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**VRINDA MARWAH**


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**APPOINTMENTS**


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- 2022- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences,  
University of South Florida
- 2021-22 ACLS Emerging Voices Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Utah

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**EDUCATION**


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- 2021 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, USA
- 2009 MSc Gender and Social Policy, London School of Economics, UK
- 2008 BA (Honors) Political Science, University of Delhi, India

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**


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Health; gender; care work; political sociology; ethnography; south Asia

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**PUBLICATIONS\***


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**PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES:**

- Forth. Marquez, A and **Marwah, V.** “The Public Life of Care: How Caregivers in the US and India Frame their Contributions”. *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*
- 2023 **Marwah, V.** “For Love of Money: Rewards of care for India’s women community health workers”. *Social Problems* <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spab062>
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award 2021, Global Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2023 **Marwah, V.** “Liminality as Wage Penalty for India’s women community health workers”. *Gender, Work and Organization* <https://doi.org/10.1111/gwao.12938>
- Runner Up, Audre Rapoport Prize in Gender and Human Rights 2021
- 2021 **Marwah, V.** “Promissory Capital: State legitimacy among women community health volunteers in India.” *Qualitative Sociology* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11133-021-09487-y>
- 2019 Anwer, M and **Marwah, V.** “The Incest Wound in Hindi Cinema: Childhood Trauma and Feminist Futures in *Monsoon Wedding* and *Highway*.” *Feminist Media Studies* 1-18 <https://doi.org/10.1080/14680777.2019.1663230>
- 2015 Misra, G and **Marwah, V.** “Whither Men: Reflections on the Inclusion of Men in Women’s Rights Programs.” *Economic and Political Weekly* 1 (13): 62-68 <http://www.jstor.org/stable/24481748>

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\*All co-authored works are equal authorship

- 2013 **Marwah, V.** “Gender Bending, Gender Testing: Reflections on the Pinki Pramanik Case.” *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics* 10 (1): 45-48 [10.20529/IJME.2013.010](https://doi.org/10.20529/IJME.2013.010)
- 2011 Sarojini, N, **Marwah, V** and Sheno, A. “Globalization of Birth Markets: A case study of Assisted Reproductive Technologies in India.” *Globalization and Health* 7:27 <https://doi.org/10.1186/1744-8603-7-27>
- 2011 **Marwah, V** and Sarojini, N. “Reinventing Reproduction, Re-conceiving Challenges: An Examination of Assisted Reproductive Technologies in India.” *Economic and Political Weekly* 46 (43): 104-111 <http://www.jstor.org/stable/23047764>

**EDITED BOOKS:**

- 2014 Sarojini, N and **Marwah, V** (Eds). *Reconfiguring Reproduction: Feminist Health Perspectives on Assisted Reproductive Technologies*. University of Chicago Press

**BOOK CHAPTERS:**

- Forth. **Marwah, V.** “Reproductive Health in India and the Issue of Sex Selective Abortion.” In *Women’s Empowerment: A Critical Reader*, edited by Sunalini Kumar. Orient Blackswan
- 2021 **Marwah, V.** “Sherpas in Himalayan Mountaineering: Identity, Labor, and Power in Sport”. In *Sports and Society in India*, edited by Meena Gopal and Padma Prakash. Oxford University Press
- Winner, Barbara Brown Outstanding Student Paper Award 2016, North American Society for the Sociology of Sport
- 2019 **Marwah, V.** “Gender, Caste and Indian Feminism: The case of the Women’s Reservation Bill.” In *Women’s and Gender Studies in India*, edited by Anu Aneja. Routledge.
- 2019 Misra, G and **Marwah, V.** “Criminal Law, Activism, and Sexual and Reproductive Justice: The sex selection campaign in India.” In *Beyond Virtue and Vice: Rethinking Human Rights and Criminal Law*, edited by Mindy Roseman and Alice Miller. Univ. of Pennsylvania Press
- 2018 **Marwah, V** and Sarojini, N. “Surrogacy and Social Movements in India: Towards a Collective Conversation.” In *Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Surrogacy and Gamete Donations in India, Israel and Germany*, edited by Sayani Mitra, Silke Schicktanz and Tulsi Patel. Palgrave Macmillan
- 2018 Sarojini, N and **Marwah, V.** “Body as Resource: New Frontiers and Dilemmas in Surrogacy and Biomedical Research.” In *Equity and Access: Health Care Studies in India*, edited by Purendra Prasad and Amar Jesani. Oxford Univ. Press
- 2016 Sarojini, N and **Marwah, V.** “The Gendered Nature of Infertility and Assisted Reproductive Technologies.” In *Assisted Reproductive Technologies in the Global South and North: Issues, Challenges and the Future*, edited by Sayeed Unisa and Virginie Roozee. Routledge

