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### **EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. in Disability Studies, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2022  
Master of Public Health (MPH), Northwestern University, 2007  
M.B.B.S., University of Mumbai, India, 1997

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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#### **Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor – January 2023 to present**

##### **Visiting Senior Research Specialist – July 2021 to December 2022**

*Research Director, Ford Foundation and Project Coordinator, DRRP Projects, Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)*

##### **Visiting Research Specialist – January 2016 to July 2021**

*Project Coordinator, Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP), Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)*

*Business Manager, Family Support Research and Training Center (FSRTC), Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)*

*Senior Research Associate, Partners of Refugees in Illinois Disability Employment (PRIDE), Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)*

##### **Visiting Project Coordinator – February 2011 to January 2016**

*Research Coordinator, Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Aging with Developmental Disabilities-Lifespan Health and Function, Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)*

Projects: Longitudinal Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Study (LHIDDS) & A Randomized Controlled Trial to Reduce Risk of Falls in Older Adults with Intellectual Disabilities

##### **Research Specialist in Public Health – May 2010 to November 2010**

*Research Specialist, Institute for Health Research and Policy (IHRP), University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)*  
Project: Bridging the Gap – Community Obesity Measures project

##### **Research Specialist for Health Nursing Services – April 2010 to August 2010**

*Project Coordinator, College of Nursing, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)*

Project: Impact of a new WIC food package Fruit and Vegetable Cash-Voucher on WIC vendor participation, Accessibility, and Fruit and Vegetable Characteristics

##### **Research Specialist for Kinesiology – March 2009 to August 2010**

*Community Assessor/Data Manager, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)*

Project: WIC Vendor Access and Fruit and Vegetable Availability in Northern Illinois

##### **Data Consultant – June 2008 to August 2008**

*Data Manager, Northern Illinois University, School of Nursing and Health Studies*

Project: Understanding the Relationship between Food Environments and Food Access in African American and Latino Elementary School Children and their Families

## General Physician – January 1997 to October 1998

General Physician, Hyderabad, India

### GRANTS

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Principal Investigator, 43% FTE

**Family Support Research and Training Center (FSRTC) to Bridge Aging and Disability.** Administration for Community Living. 9/1/24-8/31/29. (Sumithra Murthy, PI, UIC, \$4,375,000).

Co-Principal Investigator, 6% FTE

**Dementia Caregiver Program for Underserved Populations.** Illinois Department of Public Health. 10/1/23-6/30/24. (Mansha Mirza, PI, UIC, \$99,552).

Principal Investigator, 3% FTE

**MindWalk: A Mindful Walking Intervention for Older South Asian Family Caregivers of People with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (IDD) with Perceived Psychological Stress.** Midwest Roybal Center for Health Promotion and Translation, National Institutes for Health. 6/1/23-5/31/24. (Sumithra Murthy, PI, UIC, \$50,000).

Principal Investigator, 25% FTE

**Professional Medical Education for improved services for Persons with Disabilities.** Office of Women's Health and Family Services, Illinois Department of Public Health. 7/1/22-6/30/25. (Sumithra Murthy, PI, UIC, \$100,000).

Principal Investigator, 16% FTE

**Strive to Thrive: Supporting Families across the Aging and DD Networks.** Florida Developmental Disabilities Council. 5/1/23-4/30/25. (Sumithra Murthy, PI, UIC, \$291,890).

Co-Principal Investigator, 10% FTE

**Strengthening Aging Services for Minority Populations Through Technical Assistance, Resource Development, and Program Coordination Grant.** Administration for Community Living. 9/1/23-8/31/26. (Mansha Mirza, PI, UIC, \$1,150,160).

Public Health Training Coordinator, 4% FTE

**Illinois Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND).** Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB). 7/1/21-6/30/26. (Kruti Acharya, PI, UIC, \$3,683,776).

Co-Principal Investigator, 24% FTE

**Ligas Plans of Corrective Actions.** Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities. 10/01/23-6/30/24. (Caitlin Crabb, PI, UIC, \$231,490).

Co-Investigator, 30% FTE

**Ligas Compliance Review.** Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities. 10/18/22-6/30/23. (Caitlin Crabb, PI, UIC, \$595,602).

