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Education

BA	1998	Anthropology/Biology	Barnard College, Columbia University
MPH	2002	Sociomedical Sciences Research	Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
PhD	2008	Medical Anthropology	University of California, San Francisco and Berkeley

Professional Experience

2018-Present	Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Maryland
2012-Present	Affiliate Faculty, Department of African-American Studies; Department of Women's Studies; Maryland Population Research Center; Prevention Research Center (School of Public Health); and Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health (School of Public Health)
2012-2018	Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Maryland
2010-2012	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Emory University
2009-2012	Postdoctoral Researcher, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
2006-2009	Staff Research Associate II, Institute for Health and Aging, University of California
2000-2001	Program Coordinator, Center for the Study of Society and Medicine, Columbia University
2000-2001	Program Associate, Program on Medicine as a Profession, Open Society Institute
1998-2000	Program Assistant, Africa Program, Japan Program, and Program on Higher Education, Social Science Research Council

Publications

Books

- 2020 **Sangaramoorthy, T.**, and K. Kroeger. Rapid Ethnographic Assessments: A Practical Approach and Toolkit for Collaborative Community Research. London: Routledge.
- 2014 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Treating AIDS: Politics of Difference, Paradox of Prevention. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.

Book Chapters

- 2019 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** HIV/AIDS. In Oxford Bibliographies in Anthropology. John L. Jackson, Jr., Editor-in-Chief. New York: Oxford University Press.

Articles in Refereed Journals

- 2019 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Liminal Living: Everyday Injury, Disability, and Instability among Migrant Mexican Women in Maryland's Seafood Industry. Medical Anthropology Quarterly 33(4):557-578.
- 2019 **Sangaramoorthy, T.**, A. Jamison, and T. Dyer. Older African Americans and the HIV care continuum: A Systematic Review of the Literature, 2003-2018. AIDS and Behavior 23(4):973-983.
- 2018 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Maryland Is Not For Shale: Scientific and Public Anxieties of Predicting Health Impacts of Fracking. The Extractive Industries and Society 6(2): 463-470.
- 2018 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** 'Putting Band-Aids on Things that Need Stitches': Immigration and the Landscape of Care in Rural America. American Anthropologist 120(3): 487-499.
- 2018 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Chronicity, crisis, and the 'end of AIDS'. Global Public Health 13(8):982-996.
- 2018 Kroeger, K, **Sangaramoorthy, T.**, Loosier, P, Schmidt, R, and D. Gruber. Pathways to congenital syphilis prevention: A rapid qualitative assessment of barriers, and the public health response, in Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Sexually Transmitted Diseases 45(7): 442-446.
- 2017 Benton, A., **T. Sangaramoorthy**, and I. Kalofonos. Temporality and Positive Living in the Age of HIV/AIDS—A Multi-Sited Ethnography. Current Anthropology 58(4): 454-476.
- 2017 **Sangaramoorthy, T.**, A. Jamison, and T. Dyer. Intersectional stigma and Older Black Women with HIV/AIDS. Culture, Health, and Sexuality 19(12):1329-1343.
- 2017 **Sangaramoorthy, T.**, A. Jamison, and T. Dyer. HIV-stigma, Retention in Care, and Adherence among Older Black Women Living with HIV. Journal of Association of Nurses in AIDS Care. 28(4): 518-531.

