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I am a development professional with a keen interest in working at the intersection of practice and research. I have 18 years of experience in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development interventions in India and other developing countries. I am passionate about working with disadvantaged children and adolescents, and much of my career and research has focused on them.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Evaluation
Natural Experiments
Sanitation
Childhood poverty
Behavioral Science
Research Transparency

EXPERIENCE

Professional

Senior Evaluation Specialist, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), Delhi
June 2016 – ongoing

- Management of 3ie's WASH impact evaluation portfolio, including a Gates Foundation grant (USD 3 million) focused on sanitation in rural India, and a Water and Sanitation Collaborative Council grant (USD 1.5 million) focused on evaluating the psychosocial effects of sanitation.
- Promoting research transparency initiatives, including trialing initiatives such as the pre-registration of studies
- Quality assessment of impact evaluation proposals and reports
- Oversight of 3ie's portfolio of global impact evaluation and quality assessment services
- Organizing and conducting capacity building initiatives on evaluation
- Fundraising initiatives.
- Organizing 3ie evaluation-themed events such as the Delhi Evidence Week, Delhi Seminar Series and other conferences.
- Serving on staff recruitment panels

Director of Programs, Children International, USA
June 2006 - July 2011;

- Management of global programs, workplans and budgets in 11 program countries
- Global program and policy development
- Development of organization's evaluation framework and strategy
- Design and review of formative evaluations

- Development of grant applications and grant management
- Initiating and maintaining global partnerships on behalf of the organization
- Supervision and capacity building of staff

Regional Program Coordinator (Asia), Children International, Kolkata

December 2000 – June 2006;

- Oversight of regional programs, workplans and budgets
- Assist in the design and review of formative evaluations conducted by local offices in Asia
- Program monitoring and data analysis
- Staff training
- Initiation and maintenance of regional partnerships

Program Executive, Indo-German Social Service Society, Delhi

September 1999 – December 2000;

- Grant management: review of grant proposals and grant monitoring
- Supervision of Youth Program (SMILE)
- Donor reports

Program Officer, Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust, Confederation of Indian Industries, Delhi

December 1995-September 1999;

- Entrepreneurship development for disadvantaged youth
- Development of micro-loan proposals, loan disbursement and monitoring
- Training programs for youth entrepreneurs
- Networking and building partnerships with industry representatives

Program Officer, Institute of Social Service, Prabhatara, Delhi

June 1994 - December 1995;

- Needs assessment
- Initiation of programs for children and women in slum community.
- Conduct of training sessions for non-formal educators
- Development and supervision of vocational training program for girls and women.

Research

Co-Principal Investigator

New Jersey Health Initiatives, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, NJ (June 2014- June 2017)

Project Title: “Assessing the impact of a new family-based fitness facility on the diet and physical-health behaviors of a diverse low-income community.”

Co-Principal Investigator

Digital Studies Center, Rutgers University-Camden, NJ (May 2015 – May 2016)

Project Title: “Kids, Class and Food: What Google Ngrams Can Tell Us”

Principal Investigator

Center for Children and Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, NJ (July 2012)

Project Title: Adolescent experiences of gender and gender inequality in Mumbai, India

Teaching

Teaching Assistant, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, NJ
August 2011 - May 2014; January 2016 – May 2016

Courses: Children and Migration, Senior Seminar in Childhood Studies, Introduction to Psychology

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Childhood Studies, May 2016 (with distinction)
Rutgers University, USA

Master of Social Work, August 1994 (ranked first)
University of Mumbai, India

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, July 1992
University of Delhi, India

PUBLICATIONS

Goel, N., & Hart, D. (revise and resubmit). Natural Experiments: Contributions to Development.

Goel, N. (in preparation). One Hundred Days: The Effects of India's Employment Guarantee Program on Children.

Goel, N., Hart, D. & Venable, B. (in preparation). Kids, Class and Food: What Google Ngrams Can Tell Us (working title).

Lahiri, S., Yegbemey, R., Goel, N., Mathew, L., & Puri, J. (2017). 3ie Scoping Study on Latrine Use in Rural India.