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Murthy, S.,** Parker Harris, S., & Hsieh, K. (2024). Formal support and service needs of family caregivers of adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in India. *Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disabilities*, 37(3), e13235. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jar.13235>
- Murthy, S.,** Parker Harris, S., & Hsieh, K. (2024). Information needs of caregivers of adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in India. *Journal of Intellectual Disabilities*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/17446295241254933>
- Balcazar, F. E., **Murthy, S.,** Gibbons, T. M., Sefandonakis, A., Renko, M., Parker Harris, S., & Caldwell, K. (2023). Supports and barriers that entrepreneurs with disabilities encounter when starting their businesses. *Rehabilitation Psychology*, 68(1), 91. DOI: [10.1037/rep0000479](https://doi.org/10.1037/rep0000479)
- Murthy, S.,** & Hsieh, K. (2021). Examining Association Between Reported High Cholesterol and Risk Factors in Adults With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD): A Five-Year Follow-Up. *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*, 59(2), 112-122. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1352/1934-9556-59.2.112>
- Hsieh, K., Scott, H. M., & **Murthy, S.** (2020). Associated Risk Factors for Depression and Anxiety in Adults With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Five-Year Follow Up. *American Journal on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*, 125(1), 49-63. doi: [10.1352/1944-7558-125.1.49](https://doi.org/10.1352/1944-7558-125.1.49)
- Mirza, M., Hasnain, R., Duke, K., & **Murthy, S.** (2019). Formative Evaluation Of A Multifaceted Vocational Rehabilitation Program For Refugees With Disabilities. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 100(10), e78.
- Hsieh, K., **Murthy, S.,** Heller, T., Rimmer, J. H., & Yen, G. (2018). Reported gum disease as a cardiovascular risk factor in adults with intellectual disabilities. *Journal of Intellectual Disability Research*, 62(3), 187-198. DOI: [10.1111/jir.12438](https://doi.org/10.1111/jir.12438)
- Murthy, S.,** Hsieh, K., & Heller, T. (2017). Prevalence and associated factors of multimorbidity in adults with intellectual disabilities. *Innovation in Aging*, 1(Suppl 1), 1236. doi: [10.1093/geroni/igx004.4487](https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igx004.4487)
- Hsieh, K., Hilgenkamp, T.I.M., **Murthy, S.,** Heller, T., & Rimmer, J. (2017). Low Levels of Physical Activity and Sedentary Behavior in Adults with Intellectual Disabilities. *International Journal on Environmental Research in Public Health*. DOI: 10.1111/jir.12438
- Hsieh, K., Heller, T., & **Murthy, S.** (2017). Lifestyles, Health, And Preventive Health Care of Older Adults with Intellectual Disabilities. *Innovation in Aging*, 712-712. doi: [10.1093/geroni/igx004.2553](https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igx004.2553)
- Grobman, W., Feinglass, J., & **Murthy, S.** (2006). Are the agency for healthcare research and quality obstetric trauma indicators valid measures of hospital quality? *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, 193(3), 868-874. DOI: [10.1016/j.ajog.2006.06.020](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajog.2006.06.020)

### Book Chapters

- Caldwell, K., **Murthy, S.,** Hasnain, R., Parker, B., & Werner, B. (2024). Disability and Justice Work. In Oana, B., & Anica, Z. (Eds), *The Routledge Companion to Disability and Work*. Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003350781>
- Heller, T., Arnold, C., & **Murthy, S.** (2021). Family Caregiving for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. In C. Bigby & M. Putnam (Eds.), *Handbook on Aging with Disability*. Routledge. doi: <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429465352>
- Murthy, S.** (2018). Family caregivers and health. In T. Heller, T., S. P. Harris, C. Gill, & R. Gould (Eds.), *Disability in American Life: An Encyclopedia of Concepts, Policies, and Controversies [2 volumes]*. ABC-CLIO.

### Publications Under Review/In Press

- Murthy, S.**, Parker Harris, S., & Hsieh, K. (In Press). Informal Support Needs of Caregivers of Adults with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities in India. *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Journal*.
- Murthy, S.**, Parker Harris, S., & Hsieh, K. (Under Review). Future Planning Needs of Family Caregivers of Adults with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities. *Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities*.
- Hasnain, R., Duke, K., Mirza, M., **Murthy, S.**, & Marquez, H (Under Review). A Community-Based Participatory Initiative to Promote the Social and Economic Well-Being of Refugees with Disabilities in Illinois. *Journal of Health Education and Behavior*.
- Caldwell, K., **Murthy, S.**, Werner, B., Hasnain, R., & Parker, P. (Under Review). The Nexus Framework: Addressing Racial Bias and Equity in Disability Employment. In Hyseni, F., Schur, L., Kruse, D., & Blanck, P. (Eds), *Research in Social Science and Disability Volume 16 Disability and the Future of Work(ers)*. Emerald Press.

