

# MAHINDRA MOHAN KUMAR

-CURRICULUM VITAE-

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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D.** Sociology, University of Oregon, expected 2026
- M.S.** Sociology, University of Oregon, expected 2022
- B.A.** Sociology, California State University, Long Beach, 2019, Cum Laude
- A.A.** Sociology, Saddleback College, 2016, Cum Laude
- G.E.D.** State of Texas, 2011

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Housing and Homelessness; Urban Sociology; Race and Ethnicity; Poverty and Inequality; Climate Change; Environmental Sociology

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATION

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Syeed, Esa, Mahindra Mohan Kumar, Nikki Lowe, Domonic Moran, and Karmina Rucobo. 2020. "Getting Uncomfortable with Difficult Knowledge: A Reflexive Account of a Community-Based Research Project." *Collaborations: A Journal of Community-Based Research and Practice* 3(1):3, 1–11. <http://doi.org/10.33596/coll.44>

## IN PROGRESS

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Mohan Kumar, Mahindra. "‘We Don’t Have Housing Here:’ How Case Managers at a Homeless Services Organization Navigate the Difficulties of their Work during the COVID-19 Pandemic."

## FELLOWSHIPS

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2022- present National Sciences Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (\$138,000)

## GRANTS

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- 2021 American Federation of Teachers - Back To School For Everyone 2021 Grant Program (\$15,000)
- 2021 Small Research Grant, University of Oregon Sociology \$(140.00)

- 2019 Student Life and Development - Student Academic Travel Grant, California State University, Long Beach (\$212.54)
- 2019 Associated Students, Inc - Student Travel Fund, California State University, Long Beach (\$251.00)

## **AWARDS**

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- 2021 Kimble First Year Teaching Award - University of Oregon (\$500)
- 2021 Promising Scholar Award - University of Oregon (\$6,000)
- 2019 Distinguished Sociology BA Graduate, California State University, Long Beach
- 2019 Student Leadership Award, California State University, Long Beach
- 2019 Academic Excellence Award, California State University, Long Beach
- 2019 Nominated–Outstanding Student of the College of Liberal Arts, Sociology Department, California State University, Long Beach
- 2018 President’s List, California State University, Long Beach
- 2017 Dean’s List, California State University, Long Beach
- 2013 Dean’s List, Saddleback College

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2019 “*Decoding NIMBY Discourse: Permanent Supportive Housing in Orange County.*” Honors Program Roundtables. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York City, New York.
- 2019 *Researching Towards Consciousness: Students' Critical Reflexivity on Social Justice Education.* (Co-authored Panel). Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting
- 2019 “*Decoding NIMBY Discourse: Permanent Supportive Housing in Orange County.*” (Preliminary Findings). Undergraduate Roundtables. Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Oakland, California
- 2019 “*NIMBY-ism in Orange County.*” Preliminary Findings. National Conference on Undergraduate Research. Kennesaw State University. Kennesaw, Georgia.

## **TALKS**

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- 2022 (3 Minute Thesis). “*Case Managers in Homeless Services During COVID-19.*” Finalist, 3MT Competition, Graduate Research Forum. University of Oregon.

- 2022 Graduate Panel, Sociology Honors Program, California State University, Long Beach, Department of Sociology
- 2022 “Navigating Wellbeing as a Non-traditional Student.” Student Health and Wellbeing Class. University of Oregon.
- 2021 “Housing, NIMBYism, and Homelessness.” American Society Class. University of Oregon.
- 2021 “My Pathway to Graduate School.” Introduction to Qualitative Research Class, California State University, Long Beach, Department of Sociology
- 2021 Housing and the Unhoused: Crisis in Eugene. Panelist. University of Oregon, Sociology Club.
- 2021 “Research as a Tool for Activism.” Introduction to Qualitative Research Class, California State University, Long Beach, Department of Sociology
- 2021 Alumni Panel, California State University, Long Beach, Department of Sociology
- 2021 Graduate Panel, Sociology Student Association, California State University, Long Beach, Department of Sociology
- 2021 “*NIMBY-ism and Public Health.*” Housing as a Public Health Crisis Workshop. University of Oregon. Eugene, OR May 15
- 2019 “Understanding Local Responses To Globalization.” Sociology of Globalization Class. California State University, Long Beach, Department of Sociology
- 2019 CSULB Research Competition, California State University - Long Beach, Long Beach, California
- 2019 Sociology Honors Symposium. Poster Presentation. California State University, Long Beach, Department of Sociology