- 2017 Boyle, M., S. Soneja, L. Quiros-Alcala, L. Delemarre, A.R. Sapkota, **T. Sangaramoorthy**, S. Wilson, D. Milton, and A. Sapkota. Residential Noise Associated with Natural Gas Compressor Stations. PLoS ONE 12(4):e0174310.
- 2017 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** and E. Guevara. Immigrant Health in Rural Maryland: A Qualitative Study of Major Barriers to Health Care Access. Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health 19(4):939-946.
- 2016 **Sangaramoorthy, T.**, A. Jamison, M. Boyle, D. Payne-Sturges, A. Sapkota, D. Milton, and S. Wilson. Place-based perceptions of the impacts of fracking along the Marcellus Shale. Social Science and Medicine 151: 27-37.
- 2016 Boyle, M., D. Payne-Sturges, **T. Sangaramoorthy**, S. Wilson, K. Nachman, K. Babik, C. Jenkins, J. Trowell, D. Milton, A. Sapkota. Hazard Ranking Methodology for Assessing Health Impacts of Unconventional Natural Gas Development and Production: The Maryland Case Study. PLoS ONE 11(1): e0145368.
- 2013 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** and K. Kroeger. Mobility, Latino Migrants, and the Geography of Sex Work: Using Ethnography in Public Health Assessments. Human Organization. 72(3): 263-272.
- 2013 Doshi, R., D. Malebranche, L. Bowleg, and **T. Sangaramoorthy**. Health care and HIV testing experiences among Black men in the South: Implications for “Seek, Test, Treat, and Retain” HIV prevention strategies. AIDS Patient Care and STDs. Vol. 27(2): 123-33.
- 2012 Hussen, S.A., L. Bowleg, **T. Sangaramoorthy**, and D.J. Malebranche. Parents, peers and pornography: the influence of formative sexual scripts on adult HIV sexual risk behaviour among Black men in the USA. Culture, Health, and Sexuality. Vol. 14(8): 863-77.
- 2012 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Treating the Numbers: HIV/AIDS Surveillance, Subjectivity, and Risk. Medical Anthropology. Vol. 31(4):292-309.
- 2012 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** and A. Benton. Introduction: Enumeration, Identity and Health. Medical Anthropology. Vol. 31(4):287-91.
- 2008 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Invisible Americans: Immigrants, Transnationalism, and the Politics of Difference in HIV/AIDS Research. Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism. Vol. 8(2): 248-266.

Monographs, Reports, and Extension Publications

- 2014 Milton, D., A. Sapkota, S. Wilson, **T. Sangaramoorthy**, L. Delmarre, and M. Boyle. Potential Public Health Impacts of Natural Gas Development and Production in the Marcellus Shale in Western Maryland. College Park, MD: Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health, School of Public Health, University of Maryland. <http://www.marcellushealth.org/final-report.html>
- 2012 Kroeger, K. and **T. Sangaramoorthy**. Training Toolkit for Rapid Ethnographic Assessments in Response to STD Prevention. Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- 2010 **Member**, Office of Health Equity. Establishing a Holistic Framework to Reduce Inequities in HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STDs, and Tuberculosis in the United States. Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Commentaries, Analysis, and Works in Public Media (selected)

- 2020 **Sangaramoorthy, T.**, and A. Benton. 2020. Imagining Rural Immunity. Anthropology News. June 19, 2020. doi: 10.1111/AN.1439. <https://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2020/06/19/imagining-rural-immunity/>
- 2020 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Unintended Consequences of COVID19 Social Distancing. March 27, 2020. BMJ Medical Humanities Blog, <https://blogs.bmj.com/medical-humanities/2020/03/27/unintendedimpacts-of-covid19-social-distancing/>
- 2019 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** African-American women with HIV often overlooked, under-supported. The Conversation, <https://theconversation.com/african-american-women-with-hiv-often-overlooked-under-supported-109859>.
- 2018 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** and K. Olson. Advocating for Health Care Access. Anthropology News, <http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2018/01/24/advocating-for-health-care-access/>.
- 2017 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** and J. Richardson. Why the South still has such high HIV rates. The Conversation, <https://theconversation.com/why-the-south-still-has-such-high-hiv-rates-76386>.
- 2016 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Black Lives Matter and Reflections from a Civil War. Sapiens, <http://www.sapiens.org/culture/black-lives-matter-civil-war/>.

Professional Presentations (selected)

Invited Talks

- 2020 **Sangaramoorthy, T.**, and K. Kroeger. Rapid Ethnographic Assessments: A Practical Approach and Toolkit For Collaborative Community Research. New Books Network. May 15, 2020.
- 2020 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Rapid Ethnographic Assessments. STEAM Salon. UMD Libraries, University of Maryland. April 30, 2020.
- 2020 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** COVID-19 and Anthropology: Disease, Social Justice, and Well Being. New York Academy of Sciences. April 20, 2020.
- 2019 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Intellectual Activism in Anthropology: Translation, Value, and the Politics of Engagement. 2019 Sally Weaver Memorial Award Lecture. Department of Anthropology, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. November 1, 2019.
- 2018 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Immigration and the Landscape of Care in Rural America. Center for Global Health Lecture Series. School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ., October 19, 2018.
- 2018 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Immigration and the Landscape of Care in Rural America. School of Anthropology Lecture Series. University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ., October 18, 2018.
- 2017 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Aging, Chronicity, and the End of AIDS. Global Health Policy Symposium. American University, Washington, D.C., May 3, 2017.
- 2016 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** HIV-stigma, Retention in Care, and Adherence. Division of Health Sciences, University of Nevada, Reno, NV, August 19, 2016.
- 2016 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Health Outcomes: For Better or for Worse. Racism: In Sickness and in Health. 3rd Annual Parren Mitchell Symposium. College Park, MD. April 27, 2016.

