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EDUCATION	Doctorate of Philosophy in Criminology, Law and Justice expected January 2017 University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago IL <i>Gender and Women Studies (Concentration)</i>
	Master of Science in Criminal Justice May 2006 Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia PA <i>Victimology, Restorative Justice (Concentration)</i>
	Bachelor of Arts in Psychology June 2002 Mumbai University, Mumbai India

HONORS & AWARDS	2015 Outstanding Graduate Student Award- Victimology November 2015 <i>Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)</i>	
	Student Research Funding Award July 2014 <i>Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice</i>	
	University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago IL	
	Chancellor's Graduate Research Fellowship November 2014 <i>Graduate College</i>	
	Chancellor's Student Service Award April 2014 <i>Student Leadership Development and Volunteer Services</i>	
	Chancellor's Graduate Research Fellowship November 2013 <i>Graduate College</i>	
	Exemplary Service to the Department Award April 2013 <i>Department of Criminology, Law and Justice</i>	
	Provost Award for Graduate Research April 2013 <i>Graduate College</i>	
	Service Recognition Award April 2013 <i>Graduate Student Council</i>	
	Chicago Consular Corps Scholarship November 2011 <i>Office of International Affairs</i>	
Chicago Bar Association Graduate Student Award April 2011 <i>Department of Criminology, Law and Justice</i>		
Outstanding Service to the Department Award April 2011 <i>Department of Criminology, Law and Justice</i>		

PUBLICATIONS	Journal Article
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Bhat, M. and Ullman, S. E. (2014). Examining Marital Violence in India: Review and Recommendations for Future Research", in *Trauma, Violence and Abuse*, (15) 1: 57-74, DOI: 10.1177/1524838013496331

Book Chapter

Bhat, M. and Wodda, A. (2013). Examining Legal Responses to Sexual Violence: A Comparative Review of Court Systems in India and the United States. In P. Unnithan's *Crime and Justice in India (Ed.)*. SAGE Publications: New Delhi

Encyclopedia Articles

Erez, E., and Bhat, M. (2010). Rape myths and violence against women. In F. Cullen, & P. Wilcox (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of criminological theory* (pp. 772-774). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781412959193.n211>

Ullman, S.E. and Bhat, M. (Forthcoming). Sexual Assault/ Sexual Violence, *Wiley- Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender & Sexuality*

PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conferences

Bhat, M. (2014, November). *Violence against women in Bollywood cinema: Exploring Gender among Indians' perceptions in the USA*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA

Bhat, M. (2014, February). *Violence against women in Bollywood cinema: Exploring Gender among Indians' perceptions in the USA*. Paper presented at the American Criminal Justice Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

Bhat, M. & Wodda, A. (2013, November). *Examining Legal Responses to Sexual Violence: A Review of Court Systems in India*, in "Crime and Justice in India" at the Author meets Critic panel session at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA

Bhat, M. & Ullman, S.E. (2012, November). *The Characteristics of and Social Reactions to Victims of Spousal Sexual Assault*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL

Bhat, M. (2012, March). *Examining Gender-based Violence against Hijras in India: The Rise and Struggles against the Third Gender*. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New York City, NY

Bhat, M. (2011, November). *Representation of Societal Responses to VAW in Media: Bollywood films under the microscope*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C.

Bhat, M. (2009, November). *A Feminist Critique of the Representation of Women in Films: Bollywood under the Microscope*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

Greenless, A., Bhat, M. and Holt, T. (2009, November). *Examining the Correlates of Cyber crime Victimization Using Lifestyle Routine Activities Theory*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

Bhat, M. (2009, August). *Exploring the Identity of Hijras in India: The Rise and Struggles of the Third Gender*. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

Bhat, M. (2008, November). *Cyber stalking- Definitions, Theories and Typologies*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Saint Louis MO

Bhat, M. (2007, September). *Cyber stalking*. Paper presented at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) Annual Conference, Chicago IL

On Campus Presentations

Bhat, M. (2016, April). *Examining Representations of Violence against Women in Bollywood (Indian) Cinema: Findings & Implications on the South Asian Community*. Presentation scheduled at the Feminist Lecture Series at the Women's Resource & Leadership Center, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago IL

