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Interests – gender, family, economic inequality, public policy

Education

Ph.D., Consumer Behavior and Family Economics 2023

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison WI

Committee: Dr. Judith Bartfeld (*chair*), Dr. Megan Bea, Dr. Michael Collins, Dr. Tova Walsh

M.S., Economics with first class 2018

University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India

B.S., Economics with first class Honors 2016

Presidency University, Kolkata, India

Academic Appointments

Research Scientist, Department of Sociology Fall 2026-
The Ohio State University

Post-doctoral researcher, Institute for Research on Poverty 2023-2026
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Visiting research fellow, INVEST Research Flagship Center Spring 2025
University of Turku, Turku, Finland

Publications

Peer Reviewed Articles

Rhodes AP., Berger, LM., **Chanda T.**, Dwyer RE., Houle, JN. (*forthcoming*). Child Tax Credit Expansions and Financial Coping Behaviors among Low-Income Mothers. ***Social Problems***.

Chanda, T., Bartfeld, J., Berger, LM. (2025). Long-Term Stability and Change in Children's Legal and De Facto Post-Divorce Living Arrangements in Wisconsin. ***Family Transitions***, 66(8), 544–565. <https://doi.org/10.1080/28375300.2025.2571342>

Chanda, T., Houle, JN., Vogel, LK., Dwyer, RE., Berger, LM. (2025). “First phone call is usually family”: Informal Borrowing Among Low-Income Debtors. ***Journal of Marriage and Family***. 1–14. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.70007>

Chanda, T., Berger, LM., Dwyer, RE. (2025). Debt Strain and Child Protective Services Involvement. ***Social Service Review***, 99(3): 399-428. <https://doi.org/10.1086/736714>

- Lead article, finalist for the Frank R. Breul Memorial Prize 2025

Chanda T., (2024). Children's living arrangements and labor market outcomes of divorced mothers in Wisconsin. ***Family Relations***, 73(5): 3089-3111. <http://doi.org/10.1111/fare.13062>

Haapanen M., Chanda T., Riser Q. H., Miettinen A., Bartfeld J., Hakovirta M. (2024). “Children's living arrangements and mothers' economic well-being post-separation: Can shared care alleviate

separated mother's economic difficulties in Finland and the United States?" *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 45: 998–1011. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-024-09947-x>

- PAA 2023 Poster Award Winner

Bartfeld J., Chanda T. (2023). Economic outcomes of shared placement among divorced mothers in Wisconsin. *Social Service Review*, 97(4): 719-754. <https://doi.org/10.1086/726593>

Chanda, T. (2022). Economic wellbeing and labor supply patterns of subsequently divorcing mothers in Wisconsin. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 44:821-835. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-022-09875-8>

- Media exposure: [[Wisconsin Public Radio](#)] [[SoHE Research Insights](#)]

Mukhopadhyay, S., Chanda T. (2022). Abused but “not insulted”: Understanding intersectionality in symbolic violence. *Indian Journal of Human Development*, 16(1):119-138. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0973703022110>

Heckman, S., Robb, C., & Chanda, T. (2022). [Excess credits and labor market outcomes: Is there a return on additional hours of education?](#) *College Student Journal*, 56(1): 12-28.

Book Chapters

Shager, H. M., Frederick, C. B., **Chanda, T.**, & Bryz-Gornia, K. (2026). Administrative Data. In *Reference Module in Social Sciences*. Elsevier. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-443-26629-4.00235-5>

Under Review (*indicates authors listed in alphabetical order)

Berger, LM., **Chanda T.**, Dwyer RE., Houle, JN., Rhodes AP. Overdue: Improving Measurement and Assessment of Debt in Low-Income Populations. * (Under review at *Journal of Consumer Affairs*)

- PAA 2026 Poster Award Winner

Chanda, T., Rhodes A., Berger, LM., Dwyer, RE., Houle, JN. Gendered Debt Trajectories Surrounding Divorce: Evidence of a Dynamic Economic Uncoupling. (Under review at *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*)

- PAA 2025 Poster Award Winner

Work in Progress (*indicates authors listed in alphabetical order)

Chanda, T. Divorce and Debt Holding: Heterogeneity by Parent Gender and Children's Physical Custody Arrangements.

Chanda, T., Berger, LM., Cancian M. Implications of consumer debt for families served by child support.

Chanda, T., Haapanen M., Lindroos E. Who supports children post-separation? An analysis of family income sources among sole and joint physical custody mothers in 6 European countries and the United States.

Chanda, T., Rhodes, AP. Class Inequality in Household Debt by Parenthood Status in a Cross-National Perspective.

Guha I., **Chanda T.** Reducing the Burden of Undertrial Incarceration: Evidence from Maharashtra, India

Chanda, T., Banerjee A. Gendered Time-Use Across Life Events - The Case of India.

Chanda, T. Does divorce lead to lower maternal time investments in children? A longitudinal study using the PSID CDS.