### Publications in Progress

- Murthy, S.**, Arnold, K., Dixon, M., Hasnain, R., Hsieh, K., Yi, Z., & Mishra, P. (Manuscript Stage). Mindful Walking Intervention for Older South Asian Family Caregivers of People with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities with Perceived Psychological Stress: Pilot Study Protocol of a Randomized Controlled Trial.
- Schindler, A., Sparks, H., **Murthy, S.**, Hasnain, R., Arnold, K., & Heller, T. (Manuscript Stage). Thriving in aging family caregivers of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities: An environmental scan.
- Hsieh, K., & **Murthy, S.** (Manuscript Stage). Health-related quality of life (HRQOL) among adults with intellectual and developmental disability: Five-year follow up.

### Doctoral Dissertation

- Murthy, S.** (2022). *Strengths Based Needs Assessment of Caregivers of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities in India*. University of Illinois at Chicago. Thesis.  
<https://doi.org/10.25417/uic.21516897.v1>

### Web-Based Products

- Murthy, S.** (2024, September 24). Meet Sumithra Murthy. *Bold Journey*. <https://boldjourney.com/meet-sumithra-murthy/>
- Murthy, S.** (2024). *Research on South Asian Caregivers of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* (A. Sharma, Interviewer), Rethink Desi.  
<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/rethink-desi/episodes/Research-on-South-Asian-Caregivers-of-People-with-Intellectual-and-Developmental-Disabilities-e2gr7r6>
- Murthy, S** & Hartman, C. (2023). Sib-in-Laws (Chris, B., Interviewer), Sibling Leadership Network.  
<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1784547/12803879-sib-in-laws>

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Conferences and Presentations

- Murthy, S.**, Arnold, K., Dixon, M., Hasnain, R., Hsieh, K., Yi, Z., Mishra, P., Celestine, A., & Garg, H. (2024, November 20). *MindWalk - Mindful Walking for Older South Asian Family Caregivers of People with Cognitive Disabilities* [Poster Presentation]. 2024 UIC AHS Research Day, Chicago, IL, United States.
- Sparks, H., Schindler, A., **Murthy, S.**, Arnold, K., & Heller, T. (2024, November 20). *Environmental Scan: Thriving Among Aging Family Caregivers of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)* [Poster Presentation]. 2024 UIC AHS Research Day, Chicago, IL, United States.
- Murthy, S.**, Arnold, K., Hsieh, K., Hasnain, R., Dixon, M., Yi, Z., & Mishra, P. (2024, November 3–6). *Mindful Walking for Older South Asian Family Caregivers of People with Cognitive Disabilities: A Pilot Study* [Poster Symposium]. 2024 AUCD Conference, Washington, DC, United States.
- Mirza, M., & **Murthy, S.** (2024, October 31– November 3). *Culturally Adapted Dementia Caregiver Training and Support for Diverse Caregivers* [Symposium]. 2024 ACRM Annual Conference, Dallas, TX, United States.
- Murthy, S.**, Arnold, K., Dixon, M., Hasnain, R., Hsieh, K., Yi, Z., & Mishra, P. (2024, August 5–8). *Mindful Walking for Older South Asian Family Caregivers of People with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities* [Oral Presentation]. 2024 17<sup>th</sup> IASSID World Congress, Chicago, IL, United States.
- Murthy, S.**, Arnold, K., Hsieh, K., R, Dixon, M., Yi, Z., Hasnain, R., & Mishra, P. (2024, June). *Mindful Walking for Older South Asian Family Caregivers of People with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (IDD): A Pilot Study* [Issue Briefs: Supporting Aging Caregivers presentation]. 2024 AAIDD Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY, United States.
- Murthy, S.**, Arnold, K., Heller, T., & Sparks, H. (2024, June). *Strive to Thrive: Researching Aging Caregiving Families* [Issue Briefs: Supporting Aging Caregivers presentation]. 2024 AAIDD Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY, United States.
- Murthy, S.**, Arnold, K., Hsieh, K., Hasnain, R., Dixon, M., Yi, Z., & Mishra, P. (2024, April). *Mindwalk - Mindful Walking for Older South Asian Family Caregivers of People with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (IDD): An Intervention Development Protocol* [Poster presentation]. 2024 Minority Health Conference, UIC, Chicago, IL, United States.
- Murthy, S.**, Arnold, K., Hsieh, K., Hasnain, R., Dixon, M., Yi, Z., & Mishra, P. (2023, November). *Mindwalk - Mindful Walking for Older South Asian Family Caregivers of People with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (IDD): An Intervention Development Protocol* [Poster presentation]. 2023 AHS Research Day, UIC, Chicago, IL, United States.
- Murthy, S.**, Arnold, K., Hsieh, K., Hasnain, R., Dixon, M., Yi, Z., & Mishra, P. (2023, November). *Mindwalk - Mindful Walking for Older South Asian Family Caregivers of People with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (IDD): An Intervention Development Protocol* [Poster presentation]. 2023 AUCD Conference, Washington, DC, United States.
- Sparks, H., Arnold, K., **Murthy, S.**, & Heller, T. (2023, November). *Strive to Thrive Environmental Scan: Supporting Families Across the Aging & Developmental Disability Networks* [Poster presentation]. 2023 AUCD Conference, Washington, DC, United States.
- Arnold, K., Heller, T., & **Murthy, S.** (2022, November). *Family Support Strategies: Pathways to Improve Health and Wellbeing of People with IDD and their Caregivers*. [Conference Presentation]. 2022 AUCD Conference, Washington, DC.
- Caldwell, K., Hasnain, R., Parker, B., **Murthy, S.**, & Werner, B. (2022, November). *Nexus Framework: Core Concepts and Principles for Disability Economic Justice*. [Conference Presentation]. 2022 AUCD Conference, Washington, DC.

