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Academic Preparation

Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA Management B.S. 1983

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for ensuring we continually innovate in social work education, research, and scholarship to prepare highly competent practitioners, and scholars focused on improving the quality of life for the most vulnerable and address social policy challenges confronting our communities, regions, and the country. In this role. I am responsible for shaping the vision and strategic direction of the school in training the next generation professional social work practitioners in the MSW program and future academic scholars in the doctoral program. Another significant aspect of my role is to manage and deploy the financial and human resources of the school so that we are educating a diverse group of practitioners, on the cutting edge of social work practice, to address the most significant social challenges of the day here in the US and abroad. The school under my leadership has strengthened and resourced the Latinx Leadership Initiative (LLI). The Latinx Leadership Initiative was 2020 model program selected by Excelencia in Education. As an Example of Excelencia, LLI stands out nationally as an exemplar of what works for Latino student success in higher education. Similarly, we have now initiated the Black Leadership Initiative to develop a social work practitioners and researchers to respond to the aspirations of our Black communities. Finally, our Equity@Work initiative. The pandemic made many social inequities starkly visible particularly for Black and Latinx people, as well as women. Equity@Work deploys design innovations and engages the nonprofit and corporate work places to address working conditions for our Black and Latinx people.

2014-2016 Assistant Vice Chancellor for International Affairs-India, Washington University in St. Louis (Concluded in June, 2016)
Responsibilities included strategic planning implementation of research and

1985-1986 Research Assistant, Federation for Community Planning, Cleveland, OH

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International Food Policy Research Institute. Messerschmidt, D., Yadama, G.N., & Silwal, B. (2007). History an

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Systems Approaches for Environmental Health

Boston College School of Social Work (BCSSW), the Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society, and NIH's Implementation Science Network (ISN) for Clean Cooking at Fogarty International Center hosted a workshop to advance systems science approaches to understand and intervene in environmental health issues. We convened a small group of researchers in the environmental health field, specifically household air pollution (HAP) and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), with systems science experts to explore innovative ways these approaches can improve environmental health research and implementation. Our objective is to produce a manuscript to stimulate further thinking, and potentially future work using systems approaches toward these two major global health problems.

Million Souls Project

Model the dynamics and evaluate the implementation and outcome from deploying seven million solar lamps to rural households across five states in India. Joint project between the Indian Institute of Technology-

and districts. Our initiative will provide particular attention to gender and economic vulnerability in our

(Yadama, PI) September 1999 – December 2001 Office for University Cooperation in Development, Washington, DC.

Social Policy in Law Program – Faculty of Law, Tribhuvan University and the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University. The Faculty of Law at Tribhuvan University, Nepal and George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis in a partnership broadened legal training to include a social policy focus to address the needs of the disadvantaged and the poor of Nepal. Nepal as a transitional economy and society is undergoing changes in the role of government, a concomitant rise in the pervasiveness of the market, and an expansion in democratic spaces at the grassroots. This project contributes to the consolidation of democracy in Nepal by melding social policy concerns into the emerging legal-political institutional infrastructure.

Other Research and Education Initiatives
Winter Institute in System Dynamics for Rural De

Academy, Washington University (2008-Pr