Policy Reports

Chanda, T., Berger, LM., Cancian M. “Implications of consumer debt for families served by child support.” Report to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Chanda, T., Koo, J., Bartfeld, J. (2024). *Patterns and Correlates of Placement Arrangements Among Recent Divorce and Paternity Cases*. Report to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Bartfeld, J., **Chanda, T.,** Berger, LM., Riser, QH. (2023). *Shared Placement, Child Support Payments, and Sharing of Child-Related Expenses: Overview and Mothers’ Perception of Fairness*. Report to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Bartfeld J., **Chanda, T.** (2022). *Child Support, Child Placement, Repartnering, and Divorced Mothers’ Objective and Subjective Economic Well-Being: Insights from Combining Survey and Administrative Data*. Report to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Bartfeld, J., **Chanda, T.,** Berger, LM. (2021). *Stability Of Placement Arrangements Among Divorced Wisconsin Families With Sole Mother And Shared Placement Orders*. Report to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Berger, LM., Riser, QH., Bartfeld, J., **Chanda, T.** (2021). *Satisfaction With Placement Arrangements Among Divorced Wisconsin Families With Sole Mother And Shared Placement Orders*. Report to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Bartfeld, J., **Chanda, T.** (2020). *Shared Placement and Post-Divorce Economic Well-Being*. Report to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Refereed Conference Presentations (* indicates posters, # indicates presentations by co-authors)

Berger, LM., **Chanda T.,** Dwyer RE., Houle, JN., Rhodes AP. Overdue: Improving Measurement and Assessment of Debt in Low-Income Populations Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America 2026*.

Chanda, T., Berger, LM., Cancian M. “Implications of consumer debt for families served by child support.” Association for Public Policy and Management 2025 Fall Conference.

Chanda, T., Haapanen M., Lindroos E. “Who supports children post-separation? An analysis of family income sources among sole and joint physical custody mothers in 6 European countries and the United States.” ESPAnet 2025#; Association for Public Policy and Management 2025 Fall Conference; Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America 2026* (accepted).

Chanda, T. “Divorce and Debt Holding: Heterogeneity by Parent Gender and Children’s Physical Custody Arrangements”. RC28 Conference Summer 2026; Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America 2025*; RC28 Conference Spring 2025; INVEST Research Conference 2025; American Sociological Association Annual Conference 2025.

Chanda, T., Banerjee A. “Gendered Time-Use Across Life Events - The Case of India.” Work Family Researchers’ Network 2024.

Chanda, T., Berger, LM, Dwyer, RE. “Risky Consumer Debt Holding and Child Welfare System Involvement.” RC28 Conference Fall 2024.

Chanda, T., Houle, JN, Vogel, LK, Berger, LM, Dwyer, RE. ““First phone call is usually family”: Borrowing from Friends and Family Among Low-Income Households.” American Sociological Association Conference 2024#.

Bartfeld, J., **Chanda, T.,** Berger, LM. “Stability Of Placement Arrangements Among Divorced Wisconsin Families With Sole Mother And Shared Placement Orders.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America 2024*.

Chanda, T., Collins JM., Moulton S., Pesavento M., Rhodes AP. “State Reductions in UI and Financial Distress among Vulnerable Households.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America 2024#.

Chanda, T., Koo, J., Bartfeld, J. “Recent trends and determinants of children’s post-separation living arrangements: evidence from Wisconsin.” Association for Public Policy and Management 2023 Fall Conference*#.

Bartfeld, J., **Chanda, T.** “Child Placement and Mothers' Long-Term Post-Divorce Circumstances: An Examination of Objective and Subjective Economic Well-Being” Association for Public Policy and Management 2023 Fall Conference#.

Chanda, T. “Does divorce lead to lower maternal time investments in children? A longitudinal study using the PSID CDS.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America 2023#; PSID Annual Users Conference 2022; American Council on Consumer Interests Annual Conference 2023; Work Family Researchers’ Network 2024.

Haapanen, M., **Chanda, T.,** Riser Q., Miettinen, A., Bartfeld J., Hakovirta, M. “Children’s living arrangements and mothers’ economic well-being post-separation: Can shared care alleviate separated mother’s economic difficulties in Finland and the United States?” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America 2023*; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Conference 2022; Conference of the European Divorce Network 2022#.

Chanda, T. “To work or not to work: Employment and parenting for divorced wisconsin mothers in different placement arrangements.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America 2022; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2022 Fall Conference*; Chicago Ethnographic Conference 2021; American Council on Consumer Interests 2022 Annual Conference; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2021 Student Research Seminar Series.

Chanda, T. “Economic wellbeing and labor supply patterns of subsequently divorcing mothers in Wisconsin.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America 2021*; American Council on Consumer Interests Annual Conference 2021.

Mukhopadhyay, S., **Chanda T.** (2022). “Abused but “not insulted”: Understanding intersectionality in symbolic violence.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America 2021.

Bartfeld, J., **Chanda, T.** “The economics of shared placement: Income composition and economic well-being before and after divorce among mothers with different placement arrangements.”
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2019 Fall Conference[#].

Invited Talks and Presentations

INVEST Visitor Lecture: “*Debt Trajectories of Divorcing Mothers and Fathers: Heterogeneity by Debt Type and Children’s Physical Custody Arrangements*” April 15th, 2025.

