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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA (Expected May 2026)

Dissertation: Religion and Health among Sikhs in India

Committee: Samuel Stroope (chair), Jon Cogburn, Rhiannon Kroeger, and Mark Walker

M.A. Sociology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, 2024

M.Phil. Sociology and Social Anthropology, Punjabi University, Patiala, India, 2014

M.A. Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India, 2010

B.Com. Commerce and Accountancy, Punjabi University, Patiala, India, 2007

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medical Sociology; Sociology of Religion; Gender and Society; Inequality

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## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Smiley, Kevin T., Simone Domingue, Akua Lewis, Heath McNeese, Sara Pellegrin, and Harleen Sandhu. 2022. "Inequalities and Interrelations: The sociology of disasters at a new crossroads." *Sociology Compass* 16(12):e13008.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Sandhu, Harleen and Samuel Stroope. "Self-Rated Health Among Adults in India: Examining the Role of Religiosity." *Socius*.

## ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS, REPORTS, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Pandey, Sandeep, Harleen Sandhu, and Rahul Singh Rana. 2021. "The Events of January 26 and a Narrative of Convenience." *The Indian Express*. [Link](#)

- Sandhu, Harleen, and Sandeep Pandey. 2021. "Govt of India 'Treating' Its Own Citizens as Enemies." Counterview. [Link](#)
- Pandey, Sandeep, Simran Kaur, and Harleen Sandhu. 2021. "In Defence of Their Struggle." The Indian Express. [Link](#)
- Pandey, Sandeep, Simran Kaur, and Harleen Sandhu. 2021. "The Moral Strength of Struggle and Service." Countercurrents. [Link](#)
- Winchester, E., Thomas-Smith, J., Sandhu, H., Moles, A., and Rhodes, J. 2022 "Louisiana Children's Trust Fund: 2021–2022 Annual Report." LSU-SREC.
- Sandhu, Harleen, and Sandeep Pandey. 2022. "Iran: A Movement for Democracy." Countercurrents. [Link](#)
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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Sandhu, H. (2025). "Religiosity and Self-Rated Health in India: Results from a National Study". American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- Sandhu, H. (2023). "Challenging Menstrual Taboos and Promoting Reproductive Justice, The Role of Menstrual Leave Policies in India's Feminist Movement". Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- Sandhu Harleen (2016). "Green Governance: An Idea whose time has come". International Seminar on Environmental Sustainability, India.
- Sandhu Harleen (2016). "E-Governance, Green Governance: Need for a Green Economy". National seminar on Governance in the 21<sup>st</sup>, India.
- Sandhu Harleen (2015). "Empowering Women, Empowering Humanity: Economic Empowerment and Gender Equality". National Seminar on Empowerment of Women, India.
- Sandhu, Harleen (2013). "India's Ethnic Unity: A Dream Shattered". National Seminar on Non-Traditional Threats to India's Security: Challenges and Responses, India.
- Sandhu Harleen (2012). "Women as Peacekeepers". Women, Peace and Security Conference, India.
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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Instructor, Louisiana State University**

- Spring 2025. Introduction to Sociology: SOCL 2001 (number of students: ~200)

- Fall 2024 Introduction to Sociology: SOCL 2001 (number of students: ~200)
- Spring 2025. Introduction to Sociology: SOCL 2001 (number of students: ~140)
- Fall 2025. Methods of Social Research: SOCL 2211 (number of students: 55)

**Instructor, Punjabi University, India (2014–2016)**

- Fall 2014. Indian Society (Graduate Level)
- Spring 2015. Indian Society (Graduate Level)
- Fall 2015. Social Theory (Graduate Level)

**Guest Lectures:**

- Spring 2025. Religion in India – Sociology of Religion (SOCL 4441)
  - Fall 2024. Social Change - Introduction to Sociology (SOCL 2001)
  - Fall 2023. Ad Hoc Instructor for Introduction to Sociology (SOCL 2001) – 3 weeks of instruction
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**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- Graduate Assistant, Social Research & Evaluation Center, LSU (2022–2023)
  - Research Assistant, Carnegie Community Engagement Classification Team, LSU (2021–2022)
  - Academic Associate, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (2016-2020)
  - Research Supervisor, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Government of India (2012–2013)
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**FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Maulana Azad National Fellowship, Government of India (2014–2019)

**SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Member, American Sociological Association  
Member, Midwest Sociological Society  
Member, Sociologists for Women in Society

**LEADERSHIP**

Vice-President, The Women’s Network, LSU (2023–2024)  
Event & Cultural Chair, Indian Students’ Association, LSU (2021–2023)

International Orientation Leader, LSU (2022)

## **SKILLS**

Quantitative data cleaning and analysis using linear and non-linear regression modeling

Software: R, SPSS, Stata

Qualitative: Fieldwork, interviews, focus groups, thematic coding

Languages: English, Hindi, Punjabi

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## **REFERENCES**

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Additional references available upon request.