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EDUCATION

Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University in Human Development & Family Studies (1991) – an interdisciplinary program of study integrating the fields of life-span developmental psychology (main specialization), sociology and anthropology/cultural studies. **Minor in women's studies from Pennsylvania State University. M.S. and B.S. Honors** from Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT & SERVICE

Full-time Faculty, 2006-present: Department of Psychology, College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, Delaware State University (DSU), Dover, Delaware. Associate Professor (tenured) since 2012. **Primary responsibilities** – undergraduate teaching in the department of psychology, student advising, guiding student research, serving on departmental, college, and university committees and pursuing an independent research program. Currently serving on **DSU Honors Council, 2021-23; as Assistant Director** of, and **Member of the Steering Committee for**, the Women and Gender Studies Minor Program at DSU since 2011-12; as **Faculty Representative**, Department of Psychology to the **DSU Faculty Senate. Previously served as University's Promotion & Tenure Committee Member, 2012-13. Chaired the University's 2013-14 Promotion & Tenure Committee.**

APPLIED RESEARCH & CONSULTING

1994-2014: As independent evaluator, and/ or researcher-consultant, conducted customized research provided research consulting to non-profit organizations, conducted independent program evaluations of two three-year-long 21st Century Community Centers youth development federal grants (one with a two-year extension), and evaluated three Pennsylvania Department of Education grants. **2000-14:** Co-founded and operated an independent research and evaluation service, for the nonprofit and education sectors for close to 15 years. **1990-93:** As Project Director, oversaw a research team of 20+ and directed a three-year-long million-dollar research study on stress and mental/ physical health carried out among at-risk populations for a U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant. **Prior to 1990:** Conducted short-term research projects for the United Nations' UNICEF and UNESCO, federal and state, as well as nonprofit and private agencies.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Issues in cross-cultural and health psychology – migration, identity and mental health; the psychology of displacement/ dislocation; the refugee/ displaced person experience; climate-change-led forced migration and resettlement.
- Stress and health and the individual sense of control over one's life in the context of multiple role involvement (my doctoral dissertation); anxiety in modern life; resilience, coping, sense of coherence and post-traumatic growth
- Gender issues: diverse career pathways of women in STEM specializations
- Educational issues – factors affecting student engagement in the classroom

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Banerjee, P. and German, M. (Chapter in revision 20-21; publication expected in 2022-23). Generation Z and Spirituality in the Age of COVID: Emerging New Terrain? In M. Kopytowska, A. Galkowski, and M. Leone (Eds.), *Thought-Sign-Symbol: Cross-Cultural Representations of Religion*. Publisher TBD.

Banerjee, P. and Nurse, A.M. (2019). Companion Website Material and Test Bank Ancillary Materials for *Gendered Lives: Intersectional Perspectives* by Gwyn Kirk and Margo Okazawa-Rey published in August 2019 by Oxford University Press (OUP), New York, NY. Agreement signed in March 2019.

Banerjee, P. (2019). Book Review: Pace, Michelle & Somdeep Sen (Eds.). *Syrian Refugee Children in the Middle East and Europe: Integrating the Young and Exiled*. London and New York: Routledge, 2018. Commissioned and published by Journal of International and Global Studies, 10, 2, Lindenwood University.

German, M. and Banerjee, P. (2016). Migration, Technology and Adaptation: Post-Migration Experiences of Filipino Immigrants in the US. In C. Sarmento (Ed.), *Semiotics of Intercultural Communication: from Theory to Practices*. Porto: CEI & Edições Afrontamento

German, M. and Banerjee, P. (2016). Continental Divides in an Age of Technology: Unanticipated Consequences of Emigration and Implications for the Economic, Political and Socio-Cultural Arrangements in the Home Country. *MEDIA WATCH Journal of Communication*, VII, 2. 150-9.

Banerjee, P. and German, M. (2014). Religious-Ethnic Identities in Multicultural Societies: Identity in the Global Age. In M. Kopytowska and Y. Kalyango (Eds.), *Why Discourse Matters: Negotiating Identity in a Mediatized World* (pp.265-284). NY: Peter Lang Publishing. <http://www.amazon.com/Why-Discourse-Matters-NegotiatingMediatized/dp/1433123908>

Banerjee, P. (2012). Studying the Role of Culture in Psychology: An Overview of Approaches, Guiding Concepts, and Issues. In J. Rich (Ed.), *Research Doesn't Have to be Boring*. IA: Kendall-Hunt Publishing Company. <https://www.kendallhunt.com/storeproduct.aspx?id=38988>

German, M. & Banerjee, P. (2011). (Eds.) *Migration, Technology & Transculturation: A Global Perspective*. St. Charles, MO: Lindenwood University Press. <https://www.sites.google.com/site/transculturationbook/>