Refereed Presentations

- 2019 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** So you want your research in the NYTimes?: How to garner media and public interest in medical anthropology. American Anthropological Association Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada, November 20-24, 2019.
- 2018 Mittmann, H., **Sangaramoorthy, T.**, and D. Payne-Sturges. Social Network Analysis of Cumulative Impact Legislation in Maryland. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings. Philadelphia, PA, April 3-7, 2018.
- 2017 Guevara, E., and **T. Sangaramoorthy.** Everyday injuries: Female Mexican migrant crab workers on Maryland's Eastern Shore. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. Washington, DC, November 29-December 3, 2017.
- 2017 Guevara, E., and **T. Sangaramoorthy.** Health and Housing: The Impact of Substandard Housing on Farmworker Vulnerability on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings. Sante Fe, NM, March 28-April 1, 2017.
- 2016 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Temporality and Positive Living in the Age of HIV/AIDS. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. Minneapolis, MN, November 16-20, 2016.
- 2015 Guevara, E. and **T. Sangaramoorthy.** Health-related Deservingness and Illegality on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings. Pittsburgh, PA, March 24-28, 2015.
- 2015 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Social Insecurity and Health: Community Perceptions the Potential Impacts of Fracking in Maryland. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings. Pittsburgh, PA, March 24-28, 2015.
- 2014 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Im/migrants and HIV/AIDS Prevention: Using Ethnography to Document Experiences of Mobile Populations in the US Southeast. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings. Albuquerque, NM, March 18-22, 2014.
- 2013 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Treating Difference: The Paradox of HIV/AIDS Prevention in Haitian Communities. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL, November 20-24, 2013.
- 2013 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** and K. Kroeger. Health as Crisis Management: Structural Factors Contributing to Syphilis Increases in Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings. Denver, CO, March 19-23, 2013.
- 2011 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** Treating the Numbers: HIV/AIDS Surveillance and Subjectivity. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 16-20, 2011.

- 2011 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** A. Penman-Aguilar, and D. McCree. Addressing Social Determinants of Health to Establish a Holistic Approach to Reduce HIV Infection Inequities. National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA, August 14-17, 2011.
- 2010 Malebranche, D., J. Roman, L. Bowleg, Y. Wimberly, B. Park, A. Stone, and **T. Sangaramoorthy**. “Invisible Men” no more: Including all sexually active Black men in community-based sexual health research. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 6-10, 2010.
- 2003 Abramson, D., E. Needham, and **T. Sangaramoorthy**. Urban & Suburban Differences in Patterns and Consequences of HIV-Related Stigma. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 15-19, 2003.

Panels Organized and Chaired

- 2019 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** MPAAC: Precarious Policies: Migrant Health in Times of Crisis and Rising Xenophobia. American Anthropological Association Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada, November 20-24, 2019.
- 2018 **Sangaramoorthy, T.**, and M. Carney. Immigration and Mental Health in the Age of Trump. American Anthropological Association Meeting, San Jose, CA, November 14-18, 2018.
- 2017 **Sangaramoorthy, T.**, and Mounia El-Kotni. Medical Anthropology in the Trump Era: Transnational Engagement, Activism, and Resistance beyond Academic Frontiers. American Anthropological Association Meeting, Washington, DC, November 29-December 3, 2017.
- 2015 **Sangaramoorthy, T.**, and S. Raskin. Contested Legacies, Uncertain Futures: Health and the Politics of Extraction in Appalachia. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, March 24-28, 2015.
- 2014 **Sangaramoorthy, T.**, and J. Liu. Encountering Epidemiology: Risk, Uncertainty, and the Politics of Evidence. American Anthropological Association Meeting, Washington, DC, December 3-7, 2014. Role: Organizer.
- 2011 **Sangaramoorthy, T.** and S. Holmes. Conceptualizing Power/Knowledge in Medical Anthropology: The Meeting of Science and Technology Studies and the Political Economy of Health. American Anthropological Association Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 16-20, 2011.
- 2009 Liu, J. and **T. Sangaramoorthy**. The Techno-Politics of Enumeration and Identity. Society for Social Studies of Science Meeting, Washington, DC, October 28-31, 2009.
- 2009 Benton, A. and **T. Sangaramoorthy**. Circulating Numbers: Convergences of Enumeration and Identity. Society for Medical Anthropology Meeting, Yale University, New Haven, CT, September 24-27, 2009.