- Balcazar, F., **Murthy, S.**, Gibbons, T., Sefandonakis, A. & Martinez, K. (2021, November). *Development & Implementation of an Entrepreneurship Curriculum for Youth with Disabilities*. [Conference presentation]. 16th Annual Illinois Statewide Transition Conference, Peoria, IL.
- Balcazar, F., **Murthy, S.**, Gibbons, T., & Sefandonakis, A. (2021, October). *Entrepreneurship Experiences of Individuals with Disabilities: Barriers & Supports*. [Conference presentation]. 2021 NRCA Conference. (Virtual)
- Balcazar, F., **Murthy, S.**, Gibbons, T., & Sefandonakis, A. (2021, October). *Entrepreneurship: The Role of Community Psychologists*. [Conference presentation]. 2021 MPA Annual Conference. (Virtual)
- Murthy, S.**, & Hsieh, K. (2020, September). *Prevalence and Associated factors of Hypertension in Adults with Intellectual Disabilities*. [Conference presentation]. IASSIDD 2020 APRC conference, Hyderabad, India. (Conference Canceled)
- Hasnain, R., Mirza, M., Duke, K., & **Murthy, S.** (2019, November). *Partnering with Refugees with Disabilities to Address Long-term Well-being and Quality of Life*. [Symposium presentation]. ACRM 96th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Murthy, S.**, Hasnain, R., Duke, K., Mirza, M., & Sinhal, A. (2019, April). *Empowerment through Education and Employment: A Demonstration Project with Refugees with Disabilities in Illinois*. [Poster session]. 2019 NARRTC Conference, Arlington, VA.
- Hsieh, K., Kitsiou, S., **Murthy, S.**, Gerber, B., & Chen, J. (2018, November). *We Walk Pilot Study: Using Fitbit and text messaging to promote physical activity for adults with intellectual disabilities*. [Poster session]. 2018 APHA Annual Meeting & Expo, San Diego, CA.
- Murthy, S.**, Hsieh, K., & Heller, T. (2017, November). *Prevalence and Associated factors of Hypertension in Adults with Intellectual Disabilities*. [Poster session]. 145<sup>th</sup> APHA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Hsieh, K., **Murthy, S.** & Heller, T. (2017, November). *Risk factors for depression in adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities: A five-year longitudinal study in USA*. [Conference presentation]. 2017 IASSIDD 4th Asia Pacific Regional Congress, Bangkok, Thailand.
- Hsieh, K., **Murthy, S.** & Heller, T. (2017, November). *Employment Status and Social Participation in Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Living in the Community*. [Conference presentation]. APHA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Hsieh K., Heller, T. & **Murthy, S.** (2017, July). *Lifestyles, Health Status, and Preventive Health Care Use of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities*. [Conference presentation]. IAGG 2017, San Francisco, CA.
- Murthy, S.**, Hsieh, K., & Heller, T. (2017, July). *Prevalence and Associated Factors of Multimorbidity in Adults with Intellectual Disabilities*. [Poster session]. 21<sup>st</sup> IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA.
- Hsieh, K., **Murthy, S.**, & Rimmer, J. (2016, November). *Prevalence and Predicators of Falls in Adults with Intellectual Disabilities: Three-year Follow Up*. [Conference presentation]. 144<sup>th</sup> APHA Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Hsieh, K., **Murthy, S.**, Heller, T., & Rimmer, J. (2016, August). *Prevalence and Modifiable Risk Factors of Diabetes in Adults with Intellectual Disabilities: A Three-year Follow Up*. [Conference presentation]. 15th World Congress of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Melbourne, Australia.
- Hsieh, K., **Murthy, S.**, & Heller, T. (2016, July). *Prevalence of sedentary behavior of adults with intellectual disabilities*. [Poster session]. AADMD annual meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Hsieh, K., **Murthy, S.**, & Rimmer, J. (2016, July). *Life events and their associations with depression and anxiety in adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities*. [Conference presentation]. AADMD annual meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Hsieh, K., **Murthy, S.**, Heller, T., & Rimmer, J (2016, April). *Prevalence of predictors of cervical cancer screening among women with intellectual and developmental disabilities*. [Poster session]. UIC Women Research Day.

