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Education

Ph.D. **University of Massachusetts, Amherst.**
Sociology, May 2009 (expected)

Commercial Surrogacy in India: Nine Months of ‘Labor’?
Millie Thayer (Chair), Robert Zussman, Joya Misra, Elizabeth Hartmann.

M.A. **University of Massachusetts, Amherst.**
Sociology, 2006.

University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
Women’s Studies Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies, 2006.

M.A. **Delhi School of Economics, India**
Economics, 2002.

Fellowships

2008-2009 **International Dissertation Research Fellowship**, Social Science
Research Council (\$20,000)

2008-2009 **University Fellowship**, University of Massachusetts (\$10,000)

2003-2004 **University Fellowship**, University of Massachusetts (\$10,000)

Grants and Awards

2008-2009 **Cheryl Allyn Miller Award** for outstanding contribution to the field of
women and work, Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS).

2006-2007 **Best Professional Paper Award**, Department of Sociology, University of
Massachusetts, Amherst.

2006-2007 **International Travel Grant**, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Peer Reviewed Publications

“At least I am not sleeping with anyone”: Resisting the Stigma of Commercial Surrogacy in India, Forthcoming, *Feminist Studies*.

“Not an “Angel”, Not a “Whore”: Commercial Surrogacy as “Dirty” Workers in India”, Forthcoming, *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*.

Under Review

“Intra-household resource allocation in India: Is there a Mother- Daughter link in Education?”, resubmitted to *Feminist Economics*.

“It may be her eggs but it’s my blood’: Surrogates and Everyday Forms of Kinship in India,” *Qualitative Sociology*.

“Commercial Surrogacy in India: Manufacturing a Perfect ‘Mother-Worker’”, *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*.

Book Chapters and Other Published Materials

“Commercial Surrogate Mothering in India: Nine Months of Labor?”, 2008. In *Quest for Alternative Sociology*, edited by Kenji Kosaka and Masahiro Ogino. Melbourne: Trans Pacific Press: 71-87.

“Who owns these Nine months?”, *Indian Express*, June 26, 2008.

In Progress

“My body pays the monthly bills: Bodylabor and the Politics of Surrogacy in India.”

Research Interests

Globalization, Gender and work, New reproductive technologies, Women’s movement in the Global South

Teaching Interest

Gender and Work, Sociology of Gender, Sociology of Family, Sociology of Globalization, Gender and Globalization, Feminist Theory, Feminist Methods, Social Movements.

Presentations

“Not an “Angel”, Not a “Whore”: Resisting the Stigma of Surrogacy in India, **Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)**, Boston, August 2008.

“It may be her eggs but it’s my blood”: Surrogates and Everyday Forms of Kinship in India, **5th Annual Graduate Student Ethnography Conference**, Stony Brook University, May 2008.

“It may be her eggs but it’s my blood”: Surrogates and Everyday Forms of Kinship in India, **Gender and Science Conference, Princeton University**, April 2008.

“Not an “Angel”, Not a “Whore”: Resisting the Stigma of Surrogacy in India, **Eastern Sociological Society Conference**, New York, February 2008.

“Intra-household resource allocation in India: Is there a Mother- Daughter link in Education?”, **American Sociological Association (ASA)**, Summer 2005.

“Intra-household resource allocation in India: Is there a Mother Daughter link in Education?”, **Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)**, Winter 2005.

Invited Talks

Commercial Surrogacy and Globalization, **22nd Annual Civil Liberties and Public Policy Conference**, Hampshire College, April 2008

“Commercial Surrogate Mothering in India: Nine Months of Labor?” **Japanese Sociological Society Conference**, Frontiers of Asian Sociologies, Kyoto, Japan, October 2006

Teaching Experience, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Summer 2008 Instructor, *Social Problems*

Summer 2007 Instructor, *Social Problems*

Summer 2006 Instructor, *Social Problems*

Spring 2008 Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Sociology*

Spring 2007 Teaching Assistant, *Sociology of AIDS*
Spring 2006 Teaching Assistant, *Sociology of the Family*
Fall 2005 Teaching Assistant, *Race, Gender, Class Inequality*

Related Experience

Spring 2007 Research Assistant with Dr. Millie Thayer on International Donor Agencies and Latin American Women's Movements, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Spring 2005 Research Assistant with Dr. Sanjiv Gupta on Family in India, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
Spring 2003 Research Assistant with Dr Sujata Visaria, Legal Reform and Loan Repayment in India, Columbia University.
2002 - 2003 Policy analyst, Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi, India.
2001- 2002 Research assistant, Gender Network Project International Development Research Centre, Canada.
2000 - 2001 Correspondent, Asian Age Newspaper, New Delhi, India.

Departmental Service

2006- 2007 Graduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
2004 – 2007 Social Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association
Sociologists for Women in Society
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Eastern Sociological Society
International Sociological Association

References

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Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology
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Joya Misra
Associate Professor
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Associate Professor and Director
Population and Development
Program, Hampshire College,
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