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur, Kanpur, India: “*Gendered Time-Use Across Life-Events - The Case of India*”, October 22nd, 2024.

Economics Group, Azim Premji University, Bangalore, India: “*Gendered Time-Use Across Life-Events - The Case of India*”, October 25th, 2024.

Department of Economics, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India: “*Gendered Time-Use Across Life-Events - The Case of India*”, October 29th, 2024.

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (webinar): “*Economic Wellbeing of Mothers in Shared Placement: A Cross-National Perspective*”, with Mari Haapaanen, August 14th, 2024.

Teaching & Mentorship Experience

Mentor (PI) , Undergraduate Research Scholars program, UW Madison	Fall 2025-Spring 2026
Guest Lecture , CNSR SCI 273: Finances and Families, Prof. Nafsaniath Fathema.	Fall 2024
Guest Lecture , CNSR SCI 990: Research Methods for Household Finance, Madeline Jones	Spring 2023
Lecturer , CNSR 321: Financial Life Skills for Life After Graduation	Summer 2021
Guest Lecture , CNSR SCI 273: Finances and Families, Prof. Megan Bea	Fall 2020
Peer mentor to incoming graduate students , School of Human Ecology	2019-2023

Awards & Grants

PAA Poster Award , Population Association of America Annual Meeting	2023, 2025, 2026
Seal of Excellence , Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions, European Commission	2025
ICTR AHEAD Pilot Award (\$10,000), Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP)	2024
Schurch Thomson Graduate Research Excellence Award , School of Human Ecology (\$3,500)	Spring 2023
Student Research Grants Competition (\$1,500), UW Madison	Spring 2023
University Dissertation Fellowship (\$30,000), UW Madison	2022-2023
Graduate Student Mentorship Award (\$500), School of Human Ecology, UW Madison	Spring 2022
Student/Young Professional Conference Scholarship Award (\$1,000), ACCI	Spring 2022
Summer-Time Award for Research (\$1,200), School of Human Ecology, UW Madison	Spring 2021
Student Research Grants Competition Travel Award (\$600), UW Madison	Fall 2021
Graduate Research Fellow Travel Grant (\$725), Institute for Research on Poverty	Fall '19, '21, '22
Conference Travel Scholarship (\$650), School of Human Ecology, UW Madison	Fall '19, '21, '22

Pre-doctoral Research Experience

Reserve Bank of India (Kolkata)	Apr-Jul 2017
Summer trainee, Dr. Sarat Chandra Dhal (Director, Department Economic Policy and Research, RBI Kolkata)	
Pratichi Institute, Pratichi India (Trust)	Aug 2016
Field researcher, Sabir Ahmed (Research Coordinator and Fellow, Pratichi Institute)	
Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata (IDSK)	

Research assistant, Prof. Simantini Mukhopadhyay and Prof. Subrata Mukherjee
Research Assistant, Prof. Achin Chakraborty (Director, IDSK)

Apr-Jul 2016
Apr-Jul 2015

Skills

Programming: Stata, SAS, NVivo, Python and LaTeX

Languages: English (fluent), Bengali (native), Hindi (fluent)

Affiliations

Member, American Sociological Association	2025-
Researcher, INVEST Research Flagship, University of Turku	2023-
Trainee, Center for Demography and Ecology	2021-2023
Member, Population Association of America	2020-
Member, American Council for Consumer Interests	2020-
Graduate Research Fellow, Institute for Research on Poverty	2019-2023
Member, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management	2019-
Member, South Asia Research Collective at UW Madison	2019-2023
Founding member, Wisconsin South Asians for Justice	2019-

Academic Service

Ad-hoc reviewer. Journal of Marriage and Family. Family Relations. Journal of Family and Economic Issues. Family Transitions. Journal of Financial Planning and Counselling. Journal of Social and Personal Relationships.

Organizer. Navigating the Grant Landscape: Funding Strategies for South Asian Social Scientists in the U.S. As part of the South Asian Sociologists community of the American Sociological Association, November 7, 2025.

Conference reviewer. Family and Child Policy Section. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Seattle, November 13-15, 2025.

Panel organizer. Economic Wellbeing of Complex and Separated Families: Changing Norms, Uncertainty, and Public Policy. Annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington D.C., November 17-19, 2022.

Panel moderator. Panel A1 on financial risk tolerance and financial capability, annual meeting of the American Council for Consumer Interests, Clearwater Beach, Florida, May 19-21, 2022.

Professional Service and Positions of Responsibility

Co-chair, School of Human Ecology (SoHE) Graduate Students' Organization	2021-2022
Student representative, SoHE Graduate Program Committee	2020-2022
Student representative, Consumer Science Graduate Program Committee	2020-2022
Founding member, Wisconsin South Asians for Justice	2019
Member, Graduate School Dean's Advisory Board at UW Madison	2019-2021
President, Consumer Science Students' Association	2019-2020
Co-Founder, SoHE Graduate Students' Organization	2019
General Secretary, Presidency University Students' Union Council	2015-2016
Class Representative, Department of Economics, Presidency University	2013-2014
School Captain, Vivekananda Mission School	2012-2013

References

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