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### **EDUCATION**

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- 2022            Ph.D. Sociology – Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.  
(expected graduation date May 2023)
- Dissertation: *Making Sense of Citizenship and Citizen Identity in light of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) in India: An Oral History Project Capturing Citizen Identity Work of Indian Citizens.*  
Committee: Dr. Monica Whitham (Chair and Advisor), Dr. Liesel Ritchie, Dr. Tamara L. Mix, Sarah Milligan, Dr. Rebecca Sheehan (outside member)  
Exams: Social Psychology (2018), Inequality and Stratification (2019)
- 2017            M.S. Sociology – Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.
- Thesis: *Saffronizing India: Construction and Maintenance of Symbolic Boundaries between In-group and Out-group by Hindutva Organizations.*  
Committee: Dr. Monica Whitham (Chair and Advisor), Dr. Tamara L. Mix, Dr. Stephen Perkins
- 2009            M.A. Sociology – University of Pune, Maharashtra, India
- 2007            B.A. Sociology (Honors) – University of Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal, India

### **AREAS OF INTEREST**

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Religious nationalism, nationalist movements, social movements, social identity, group identity and intergroup relations, group conflict, group processes, gender, citizenship, qualitative research methods, oral history.

### **CURRENT RESEARCH**

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My dissertation research investigates citizenship politics in India, structural changes in citizenship discourse, and citizen identity. In 2019, India passed the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), which fast tracks the citizenship process for certain religious groups. Many referred to this Act as unconstitutional because it violates the forty-second amendment of the constitution,

which asserts secularism. Others feared that the Act is a step taken towards the Hindu nationalist agenda. In my research, I investigate interconnected identities, structural shifts, and analyze how people in India make sense of citizenship, the CAA, and citizen identity using oral history interviews and Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis (IPA).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- 2022 Coley, Jonathan S., **Dhruba Das**, and Gary J. Adler Jr. "A Place of Our Own: Opportunities, Resources, and the Presence of Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim Student Groups at United States Colleges and Universities." *Sociology of Education*. (Upcoming).
- 2021 **Das, Dhruba**, and Monica M. Whitham. "Framing the Collective "We" and the Antagonistic "Other" through Metacontrast: Intragroup Homogenization and Intergroup Polarization in the Hindu Nationalist Movement." *Sociological Forum* 36(3): 1-23.
- 2020 Coley, Jonathan S, and **Dhruba Das**. "Creating Safe Spaces: Opportunities, Resources, and LGBTQ Student Groups at U.S. Colleges and Universities." *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 6: 1–12.
- 2020 Coley, Jonathan S, Dakota K. T. Raynes, and **Dhruba Das**. "Are Social Movements Truly Social? The Prosocial and Antisocial Outcomes of Social Movements " *Sociology Compass* 14(8): e12820.

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

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**Das, Dhruba**, and Monica M. Whitham. "Gendering National Identity: *Love Jihad*, Hindutva, and Women in Twitter Dialogues."

**Das, Dhruba**, and Virginia Worley. "'*I Refuse*': Analyzing Amir Aziz's Protest Performance using Julia Kristeva's lens of Abjection."

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2021 Coley, Jonathan, Dhruba Das, and Gary Adler. "A Place of Our Own: Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim Student Groups at U.S. Colleges and Universities." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Virtual. (Prior submission to 2020 Annual Meeting cancelled due to COVID-19.)

- 2020 Coley, Jonathan, and Dhruba Das. "Creating Safe Spaces: Opportunities, Resources, and LGBTQ Student Groups at U.S. Colleges and Universities." Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Virtual.
- 2019 Das, Dhruba and Monica M. Whitham. "Framing the Collective "We" and the Antagonistic "Other" through Metacontrast: Intragroup Homogenization and Intergroup Polarization in the Hindu Nationalist Movement." American Sociological Association, New York, USA.
- 2018 Sinha, Dhruba. "Let the Fire Burn: Hindu Nationalist Movement and the Making of Intractable Conflict." XIX World Congress of the International Sociological Association, Toronto, Canada.
- 2018 Sinha, Dhruba. 2018. "Hindutva: Explored Through the Lens of Self-Categorization Theory." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2021 Summer Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Monica Whitham  
Sociology Department. Oklahoma State University
- 2021 Summer Graduate Research Intern to Patrick Daglaris  
*Amplified Oklahoma* Podcast Project  
Oklahoma Oral History Research Program. Oklahoma State University
- 2020 Summer Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Liesel Ritchie  
Sociology Department. Oklahoma State University
- 2020 Summer Graduate Research Intern to Patrick Daglaris  
*Amplified Oklahoma* Podcast Project  
Oklahoma Oral History Research Program. Oklahoma State University
- 2019 Fall Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Jonathan S. Coley  
Sociology Department. Oklahoma State University
- 2019 Summer Graduate Research Assistant to Sarah Milligan  
Chilocco Indian Agricultural School – Oral History Project  
Oklahoma Oral History Research Program. Oklahoma State University
- 2019 Summer Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Jonathan Coley  
Sociology Department. Oklahoma State University
- 2018 Summer Graduate Research Assistant to Sarah Milligan  
Chilocco Indian Agricultural School – Oral History Project  
Oklahoma Oral History Research Program. Oklahoma State University