Bhat, M. (2015, April). *Examining Representations of Violence against Women in Bollywood (Indian) Cinema*. Paper presented at the Asian American Resource and Cultural Center Lunchbox at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago IL

Bhat, M. (2014, April). *Violence Against Women in Bollywood Cinema: Exploring Gender Differences Among Asian Indians' Perceptions in the USA*. Research presented at the Gender & Women Studies Brownbag Series, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Bhat, M. (2010, April). *Examining Structural Violence against MSM in India: Challenges and Recommendations*. Poster at the Lavender Research Forum, University of Illinois at Chicago

Bhat, M. (2009, April). *Exploring the Identity of Hijras in India: The Rise and Struggles of the Third Gender*. Poster at the Student Research Forum, University of Illinois at Chicago

Guest Lectures

Bhat, M. (2011, September). *Examining Gender-based Violence against the Hijras- The Third Gender in India*. Paper presented as a Guest Speaker in a graduate class, Comparative Criminal Justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago IL

Bhat, M. (2010, October). *Examining the Identity of Hijras in India: Structural Violence against the Third Gender*. Paper presented as a Guest Speaker in a graduate class, Race, Class and Gender at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago IL

Bhat, M. (2009, October). *Exploring the Identity of Hijras in India: The Rise and Struggles of the Third Gender*. Paper presented as a Guest Speaker for a graduate class, Race, Class and Gender at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago IL

Bhat, M. (2009, April). *Examining Marital Violence in India: The Past, Present and the Future*. Paper presented as a Guest Speaker for an undergraduate class, Violence and Victimization at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago IL

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

January 2014- December 2014

Center for Public Safety and Justice

- Gathered and assimilated copyright-free images and data to help design curriculums for community policing courses catered to an audience from different backgrounds
- Reviewed, scrutinized and provided feedback to the team about the design, content and timeline for online courses
- Data entry and synthesis of evaluation forms and ratings of workshops and courses

University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago IL

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

March 2011- May 2013

Criminology, Law and Justice

- Provided research support and logistics to the Women's Stress and Support Study
- Coordinated with the team in the design and implementation of mail survey instruments such as questionnaires to be sent to participants
- Tracked research participants, and perform any necessary follow up tasks
- Performed data entry and other clerical work as required for project completion and prepared, manipulated, and managed extensive databases

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

January 2009- May 2009

Interdisciplinary Center for Research on Violence

- Provided research support to Dr Aruna Jha, PI, for a grant funded by the Mental Health America of Illinois (MHA) to 'examine the risk and protective factors about suicide among Asian-American youth'
- Conducted data analysis of focus groups of Asian-American high school and college students and mental health professionals
- Organized events for the Asian American Suicide Prevention Initiative (AASPI) at UIC including the 'Seeking Light in the Darkness' symposium for suicide survivors

RESEARCH ANALYST

January 2008- August 2009

Institute for Public Safety Partnerships

- Conducted research literature reviews and needs analysis for identifying the best practices in the prevention and intervention models to curb gang-related violence
- Organized and presented findings at gang summits and other advisory board meetings relevant to the study grants

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

August 2007- December 2007

Criminology, Law and Justice

- Worked in a research project aiming to study and analyze the perspectives about the 'Role of Therapeutic Jurisprudence among criminal justice professionals'

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago IL

Department of Criminology, Law and Justice

INSTRUCTOR

January 2011-May 2011

Introduction to Criminology

- Created and designed syllabus and curriculum for a 200-level undergraduate class of 120 students about the core foundations of criminological theories
- Presented lectures, showed films during class, conducted discussions both in class and on Blackboard forum to engage students in interacting and asking questions
- Administered written tests and discussion sessions, prepared reports and maintained student records to assess and measure the students' progress and to evaluate their learning

