

Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Migration, urbanization and development
Labor migration, informal labour and rural-urban linkages
Food and nutrition security
Rural and urban livelihoods
Social policy

EDUCATION

- 2011-16 PhD in Development Geography, University of Sydney, Australia.
Dissertation: Livelihoods on the move: understanding the linkages between migration and household food security in India.
- 2009-10 Master of Population Studies, International Institute for Population Sciences, India.
Dissertation: Disability in India: a historical and contemporary demographic perspective.
- 2007-09 Master of Arts in Globalisation and Labor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India.
Dissertation: Impact of organised retail on the unorganised retailers: a case study of Mumbai.
- 2006-07 Diploma in Population Studies, International Institute for Population Sciences, India.
Dissertation: Macroeconomic implications of demographic transition in India.
- 2001-04 Bachelors of Arts, University of Rajasthan, India, 2001-04
Major subjects: Sociology, Public Administration and Political Science

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- April 2018-Continuing *Postdoctoral Research Associate*, Urban Studies Institute, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA.
- 2016-2018 *Assistant Professor*, School of Development Studies, Indian Institute for Health Management Research University, Jaipur, India.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Selected as one of the 18 high-profile Australia Awards Ambassadors from across the South Asia region by the Government of Australia for the year 2017 to help spread information on fellowship and scholarship opportunities for study, research and professional development for Indian students and academics in Australia.

One of the twenty students from Asia to have been awarded Australian Government's highly prestigious 'Prime Minister Australia Asia Postgraduate Award' for PhD research, 2011-15.

Postgraduate Research Support for international conference, University of Sydney, Australia, 2013.

Qualified for the Junior Research Fellowship for PhD research, University Grants Commission, India, 2010.

Qualified the National Eligibility Test (NET) of University Grants Commission, India, 2010 for lectureship eligibility in India.

Government of India Fellowship to pursue Master of Population Studies at the International Institute for Population Sciences, India, 2009-10.

C. Chandrasekaran Gold Medal for first rank in Diploma in Population Studies, 2006-07 International Institute for Population Sciences, India, 2006-07.

J. R. Rele Award (Gold Medal) for best dissertation in Diploma in Population Studies, International Institute for Population Sciences, India, 2006-07.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Pritchard, B., Rammohan, A., Sekher, M., Parasuraman, S., Choithani, C. (2014). *Feeding India: livelihoods, entitlements and capabilities*. Oxon: Earthscan (Routledge).

Peer-reviewed Journal articles

Choithani, C. (Forthcoming). Gendered livelihoods: migrating men, left behind women and household food security in India. *Gender, Place and Culture*.

Choithani, C. (2017). Understanding the linkages between migration and household food security in India. *Geographical Research*, Vol 55(2), pp. 192-205.

Pritchard, B., Dixon, J., Hull, E., Choithani, C. (2016). Stepping back and moving in': the role of the state in the contemporary food regime. *Journal of Peasant Studies*, Vol 43(3), pp. 693-710.

Choithani, C. and Pritchard, B. (2015). Assessing Bihar's coupons-based Public Distribution System: importance of local context. *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol 50(3), pp. 61-68.

Reports and Policy papers

Choithani, C. (2016). Food and nutrition security issues in Rajasthan. *Background paper for Rajasthan Human Development Report 2016*. Government of Rajasthan.

Choithani, C. (2009). *Entry of corporate retail and its impact on small shops and street hawkers: a case study from Mumbai*. New Delhi: Focus on the Global South.

Book chapters

Ladusingh, L. and Choithani, C. (2008). *Macroeconomic implications of demographic transition in India*. In Alok Ranjan (Ed.), *Population and Health in India 2008* (pp. 7-19). Bhopal: Shyam Institute.

Columns/Op-eds

Choithani, C (2018). [‘Why India needs to urgently worry about migration caused by climate change’](#), published in *Business Standard* on June 25, 2018.

Choithani, C (2018). [‘How will India respond to internal climate migration?’](#). Published in *The Wire* on June 24, 2018.