Hart, D., Goel, N. & Atkins, R. (in press). Prosocial Tendencies, Antisocial Behaviour, and Moral Development in Childhood. To appear in A. Slater & G. Bremner, (Eds.) *Introduction to Developmental Psychology* (3rd Edition). Oxford: Blackwell

Hart, D., van Goethem, A.A.J, Goel, N. & Sulik, M (2015). Morality and Mental Health. In H. Friedman (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Mental Health* (Second edition), 156-162. Elsevier.

Goel, Neeta (1993). Child Abuse. *Perspectives in Social Work*, 8 (2), 21-25.

SELECT PRESENTATIONS AND TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Goel N. (2017): Promoting Research Transparency in Impact Evaluations. Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Institute for Transparency in Social Science. Berkeley, USA.

Goel, N. (2017): Using Behavioral Science interventions to promote latrine use. Bill and Melinda Gates Annual Convening. Patna, Bihar.

Goel, N. & Rathinam, F. (2017). Workshop on using Natural Experiments as evaluation tools at the Community of Evaluators – South Asia conference. Thimphu, Bhutan.

Goel, N., Lahiri, S. & Menon, R. (2017). Innovations in evaluation methods: Evidence from behavioural science interventions to promote latrine use in rural India. Community of Evaluators South Asia conference. Thimphu, Bhutan.

Goel, N. (2017). How to write a successful evaluation proposal for funding. Impact Evaluation Workshop organized by the World Bank's Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund. Kathmandu, Nepal.

Goel, N. & Wood, B. (2017). Impact Evaluation Workshop for the Children's Investment Fund Foundation, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. March, 2017.

Goel, N. (2016). Tracking Changes and Making the Needle Move for Children in Difficult Circumstances. Invited Panellist at the National Conference on Children in Difficult Circumstances organized by Plan International, New Delhi, India.

Goel, N. (2016). Training on Monitoring and Evaluation for mid-career IAS officers at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy for Administration, Mussoorie, India.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Invited to serve as a Catalyst for the Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in Social Sciences (BITSS), 2017

Travel award from Berkeley Institute for Transparency in Social Sciences (BITSS), 2017

American Evaluation Association Student Travel Award, 2015

Presidential Graduate Fellowship, Rutgers University, 2015

Teaching Assistant/Graduate Assistant Professional Development Fund, Rutgers University, 2015

Digital Studies Center, Rutgers University, in support of a text mining project of the Google Books, 2015.

Department of Childhood Studies and Center for Global Advancement and International Affairs (GAIA), Rutgers University in support of an exchange program with Department of Child Studies (Tema Barna), Linkoping University, Sweden, 2015.

Awarded a distinction in Ph.D. Qualifying Exams, 2014.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to support a project evaluating the effects of a fitness facility on a low-income community in NJ, 2014. Co-Investigator with Dr. Robin Stevens, Assistant Professor, Rutgers University.

GradFund Mentoring Program for Predissertation Research in India, Obama Singh Knowledge Initiative, Rutgers University, 2014.

Center for Global Advancement and International Affairs (GAIA), Rutgers University to support research collaboration between Rutgers University and the Catholic University of Brasilia, 2012. Grant co-author.

Graduate Student Research Travel Grant, Rutgers University, NJ, 2012.

Centre for Children and Childhood Studies, Rutgers University in support of a project titled "Adolescent Girls' Perceptions of Gender Inequality," July-December 2012, Principal Investigator.

Fellowship from World Bank and Carleton University to participate in the International Program for Development Evaluation Training, 2008.

Dorothy Baker Award, College of Social Work, University of Mumbai, 1994

Sanjivani Bhaskar Prize, College of Social Work, University of Mumbai, 1994

SERVICE

Member, Expert Committee: Tata Energy and Resource Institute Knowledge Hub on Social Impact Assessment, Resettlement & Rehabilitation

Peer reviewer for the *International Journal of Migration, Health and Social Care, Societies Without Borders*, and *Childhood*.

Peer reviewer for the annual conferences of the Australian Evaluation Society and the American Evaluation Association.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Evaluation Association