Banerjee, P. (2011). Witkin, Herman, A. (1916-1979). In R.W. Reiber (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of the History of Psychological Theories* (DOI 10.1007/1978-1-4419-0463-8). Springer Science-Business Media. http://link.springer.com/referenceworkentry/10.1007%2F978-1-4419-0463-8_379

Kenney, J. L., & Banerjee, P. (2011). "Would someone say something, please?" Increasing student participation in college classrooms. *Journal on Excellence in College Teaching*, 22 (4), 57-81.
<http://eric.ed.gov/?id=EJ961229>

Kenney, J. L., Banerjee, P. & Newcombe, E. (2010). Developing and Sustaining Positive Change in Faculty Technology Skills: Lessons Learned from an Innovative Faculty Development Initiative. *International Journal of Technology in Teaching and Learning*, 6(2), 89-102.
<http://www.sicet.org/journals/ijttl/archives.html>

Banerjee, P. and German, M. (2010). "Migration and Transculturation in the Digital Age: A Framework for Studying the "Space Between." *Journal of International and Global Studies*, 2(1), 22-35.
<http://www.lindenwood.edu/jigs/volume2Issue1.cfm>

Banerjee, P. (2009) – (book review) The Rediscovery of Apprenticeship: An Age-Old Solution Aligned to 21st Century Needs. A peer-reviewed book review of *The Means to Grow Up: Reinventing Apprenticeship as a Developmental Support in Adolescence* by Robert Halpern. New York: Routledge, 2009. 230 pp. ISBN 978-0-415-96033-5. \$39.95, Paperback, APA Contemporary Psychology, PsycCritiques Online journal.

Banerjee, P. (2008). Amalgamated Identities: New Phenomenon or New Paradigm? *International Psychology Bulletin*, 12(2), 10-15.

SELECTED RECENT CONFERENCE & ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Banerjee, P. (March, 2021). On Recognizing The Hidden Pandemic: Mental Health in the Time of COVID-19. Poster presented at the Eastern Psychological (EPA) Association's Annual Meeting (virtual).

Banerjee, P. and Swann, T.N. (March, 2021). On Post-Traumatic Stress/ PTSD and Rumination: Exploring the Implications for COVID19 Territory. Poster presented at the Eastern Psychological (EPA) Association's Annual Meeting (virtual).

Banerjee, P. (2020-present). On Mentoring: Some Ideas and Take-aways. Webex Virtual Workshops for DSU Graduate Student Association Professional Development Series, October 2020-present.

Banerjee, P. (2020). Studying Dislocated Lives: A Comparative Exploration of Established and Emerging Approaches. Paper presented at the virtual conference in June 2020, Eastern Psychological (EPA) Association's Annual Meeting..

Banerjee, P. (2019). Implications of natural catastrophes for psychological functioning and mental health: a qualitative and thematic analysis of the literature on immediate and long-term impact on survivors of Hurricane Katrina. Poster presented at Delaware-CTR Accel Conference, Newark, DE in September 2019.

Banerjee, P. and Scott-Jones, G. (2019). Living with the Lingering Impact of Hurricane Katrina: Resettling Displaced Lives Post-Trauma. 2019 Faculty Research Day, Delaware State University, Dover, DE.

Banerjee, P., Scott-Jones, G., and Pearce, B. C. (2019). Living Displaced Lives Post-Trauma: Hurricane Katrina Edition. Paper presented at the Eastern Psychological (EPA) Association Annual Conference in New York, NY, March 2019.

Banerjee, P. and Scott-Jones, G. (2018). Towards a Psychology of Displacement: Experiences of Resettled Bosnians and Katrina Survivors. 2018 Faculty Research Day, Delaware State University, Dover, DE.

Banerjee, P. and Scott-Jones, G. (2018). Towards a Psychology of Displacement: Understanding the Experiences of Resettled Bosnian Refugees and Hurricane Katrina Survivors. Paper presented at the Eastern Psychological (EPA) Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA, March 2018.

Banerjee, P. (2017). "Surviving" After Survival: Creating Continuity and Community to Thrive. Paper presented at the Eastern Psychological (EPA) Association Annual Conference in Boston, MA, March 2017.

Banerjee, P. and Chandler A. C. (2016). A Long Way Home: How Displaced Populations Cope, Globally and Locally. Paper presented at the Eastern Psychological (EPA) Association Annual Conference in New York City, NY, March 2016.

Scott-Jones, G. N., Banerjee, P., Hughson, S. and Romey, N. (2014). Understanding Factors influencing retention of African-American Students at HBCUs: A Descriptive Analysis. Poster presented at the Eastern Psychological (EPA) Association Annual Conference in Cambridge, MA., March 2014

Professional Memberships

American Psychological Association (APA) International Division/ Div 52 of the American Psychological Association (APA) Eastern Psychological Association (EPA) Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)

Areas of Interest

Migration, identity, culture, mental health