- Hsieh, K., Rimmer, J., & **Murthy, S.** (2015, November). *Examining association between obesity and depression adults with intellectual disabilities: Using the longitudinal health surveillance data.* [Conference presentation]. 143<sup>rd</sup> APHA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- Hsieh, K., Rimmer, J., & **Murthy, S.** (2015, November). *Health and health-related quality of life in adults with intellectual disabilities: Baseline results from the longitudinal health and intellectual disability study.* [Poster session]. 143<sup>rd</sup> APHA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Hsieh, K., Rimmer, J., Heller, T., **Murthy, S.**, & Wang, E. (2015, July). *Longitudinal associations between sex, age, health risk behaviors and health-related quality of life of adults with developmental disabilities.* [Conference presentation]. Global Summit on Innovations in Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disability Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- Hsieh, K., Rimmer, J., & **Murthy, S.** (2014, November). *Comparing the health profile of older adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to the general population.* [Conference presentation]. 142<sup>nd</sup> APHA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- Hsieh, K., Rimmer, J., & **Murthy, S.** (2014, November). *Prevalence and predictors of cervical cancer screening among women with intellectual and developmental disabilities.* [Conference presentation]. 142<sup>nd</sup> APHA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- Murthy, S.**, Hsieh, K., & Rimmer, J. (2015, November). *Health and health-related quality of life in adults with intellectual disabilities: Baseline results from the longitudinal health and intellectual disability study.* [Poster session]. 143<sup>rd</sup> APHA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Hsieh, K., Rimmer, J., & **Murthy, S.** (2013, November). *Outcomes of Strength and Balance Exercise and Walking Programs Among Older Adults with Intellectual Disabilities.* [Conference presentation]. 141<sup>st</sup> APHA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Hsieh, K., Rimmer, J., & **Murthy, S.** (2012, October). *Prevalence and Associated Factors of Obesity in Adults with Intellectual Disabilities Living in the Community.* [Conference presentation]. 140<sup>th</sup> APHA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Murthy, S.**, Hsieh, K., & Rimmer, J. (2012, October). *Dietary Habits and Living Arrangements of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities.* [Conference presentation]. 140<sup>th</sup> APHA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

#### Other Presentations

- Murthy, S.** (2025, February 6). *Strengths-Based Needs Assessment of Caregivers of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities in India.* [Virtual oral Presentation], Journal Club, University of Manchester, UK.
- Murthy, S.** (2025, January 2). Supporting People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities as they Age: Challenges, Opportunities, and Future Directions. [Oral Presentation], Our Place of New Trier, Wilmette, IL.
- Murthy, S.** (2023, October 12). *Strengths-Based Needs Assessment of Caregivers of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities in India.* National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad, India. A one hour presentation to staff, faculty, students and caregivers of adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.
- Murthy, S.** (2023, December 9). *Understanding the unmet needs, lifestyle preferences and systemic challenges facing Americans 50 and older of South Asian descent.* [Round Table Discussion with AARP and South Asian American Policy & Research Institute], Chicago, IL.
- Murthy, S.** (2024, July 24). *Autism in Chicagoland AAPI Communities.* [Round Table Discussion with Simons Foundation Powering Autism Research for Knowledge (SPARK) at RUSH], Chicago, IL.