2018 Summer Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Kevin Wagner (PI)  
Water Survey project  
Oklahoma Water Resource Center, Oklahoma State University

2018 Summer Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Monica Whitham  
Sociology Department. Oklahoma State University

2017 Summer Graduate Research Assistant to Sarah Milligan  
Chilocco Indian Agricultural School Project – Oral History Project  
Oklahoma Oral History Research Program. Oklahoma State University

2017 Summer Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Monica Whitham  
Sociology Department. Oklahoma State University

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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Instructor of Record – Oklahoma State University, Stillwater

*SOC 3993: Sociology of Aging (DS)*

2022 Spring

2021 Fall (Web-based/ Online)

2021 Summer (Web-based/ Online)

2021 Spring

2020 Fall (Web-based/ Online)

2020 Spring

*SOC 1113: Introductory Sociology*

2019 Fall

2018 Fall

Graduate Teaching Assistant – Oklahoma State University, Stillwater

*SOC 3113: Theoretical Thinking in Sociology*

2018 Fall

2018 Spring

Fall 2016

*SOC 2890: Honors Experience in Sociology*

2018 Spring

*SOC 4653: Gender and the Middle East*

2017 Spring

2016 Spring

*SOC 2123: Social Problems*

2017 Fall

*SOC 1113: Introductory Sociology*

2017 Fall  
2016 Spring  
2015 Fall  
2021 Fall

*SOC 4643: Sociology of Gender*

2016 Fall

*SOC 4443: Environmental Sociology*

Fall 2015

*SOC 4723: Marriage and Family*

Fall 2015

*Training -* General Education Faculty Workshop. August 2019  
College of Arts and Sciences, Oklahoma State University

*Conference-* Graduate Teaching Conference. Fall 2015, Fall 2016  
Oklahoma State University

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## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND RECOGNITIONS**

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2021 Summer Research Fellowship. Oklahoma State University. \$2500 + \$500 as tuition waiver

2020-21 Oklahoma State University 3 Minute Thesis Finalist (second position). \$200

2018-21 Conference Travel Grants (3), Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University. \$400-\$1200/grant

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## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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2019- present American Sociological Association

2019- present Alpha Kappa Delta – Oklahoma State University  
*The International Sociology Honor Society*

2018- present Sociologists for Women in Society

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## **SERVICE**

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- 2020-21      Representative of Sociology Graduate Student Association – *Graduate and Professional Student Government Association (GPSGA)*, Oklahoma State University  
Member of Finance Committee – *GPSGA*  
Vice President – *Sociology Graduate Student Association*
- 2019-20      Vice President – *Sociology Graduate Student Association*  
Representative – *Graduate and Professional Student Government Association*  
Oklahoma State University – Sociology Department
- 2017-18      Representative of Sociology Graduate Student Association – *Graduate and Professional Student Government Association (GPSGA)*, Oklahoma State University  
Member of Communication and Publication Committee – *GPSGA*  
Member of Intergovernmental Liaisoning Committee– *GPSGA*
- 2016-17      Representative of Sociology Graduate Student Association – *Graduate and Professional Student Government Association (GPSGA)*, Oklahoma State University  
Member of Social Relations Committee – *GPSGA*  
Judge at Undergraduate Research Symposium, Oklahoma State University  
Participant at community art workshop led by native American artist Anita Fields
- 2015-17      Volunteer – Live Performance (Part 1) led by visiting artist Akirash (Olaniyi Rasheed Akindiya), Oklahoma State University Museum of Art