TEACHING ASSISTANT

January 2009- December 2010

Criminology, Violence in Society, Foundations of Law and Justice

- Responsible for performing teaching or teaching-related duties to assist faculty members
- Attended class lectures, led discussion sections, taught some chapters of the undergraduate courses and assigned material in class as needed
- Proctored exams, grades tests, and homework assignments, and recorded grades

ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES**University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago IL****UNDERGRADUATE COORDINATOR**

August 2013- Present

Criminology, Law and Justice

- Serve as a graduate assistant to the Director of Undergraduate Studies and the academic program to promote our programs to undergraduate students
- Provide a liaison between the program and students pursuing their majors or minors in the Criminology program through informal advising and onsite tours
- Plan, organize and coordinate events such as the Open House and End-Of-The-Year Award celebration events for students and faculty
- Represent the departmental undergraduate program at campus and admission events

Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia PA**ADMISSIONS OFFICE ASSISTANT**

August 2004- May 2005

Office of Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions

- Planned and coordinated various student visit programs designed to recruit prospective applicants to the University
- Contributed to admissions recruitment, counseling, outreach and application reviews
- Collaborated with other campus units and manage correspondence about admission events and activities

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**Ad-Hoc Reviewer:** *Violence against Women, Feminist Criminology***Affiliations and Memberships**

Member, American Society of Criminology (August 2008- Present)

Individual Member, Association for Women's Right in Development (2013-2014)

Advisory Board Member*Asian American Resource and Cultural Center, University of Illinois at Chicago (2015-2016)***Student Member: Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Asian Americans***University of Illinois at Chicago (2015-2016)***Departmental Representative***Graduate Student Council (2008-2014)***MENTORING ACTIVITIES****Resident Adviser**

June 2005- August 2005

English Language School (ELS)

- Served as a mentor, peer adviser, limit-setter and adviser to new international students attending the English Language School at Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia
- Planned and organized events and activities for students staying in the dorms
- Provided as a liaison between the students and ELS

Graduate Mentor

August 2004- May 2006

Saint Joseph's University

- Assisted the Office of Retention Services and the Center for International Programs in welcoming new international students to campus
- Hosted and mentored students and arranged for their accommodations, provided them information and resources on campus and made their transition smooth to a new lifestyle and informing them of cultural norms and etiquette

VOLUNTEERING SERVICES**Blog Writer**

September 2015- December 2015

Blog Correspondent Program, Stop Street Harassment

- Serve as a volunteer blog writer for the SSH website dedicated to addressing topics of gender violence and other relevant social injustice issues
- September Blog: <http://www.stopstreetharassment.org/2015/09/usa-no-girls-dont-loiter/>
- October Blog: <http://www.stopstreetharassment.org/?s=apna+ghar>
- November Blog: <http://www.stopstreetharassment.org/2015/11/supporting-all-survivors/>
- December Blog: <http://www.stopstreetharassment.org/2015/12/usa-engaging-male-allies/>

Event Organizer

June 2015- October 2015

University of Illinois at Chicago

- Serve as the integral part of the event planning committee for 'Stop the Hate! ReActing through Community Organizing' addressing hate crimes and how it affects communities
- Create partnerships with on-campus and off-campus agencies and centers
- Identify potential sponsors and contact them regarding opportunities for funding the event
- Identify community leaders and legal stakeholders for panel discussion on hate crimes
- Responsible for marketing and publicity of event such as designing flyers and brochures and event material
- Managing communications and online social media for the event

Interviewer Volunteer

April 2015

Women's Leadership and Resource Center, University of Illinois at Chicago

- Conducted interviews of students who completed the sexual assault bystander intervention peer retreats organized by the Movement against Sexual Violence and Campus Advocacy Network - innovative programs that provide on and off campus advocacy to UIC community who have experienced sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, and stalking and hate crimes, to receive feedback about their experiences

Volunteer

March 2015

INCITE! Color of Violence Conference

- Aided the planning committee in registration of attendees and logistic duties at the conference event

Shelter Volunteer

October 2011- October 2012

Apna Ghar Inc., Chicago

- Volunteered in the residential shelter at the multicultural & multilingual domestic violence social service agency in Chicago, assisting women and children affected by abuse
-