practice with African American Adults, Families & Children** **Mar 2019**  
Topic: Domestic violence interventions and culturally responsive practices  
University of Georgia, Athens

**MSW SOCWK 685: Beyond the Cycle of Violence** **Apr 2018**  
Topic: Domestic Violence in immigrant communities  
Pacific University, Oregon

**BSW SOWK 2156: Social Work with Diverse Population Groups** **Apr 2018**  
Topic: Domestic violence in immigrant communities  
University of Georgia, Athens

**BSW SOWK 2156: Social Work with Diverse Population Groups** **Oct 2017**  
Topic: Domestic violence in immigrant communities  
University of Georgia, Athens

**MSW SOWK 7117: Foundation Community-Based Practice with Communities & Organizations** **Oct 2017**  
Topic: Program design in developing countries  
University of Georgia, Athens

## **PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

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### **Apna Ghar, Chicago**

**Feb 2018-Mar 2019**

Research Consultant

- Designed evaluation tools to monitor the “Enhanced Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Program (e-SVSE)” for families experiencing domestic violence.
- Analyzed data collected through the pilot testing phase.
- Conducted field visits and participant observations of families facing domestic violence.
- Supervision and capacity-building support to advocates working with families experiencing domestic violence.

### **Share and Care Foundation, New Jersey**

**Aug 2014-Sep 2016**

Strategic Consultant and Advisor

- U.S. Lead for rollout of “The Breakfast Revolution,” a project focused to end malnutrition in India.
- Provided individual and group therapy to children impacted by poor health conditions.
- Strategy Partner for “Educate 2 Success,” a project aimed at providing education support to rural Indian women and young girls.
- Case counselor to women facing family violence and mental health issues.
- Grant writing support to CBOs.

### **Samhita Social Ventures Pvt. Ltd, India**

**Jan 2013-Aug 2014**

Assistant Manager & Counselor

- Headed the community-based organizations (CBO) outreach team for the creation of community-based projects funded (\$20,000-\$200,000) by corporations like ANZ Bank, Johnson & Johnson, Powerica, Vodafone, Intervida Foundation.
- In partnership with U.S. Consulate headed the “U.S. Tech Camp,” a project to enable technological empowerment across 200 CBOs in South Asia.
- Provided counseling and crisis mediation support to CBO clients i.e. sexual violence and marital rape victims, domestic violence survivors, individuals facing substance abuse issues.

### **Samhita Social Ventures Pvt. Ltd, India**

**July 2012-Dec 2012**

Research Associate

- Mentored and managed a team of 10-fellows selected from across the world for the Gray Matters Capital-IDEX Fellowship Program in Mumbai, India

### **Samhita Social Ventures Pvt. Ltd, India**

**Jan 2012-Jun 2012**

Intern

- Created operating models and partnership documents for CBO partnership with Multi-National Corporations.

### **Helping Hand for Cancer Care, India**

**Aug 2011-Oct 2011**

Intern (field internship)

- Organized cancer awareness campaigns and drives
- Provided outpatient support to cancer patients and their families.
- Led the creation of staff and volunteer training manuals to improve the quality of services rendered to the community.

### **Hope Foundation, India**

**Mar 2008-May 2009**

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Volunteer, Education & Development

- Managed administrative activities related to the education program that was conducted for children belonging to marginalized communities.
- Led women empowerment initiatives to encourage girls to attend school.

**SERVICE**

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*University:*

- **Student Committee Member** **Oct 2018-May 2020**  
Global Engagement Committee at University of Georgia
- **Doctoral Representative** **Sep 2016-May 2018**  
Doctoral Program Committee at the University of Georgia

*Profession:*

- **Manuscript Reviewer** **Jul 2020**  
Violence Against Women
- **Manuscript Reviewer** **Jun 2020**  
Journal of Community Psychology
- **Board Member** **Jun 2019-Present**  
Council on Global Social Issues, Council on Social Work Education
- **Peer Supervision Program lead (Mentoring Committee)** **May 2019-Feb 2020**  
Doctoral Student Taskforce, Society for Social Work and Research
- **Taskforce & Founding Member** **Jan 2017- Present**  
South Asian Social Work Educators' Association
- **Manuscript Reviewer** **Jun 2017-May 2020**  
*Perspectives for Social Work* Doctoral Journal
- **Communications Liaison (Mentoring Committee)** **Jun 2018-Apr 2019**  
Doctoral Student Taskforce, Society for Social Work and Research
- **Chair (Mentoring Committee)** **Jun 2017-May 2018**  
Doctoral Student Taskforce, Society for Social Work and Research
- **Manuscript Reviewer** **Mar 2018**  
International Migration
- **Abstract reviewer** **Feb 2018/Feb 2017**  
Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting
- **Manuscript Reviewer** **Sep-Dec 2017**  
Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work
- **Co-chair (Diversity Committee)** **Oct 2016-Jun 2017**

Doctoral Student Taskforce, Society for Social Work and Research

- **Manuscript Reviewer** **Nov 2016**  
Sage Open

***Community:***

**Advisor, WE Committee**, Share and Care Foundation, NJ **Jul 2020-Present**

**Strategy Support**, Apna Ghar, IL **Jun 2020- Present**

**Community Outreach Lead**, Sayfty, NJ **Jul 2019-Present**

**Advisor**, Clic Abroad, WI **Mar 2016-Present**

**Contributor**, Browngirl Magazine, NJ **May 2016-Present**

**Advisor**, Decimal Foundation, India **Feb 2014-Aug 2014**

**Strategic Advisor**, One Life Alliance, India **Feb 2013-May 2013**

**Board of Directors**, Rotary International, India **May 2011-May 2014**

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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- Asian & Pacific Islander Social Work Educators Association **Mar 2019-Present**
- Society for Social Work and Research **May 2016-Present**
- Council on Social Work Education **May 2015 -Present**
- Network for Social Work Management **May 2014-Present**
- National Association of Social Workers, India **Feb 2012-Present**

**TRAINING**

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- CITI training for human subjects, University of Georgia **Aug 2016**

**SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY**

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- SPSS, Atlas ti, Stata (Proficient)
- M plus, Hierarchical Linear Modeling (Intermediate)
- Qualtrics
- D2L, Canvas, Sakai

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES/LICENSES**

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- Certified Counselor, Licensed by Enoma, India **Jan 2013**