- 2014 **Marwah, V.** “How surrogacy is challenging and changing our feminisms.” In *Reconfiguring Reproduction*, edited by Sarojini N and Vrinda Marwah. Zubaan/Univ of Chicago Press
- 2014 Venkatachalam, D, Nayak, P and **Marwah, V.** “How Bodies Gender: Examining Infertility and ARTs.” In *Reconfiguring Reproduction*, edited by Sarojini N and Vrinda Marwah. Zubaan/Univ of Chicago Press
- 2013 Sarojini, N and **Marwah, V.** “‘Shake her, she is like the tree that grows money!’ Contests and Critiques in Surrogacy.” In *Of Mothers and Others: Stories, Essays, Poems*, edited by Jayshree Misra. Zubaan
- 2011 **Marwah, V.** “Queer Terminologies and Identities” In *Theories of Women’s and Gender Studies: Masters Coursebook*. Indira Gandhi National Open University

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS:

- R&R **Marwah, V.** and Rudrappa, S. “Omissions in Reproductive Justice: Making sense of markets in babies in India”. *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*
- In progress **Marwah, V.** Working Hope: Women at the front lines of health care in India (book)
- In progress **Marwah, V.** “Intimacy Double Bind: The labor women workers must put into their supervisors” (article)
- In progress **Marwah, V.** “Taking Lipsky South: Working class women as street-level bureaucrats in India” (article)

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#### OTHER WRITING

- 2022 **Marwah, V.** "Book Review: Moving for Marriage: Inequalities, Intimacy, and Women’s Lives in Rural North India by Shruti Chaudhry." In *Gender and Society*.
- 2021 **Marwah, V.** “India’s ASHAs.” In *Policy Broadsheet: Revisiting the Labor Question*, edited by Padmini Swaminathan and Uma Rani. Anveshi
- 2016 **Marwah, V.** “The surrogacy bill gets it all wrong.” [www.livemint.com](http://www.livemint.com)
- 2016 **Marwah, V.** “The surrogacy story: Beyond the Bollywood babies is an industry that needs regulation.” [www.scroll.in](http://www.scroll.in)
- 2015 **Marwah, V.** “Women in labour” In *Himal Southasian*. 28 (2): 124-133
- 2013 Sen, P and **Marwah, V.** “Do our bodies belong to us?: Review of *Ship of Theseus*” *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*. 10 (4): 273-274
- 2013 **Marwah, V.** “A tale of two panels.” [www.kafila.org](http://www.kafila.org)
- 2013 Misra, G and **Marwah, V.** “Taking a comprehensive view of sexual violence.” [www.opendemocracy.net/50.50](http://www.opendemocracy.net/50.50)
- 2011 **Marwah, V.** “Renting Wombs.” <http://www.himalmag.com>

2011 **Marwah, V.** “Commercial Surrogacy in India.” *GeneWatch*. 24: 3-4

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#### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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##### *EXTERNAL:*