Workshops

- 2016 **Member**, Digital Data Management Project. American Anthropological Association, May 13, 2016.
- 2016 Kroeger, K., and **T. Sangaramoorthy**. Rapid Ethnographic Assessment: Adapting Anthropological Tools for Public Health Programs. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, March 29-April 2, 2016

Research Support

Active

- 2017- PI UMD BSOS Dean’s Research Initiative: Environmental Governance, Policy, and Regulatory Decision-Making: A Social History of Cumulative Risk Legislation in Maryland, Amount: \$68,730

Completed

- 2014-16 PI UMD ADVANCE: Stigma, Retention in Care, and Adherence among Older Black Women with HIV, Amount: \$20,000
- 2014-16 PI UMD BSOS Dean’s Research Initiative: Health-related Deservingness and Illegality on Maryland’s Eastern Shore, Amount: \$59,000
- 2013-14 Co-PI State of Maryland, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: Marcellus Shale Public Health Project, Amount: \$150,000
- 2010-14 PI NIH/NCMHHD: Qualitative and Ethnographic Approaches to Health Disparities in STD/HIV, Amount: \$50,000

Honors and Fellowships

- 2020 Winner, New Directions Prize, American Anthropological Association’s General Anthropology Division.
- 2018 Winner, Rudolf Virchow Professional Paper Prize, Society for Medical Anthropology’s Critical Global Health Caucus

- 2017 Winner, Clark Taylor Professional Paper Prize, Society for Medical Anthropology's AIDS and Anthropology Research Group
- 2017 Honorable Mention, Praxis Award: Recognizing Excellence in Practitioner Anthropology, Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists
- 2016 Podcast Project Selection, Society for Applied Anthropology. "The Place That Time Forgot: Gender, Labor, and Immigration on the Eastern Shore," Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings. Vancouver, BC, Canada, March 29-April 2, 2016.
- 2015 Podcast Project Selection, Society for Applied Anthropology. "Health-related Deservingness and Illegality on Maryland's Eastern Shore," Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings. Pittsburgh, PA, March 24-28, 2015.
- 2013 Summer Scholar, Health Equity Leadership Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Maryland Center for Health Equity in the School of Public Health, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2012-13 Junior Scholar, Global HIV/AIDS Mentoring & Training Network, Pediatric Prevention Research Center, Wayne State University School of Medicine

Teaching and Advising

Courses Taught

Introduction to Socio-Cultural Anthropology, Method and Theory in Medical Anthropology and Global Health, Anthropology of Global Health, Qualitative Methods in Applied Anthropology

Student Advising

Undergraduate: Advisor (20 total); Research Supervisor (20 total)

Masters: Advisor (2 total); Committee Member (10 total)

PhD: Advisor (2 total); Committee Member (3 total)

Service and Outreach

Professional Society Memberships

American Anthropological Association, Society for Applied Anthropology, Society for Medical Anthropology, American Public Health Association, Phi Beta Kappa

Reviewing Activities for Journals and Presses

American Anthropologist, Anthropology of Work Review, Ethnos, Human Organization, Identities, Medical Anthropology, Medical Anthropology Quarterly, Public Health Reports, Qualitative Sociology, Science as Culture, Sexual Health, Sexuality and Culture, Social Science and Medicine, Routledge Books, University of California Press

Campus Service

2017-present Member, Global Health Advisory Committee, UMD School of Public Health

2016-present Member, Graduate School Award Selection Committee

2015-present IRB Liaison

2012-present Undergraduate Committee, Department of Anthropology

Professional Service

2020-present Co-Chair, Members Programmatic Advisory and Advocacy Committee, American Anthropological Association

2020-present Executive Board, Society for Medical Anthropology

2020-present Editorial Board, American Anthropological Association

2020-present Associate Editor, Public Health Reports

2017-2020 Public Policy Seat, Members Programmatic Advisory and Advocacy Committee, American Anthropological Association

2012-present Grant Reviewer: National Science Foundation, US Environmental Protection Agency

Community Service

2018-present Vice President, Ilchester Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association

2017-present Member, Health Equity Workgroup, Prince George's County Department of Health

****This is an abbreviated CV; [Full CV](#) can be found here****