## **RESEARCH ACTIVITY**

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- 2022-present Southern Oregon Housing Needs Assessment after the Alameda Wildfire. Writing Associate. Sponsored by CASA of Oregon/Coalicion Fortaleza.
- 2018-2019 “Getting Uncomfortable with Difficult Knowledge: A Reflexive Account of a Community-Based Research Project.” Research Assistant. Dr. Esa Syeed, California State University, Long Beach, Department of Sociology
- 2018 "Banned: Muslim Women Resisting Islamophobia from London to Los Angeles" Research Assistant. Dr. Sabrina Alimahomed, California State University, Long Beach, Department of Sociology

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Department of Sociology, University of Oregon**  
 Crime, Deviance, and Social Control (Teaching Assistant)

Introduction to Sociology (Teaching Assistant)  
Social Inequality (Teaching Assistant)

**Department of Sociology, California State University, Long Beach**

Introduction to Sociology (Peer Facilitator)  
Introduction to Qualitative Methods (Peer Facilitator)

**SERVICE**

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2022-present Student Affairs Committee, Pacific Sociological Association

2022-present Graduate Student Representative (North), Council, Pacific Sociological Association

2021- present Student Forum Advisory Board, American Sociological Association

2021-present VP of External Relations, Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation

2021 GTFF Delegate for American Federation of Teachers - Oregon Convention

2021-2022 Steward - Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation

2021 Presider, Urban Health and Housing, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting

2021 Presider, Race, Class, Gender, and Urban Transformation, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting

2019 President, Sociology Student Association, California State University, Long Beach

2019 Delegate - California State University, Long Beach - California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS)

2018 Secretary, Sociology Student Association, California State University, Long Beach

2018 Secretary, Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honors Society, California State University, Long Beach

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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2022-present Society for the Study of Social Problems

2018-present Pacific Sociological Association

2019-present American Sociological Association

2019-2020 Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honors Society

**RELATED EMPLOYMENT**

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- 2021 Tenant Support Specialist- Springfield Eugene Tenant Association
- 2019-2020 Housing Coordinator - Bridge Housing Program, Friendship Shelter, Inc. - Laguna Beach, CA
- 2019 Shelter Staff, Alternative Sleeping Location, Friendship Shelter, Inc. - Laguna Beach, CA
- 2018-2019 Intern - The Law Offices of Higbee and Associates - Santa Ana, CA
- 2017-2018 Direct Care Staff, Level 14 Group Homes, South Coast Community Services - Orange County, CA
- 2013-2015 Unit Assistant - Integrity House/Alliance of Abilities -Santa Ana, CA

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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- 2022 Volunteer, Egan Warming Center, Springfield, Oregon
- 2021 Policy Research Volunteer, Springfield Eugene Tenants Association
- 2021 Tenant Hotline Volunteer, Springfield Eugene Tenants Association
- 2019 Team Captain Field Surveyor - Point in Time Count Field Survey OC
- 2018 Volunteer, Construction Of An Interim Emergency Homeless Shelter In Anaheim

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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- 2019 American Sociological Association Honors Program
- 2018 Sociology Honors Program, CSULB

## **MEDIA**

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- 2022 Featured by the University of Oregon's "Around the O" on NSF awarded for proposed research on mobile crisis intervention programs  
([https://around.uoregon.edu/content/uo-grad-students-cahoots-study-one-12-funded-nsf?utm\\_source=ato05-24-22&utm\\_campaign=workplace](https://around.uoregon.edu/content/uo-grad-students-cahoots-study-one-12-funded-nsf?utm_source=ato05-24-22&utm_campaign=workplace))
- 2019 Quoted by Voice of O.C. about the 2019 Point In Time Homeless Count  
(<https://voiceofoc.org/2019/01/new-headcount-underway-of-homeless-people-living-in-oc/>)
- 2018 Featured by UCSD's School of Global Policy and Strategy News for the Public Policy & International Affairs (PPIA) Program's Public Service Weekend  
(<https://gps.ucsd.edu/news-events/news/enhancing-diversity-for-a-better-future.html>)