Choithani, C. and Pritchard, B. (2015). [‘The significance of local power structures in Bihar’s coupon-based PDS’](#). Published in *Ideas for India* on August 17, 2015.

Pritchard, B. and Choithani, C. (2014). [‘Hunger games: changing targets and politics of global nutrition’](#). published in *The Conversation* on September 26, 2014.

COURSES TAUGHT

In my role of Assistant Professor at the School of Development Studies, Indian Institute of Health Management Research University, I designed and delivered following courses for postgraduate students the streams of development studies and health management.

- i) Rural livelihood systems
- ii) Rurban Society and Polity
- iii) Health and Development

INVITED TALKS/LECTURES

Exploring India’s emergent urban formations: case studies of West Bengal and Bihar (with Jan Nijman and Robbin Jan van Duijne), talks at Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta (September 03, 2019), and Indian Institute of Technology, Patna (September 04, 2019).

Migration, food security and development, talk delivered as part of Urban Studies Institute Speaker Series, Georgia State University (September 06, 2018).

Food and nutrition security: a global perspective, lecture delivered for the students of Master in International Public Health, University of Sydney, Australia, 2014.

Right to food: an unfinished agenda, lecture delivered for the students of Master in International Human Rights, University of Sydney, Australia, 2013.

MAJOR ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

Migration and changing agrarian relations: insights from India, paper presented at the XXV Agri-Food conference titled 'Celebrating 25 years of the Australasian Agri-food Research Network – Exploring past, present and future contributions to agri-food studies', held at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia during Dec 02-05, 2018.

Migration, food security and sustainable development agenda, paper presented at 'Fifth Annual Monash Business School's Conference on Sustainable Development', held in Prato, Italy during June 26-27, 2017.

Integrating migration in food policy research and practice, paper presented at the VII annual international conference of Asian Dynamics Initiative of Copenhagen University titled 'Food, Feeding and Eating in and out of Asia', held during 24-26 June, 2015 in Copenhagen.

Rural land, urban remittances: circular migration, rural-urban linkages and household food security in India, paper presented at the XXI Agri-Food Conference (Food, Planet, People), held in Sydney, Australia during November 24-26, 2014.

Livelihoods on the move: understanding the linkages between migration and household food security in rural India, paper presented at the XVIII International Sociological Association's World Congress of Sociology, held in Yokohama, Japan during 13-19 July, 2014.

PEER REVIEWER FOR ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Annals of Association of American Geographers (2019); Food Security (Springer) (2019); Journal of Population and Social Studies (2019); Economic and Political Weekly; National University of Singapore's Asia Research Institute Working Paper Series

PROFESSIONAL/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

May-December 2011	University of Sydney, Australia Designation: Research Assistant Project: Institutions for food security: global insights from rural India Funding body: Australian Research Council
September-December 2010	International Institute for Population Sciences, India; Harvard School of Public Health and Rand Corporation, United States Designation: Research Officer Project: Longitudinal ageing study in India Funding body: National Institute of Health, United States
June-December 2008	Focus on the Global South, India Designation: Research Intern Project: Independent research project on the food retail industry in Mumbai
Nov 2004-June 2006	Parivar Seva Sanstha, India Designation: Project Assistant Job profile: Providing managerial, administrative and technical support in research, field surveys and programmatic interventions carried out by the organisation on reproductive health issues in the Indian state of Rajasthan.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Member of the organising committee for the *XXI Agri-Food Conference (Food, Planet, People)*, held in Sydney, Australia during November 24-26, 2014.

Postgraduate convener for the Human Geography's weekly seminar series, *Thinking Space*, University of Sydney, Australia, August-December 2012.

Member of core organising team for the International Social Network Analysis Conference, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India, December 26-27, 2008.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of birth : April 2, 1984
Sex : Male
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REFEREES

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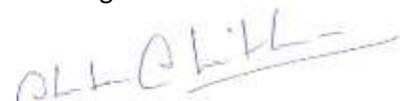
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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the information furnished above is true to the best of my knowledge.

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