#### Webinar Presentations

Balcazar, F., **Murthy, S.**, Gibbons, T., Sefandonakis, A. & Martinez, K. (2021, October). *Supports and Barriers that Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Encounter when Starting their Businesses*. Department of Disability and Human Development, UIC, Webinar series.

Hsieh, K., Heller, T., **Murthy, S.**, & Rimmer, J (2016, April). *Falls Among adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and prevention*. The Arc and the RRTC on Developmental and Disability and Health webinar series.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Department of Disability and Human Development, UIC

- DHD 301: Disability, Research, and Interdisciplinary Methods (Sole Instructor), Fall 2022, 2023 & 2024
- DHD 302: Disability, Policy and Law (Co-Instructor), Spring 2023 & 2024
- DHD 581: Disability Policy (Co-Instructor), Spring 2023 & 2024
- DHD 593: Independent Research (3 credit hours), Spring 2024
- DHD 596: Independent Study (3 credit hours), Spring 2024
- DHD 596: Independent Study (1 credit hour), Spring 2024
- DHD 409: Disability Legal Studies (Co-Instructor), Fall 2022

### Guest Lectures

- “International Research”, in DHD 592: Interdisciplinary Seminar in Disability Studies, Spring 2025, UIC
- “International Research”, in DHD 592: Interdisciplinary Seminar in Disability Studies, Spring 2024, UIC
- “Strengths-Based Needs Assessment of Caregivers of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities in India: A Mixed Methods Study”, in DHD 510: Concepts in Research Methods, Fall 2023, UIC
- “Strengths-Based Needs Assessment of Caregivers of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities in India”, in PT 505: Advances in Rehabilitation Sciences, Fall 2023, UIC
- “Mixed Methods Research” in DHD 546: Qualitative Methods in Disability Research, Fall 2023, UIC
- “Strengths-Based Needs Assessment of Caregivers of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities in India”, October 12, 2023, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad, India
- “Nexus Work Coalition – Racial bias and equity in disability employment” in DHD 581: Disability Policy, Spring 2022, UIC
- “Care mappings specifically from the sibling perspective - family partnerships panel” in DHD 505 LEND I, Fall 2021, UIC
- “A Call to Action: Improving Employment Opportunities with Refugees with Disabilities in Illinois” in DHD 506 LEND II, Spring 2021, UIC
- “Global Disability Activism Panel” in DHD 303: Disability Activism, Spring 2021, UIC
- “Disability Advocacy and Activism in India” in DHD 303: Disability Activism, Spring 2020, UIC

## SERVICE TO PROFESSION

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### Leadership/Memberships

- 2024- Member, NAARTC Best Paper Committee
- 2024- Member, Rush-SPARK AAPI Autism Initiative Advisory Board
- 2024- Member, ACRM’s International Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group



- 2024- Member, Anne Hopkins Scholarship Review Committee, Disability and Human Development, UIC
- 2024-2024 Member, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access (DEIA) Committee, Disability and Human Development, UIC
- 2023- Chair, Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) Special Interest Group on Aging
- 2023-2024 Member, Conference Planning Committee, International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IASSIDD)
- 2023- Member, IASSID Inclusive Research Special Interest Research Group
- 2023- Member, National Working Group on Terminology of Disability
- 2023- Member, Artificial Intelligence Committee, Disability and Human Development, UIC
- 2023- Member, American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)
- 2023- Member, AUCD Public Policy Committee
- 2023- Judging Member, Undergraduate Research Forum, UIC
- 2022- Member, AUCD, Special Interest Group on Aging
- 2021-2022 Member, Disability Economic Justice Collaborative

#### Ad hoc Reviewer

- 2025 Acta Psychologica
- 2024 Discover Social Science and Health Journal
- 2024 Disability and Health Journal
- 2023 Disability, CBR & Inclusive Development
- 2023 Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Journal

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

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- 2022 AUCD Emerging Leaders Conference Travel Scholarship
- 2022 IDHD Student Research Award
- 2021 Ann & Edward Page-El Scholarship
- 2020 UIC President's Research in Diversity Travel Award
- 2020 Anne Hopkins Scholarship
- 2019 Carlos Drazen Memorial Scholarship
- 2019 DHD Student Travel Award for International Data Collection
- 1995 Distinction in Preventive and Social Medicine
- 1993 Distinction in Biochemistry