2020-21 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Award (\$43,000)  
 Josephine de Karman Fellowship (\$25,000, declined)  
 2018-19 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$12,000)  
 International Journal of Urban and Regional Research Studentship, UK (\$15,000)  
 2017-18 PEO International Peace Scholar Award (\$12,000)

##### *INTERNAL (USF):*

2024 Award for Excellence in High Impact Practices and Undergraduate Research (\$1500)  
 2023 Humanities Project Completion Award (\$10,000)

##### *INTERNAL (UT Austin):*

2020-21 Dean’s Prestigious Fellowship Supplement (\$1000)  
 Sociology Excellence Award (\$5000)  
 2019-20 Continuing Fellowship, Graduate School (\$44,000)  
 Research Grant, Dept of Sociology (\$2300)  
 2018-19 Dean’s Prestigious Fellowship Supplement (\$1000)  
 2017-18 Global Research Fellowship (\$5000)  
 Sociology Excellence Award (\$5000)  
 Summer Fieldwork Grant, Rapoport Center for Human Rights (\$2000)  
 Summer Fieldwork Award, Urban Ethnography Lab (\$1600)  
 Activist Research Grant, Social Justice Initiative (\$1000)  
 2016-20 Professional Development Award, Office of Graduate Studies (\$400)  
 2016-19 Graduate Student Travel Grant, South Asia Institute (\$400)

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#### TEACHING AND STUDENT MENTORING

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##### *COMMITTEE MEMBER (Sociology):*

PhD committee: H. Fulton, S. G. Sharma, S. Banerjee, S. Fatima, E. Gaines  
 MA committee: E. Kuechle

##### *ADVISOR (Sociology):*

PhD advisor: D. Omontese, A. N. Iwuagwu  
 MA co-advisor: N. Jasper

##### *COURSES TAUGHT:*

Fall 2024 Gender and Work (USF, graduate)  
 Medical Sociology (USF, undergraduate)  
 Fall 2023 Academic Writing (USF, graduate)

Spring 2023	Medical Sociology (USF, undergraduate)
Fall 2022	Sociology of Health and Illness (USF, graduate)
Spring 2022	Medical Sociology (USF, undergraduate)
Summer 2021	Gender and Work (Univ of Utah, undergraduate)
	Fertility and Reproduction (UT Austin, undergraduate)

*TEACHING ASSISTANT (UT Austin):*

2015-2018:	Introduction to the Study of Society; Sociological Theory; Health Care Policy in the US; Culture and Society in the US; Fertility and Reproduction; Race and Reproductive Justice
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 INVITED TALKS
 

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2024	‘Why They Persist: Rewards of Care for India’s Community Health Workers’, Seminar Series, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas
2023	‘ASHAs: Political Entrepreneurialism and Social Structure’, Brown Bag Speaker, Women and Gender Studies, University of South Florida
2023	‘Working Hope: ASHAs as mediators’, speaker series, Sama, Delhi
2022	‘ASHAs: Understanding their unique position’, speaker series, Noora Health
2021	‘Gender in the Partition of India’ in Prof Alejandro Marquez’s undergraduate class on Migration at Vassar College
2021	Consultation with UN Independent Expert on Infertility and Human Rights, organized by Yale Global Health Justice Partnership
2021	‘Why Participant Observation’ in Prof Vivian Shaw’s undergraduate class on Ethnography at Harvard University
2021	Speaker, The Social Reproduction Seminar Series, Kings College London
2020	‘In Whose Interest: Reproductive Health Policy in India’ in the Faculty Learning Community of Austin Community College, Texas
2020	‘Sex selection and abortion rights’ in Prof Sharmila Rudrappa’s undergraduate class on Race and Reproductive Justice at UT Austin
2019	‘Plausible Deniability: The intimate labor of India’s women community health workers’ in the School of Human Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi
2019	‘Community health worker programs’ in Prof Dwaine Jengelley’s undergraduate class on International Development at the Honors College, Purdue University
2019	‘ASHAs: India’s women community health workers’ session at Sama’s Gender and Health Institute for Activists, in Delhi, India

