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## EDUCATION

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PhD Candidate in Sociology and Demography, University of Pennsylvania Expected May 2022  
Graduate Certificate in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies  
Dissertation: "Three Chapters on Marriage and the Reproduction of Social Inequalities in India"  
Committee: Emily C. Hannum (chair), Frank F. Furstenberg, Pilar Goñalons-Pons, Annette Lareau

BA in International Studies, University of Arizona 2012  
Minors in Spanish and Economics  
*magna cum laude* with honors

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Social demography, gender, family, marriage, the life course, social stratification, development, and India

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Refereed journal articles

Reed, Megan N. 2021. "The Gendered Practices of the Upwardly Mobile in India." *Social Science Research*. In press.

Reed, Megan N. 2021. "Reproductive Transitions and Women's Status in Indian Households." *Population Studies*. 75(3): 325-341.

\* winner of the 2019 van de Walle biennial prize for best graduate student paper in demography at the University of Pennsylvania

Reed, Megan N. 2020. "The labor force participation of Indian women before and after widowhood." *Demographic Research* 43(24): 673-706.

Furstenberg, Frank F., Lauren E. Harris, Luca Maria Pesando, and Megan N. Reed. 2020. "Kinship Practices Among Alternative Family Forms in Western Industrialized Societies." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 82(5): 1403-1430. (equal contribution from authors)

### Book chapter

Reed, Megan N. 2021. "Marriage: When, to Whom, and How People get Married." *Colossus: The Anatomy of Delhi*. eds. Sanjoy Chakravorty and Neelanjan Sircar. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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Uncertainty and risk on the Indian marriage market

Educational assortative mating of families in arranged marriages

New patterns of marital engagement in New Delhi

(with Lauren E. Harris, Luca Maria Pesando, Linda Li, Frank F. Furstenberg, and Julien O. Teitler) Family Communication and Family Ties in the Wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic

(with Babul Hossain, Aashish Gupta, and Srinivas Goli) Widowhood Effects on Mortality in India

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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### National fellowships

National Institutes of Health NICHD Training Fellowship in Demography (T-32)	2019-2021
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship (South Asia, Hindi)	2016-2017
Fulbright-Nehru Student Research Fellowship (13 months in India)	2012-2013

### Grants and fellowships at the University of Pennsylvania

GAPSA-Provost Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Innovation (\$6000)	2018-2019
President Gutmann Leadership Award (\$1,300)	2019
Gertrude and Otto Pollak Summer Research Fellowship (\$4000)	2019
Center for the Advanced Study of India Summer Funds for Research (\$3500, \$3000, \$3000)	2018/20/21
GAPSA Research Travel Grant (\$600, \$370)	2018
Lauder Institute grant for student-run conference (\$750)	2017

### Awards

Etienne van de Walle biennial prize for the best student paper in demography at UPenn	2019
2018 PAA Annual Meeting Poster Award	2018

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Instructor of Record (UPenn)	Introduction to Sociological Research (methods)	Fall 2019
Teaching Assistant (UPenn)	Sociology of the Family (virtual)	Fall 2020
	Medical Sociology	Spring 2018
	Introduction to Sociology	Fall 2017

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2020. "The Persistence of Arranged Marriage in India: New Evidence from Delhi." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA). Virtual. August.

2020. "Gender Scripts of the Upwardly Mobile in India." Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) Summer Virtual Meeting. August. Roundtable.

2020. "Changing Dynamics of Arranged Marriage in Urban India: A Mixed Methods Study in New Delhi." 2<sup>nd</sup> IUSSP Seminar on New and Emerging Family Forms around the World. Manila, Philippines. January.

2019. "The Female Life Cycle, Fertility, and Women's Status in Indian Households." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA). New York, NY. August.

2019. "The Persistence of Arranged Marriage in India: New Evidence from the Delhi National Capital Region." Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting. Austin, TX. April.

2018. "When, to Whom, and How People Marry in Delhi NCR: Patterns of Intergenerational Change." Association of Asian Studies-in-Asia Annual Conference. Delhi, India. July.

2018. "Gender Scripts of the Upwardly Mobile in India." Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. April. Poster. \*PAA Poster Award Winner\*

2017. "The Female Life Cycle and Power in Indian Households." 46th Annual Conference on South Asia. Madison, WI. October.

2017. "The Labor Force Participation of Indian Women Before and After Widowhood." Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April.

2012. (with Ufuk Coşkun) "Service Exchange between the University of Arizona Community and the Tucson Refugee Community." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD. March.

## SERVICE

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Ad hoc reviewer for *Population and Development Review*, *Demography*, *Asian Women*, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*, *Population Studies*, and *Social Problems*

Finance Chair, Graduate Sociology Society, University of Pennsylvania	2018-2019
Conference Organizer for Penn's "Health and Society in South Asia Conference"	2017
Co-Chair, Demography Club, University of Pennsylvania	2016- 2017

## OTHER WRITING

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### Book review

Reed, Megan N. 2014. Review of *The Caste Question: Dalits and the Politics of Modern India*. Anupama Rao. *Transforming Anthropology* 22/2: 136-138.

## Editorial

- Sircar, Neelanjan and Megan Reed. 2015. "Choosing Thy Neighbor." *The Hindu*. January 10.  
Reed, Megan and Devesh Kapur. 2015. "The Love for Sons and Appropriate Attire." *The Hindu*. January 26.  
Reed, Megan. 2014. "Ensuring Education for the Children of India's Migrants." *India in Transition*. CASI.

## SPECIAL TRAINING

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- Mini Course on Equitable and Inclusive Teaching, UPenn Center for Teaching and Learning Fall 2021  
Teaching Certificate, UPenn Center for Teaching and Learning Fall 2019  
Inequality by the Numbers Workshop, CUNY Stone Center Summer 2018  
Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program Summer 2016  
Intensive Hindi instruction (6 months), American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS), India Fall 2012

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- Research Assistant, Malawi Longitudinal Study of Families and Health (fieldwork), UPenn Summer 2017  
Research Coordinator, Center for the Advanced Study of India, UPenn 2014-2015

## LANGUAGES

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- Intermediate Hindi  
Intermediate Spanish

## REFERENCES

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