- 2018 ‘Issues at stake: Surrogacy in national and international policy making’ pre-congress symposium at the 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Bioethics in Bangalore, India
- 2018 ‘Country experiences and responses to surrogacy’ at the Expert Group Meeting on Surrogacy and Human Rights, organized by WHO, UNFPA and UNOHCHR, Bangkok
- 2018 ‘Gender and Biotechnology’ workshop at the Third People’s Health Assembly- India

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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2024 “Intimacy Double Bind: The labor women workers put into their supervisors”  
 -Roundtable, *Sociologists for Women in Society* Winter Meeting, Santa Ana Pueblo  
 -Panel presentation, *American Sociological Association* conference, Montreal  
 -Panel presentation, *National Women’s Studies Association*, Detroit
- 2024 “The Public Life of Care” *American Sociological Association* conference, Montreal  
 -Co-organizer and presider, Special Session
- 2023 “Public Sector Stories: Ethnographies of the Indian state”, *Annual Conference on South Asia*, Madison WI.  
 -Session organizer and panel presentation
- 2022 “ASHAs: Political Entrepreneurship and Social Structure”  
 -Panel presentation, *Junior Theorists Symposium*, LA  
 -Panel presentation, *American Sociological Association* conference, LA
- 2021 “Rewards in paid care work” *Society for the Study of Social Problems* conference, panel presentation (online due to COVID)
- 2020 “Plausible Deniability: The labor of India’s ASHAs” *American Sociological Association* roundtable (online due to COVID)
- 2018 “Mapping gender and caste in the experiences of Punjab’s ASHAs” *14<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Bioethics*, panel presentation, Bangalore
- 2018 “Feminist Ethnographies” *Sociologists for Women in Society* Winter Meeting, panel presentation, Atlanta
- 2017 “Sherpas and Himalayan Mountaineering”  
 -Panel presentation, *American Sociological Association* conference, Montreal  
 -Panel presentation, *North American Society for the Sociology of Sport*, Tampa

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SERVICE

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*DEPARTMENTAL:*

- *USF*
- 2022- Member: Sociology Graduate Committee
- 2022- Member: Sociology Undergraduate Committee

- *UT Austin*

2017-18 Co-coordinator: Race and Ethnicity Working Group, Dept of Sociology  
 2017-18 Co-founder: Sociology Graduate Student Council  
 2017 Co-organizer: Gender of Ethnography and Ethnography of Gender Conference

**PROFESSIONAL:**

Reviewer *World Development, Qualitative Sociology, Law and Social Inquiry, Social Currents, Sociological Theory, Gender and Society, Atlantis, Feminist Media Studies, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, International Journal of Comparative Sociology*

2024- Member, Awards Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society

2023- Editorial Board Member, *Sociological Theory*

2023 Member, Book Award Committee, Sex and Gender Section, American Sociological Association

**EXTERNAL:**

2020- Advisor, Sama-Resource Group for Women and Health, Delhi

2020 Panelist for 'India's Citizenship Amendment Act'  
 -Asian American Resource Center, Austin  
 -South Asia Working Group, Texas A&M

2018 Scientific Committee Member, 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Bioethics (Bangalore) of the International Bioethics Association

2017-20 Board Member, Sama-Resource Group for Women and Health, Delhi

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**NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE**


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2014-15 Independent Consultant  
*Commonhealth coalition for maternal-neonatal health and safe abortion*  
*Sama- Resource Group for Women and Health*  
*Nirnaya Women's Fund*

2012-14 Program Coordinator  
*CREA, Delhi*

2009-12 Project Coordinator  
*Sama-Resource Group for Women and Health, Delhi*

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**AFFILIATIONS**


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American Sociological Association (ASA)  
 Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)  
 North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS)