

# SHARVARI A DIXIT PhD

Field Supervisor

## Professional Experience

- 1 Lecturer, Department of Psychology, San Jose State University, CA  
Coordinator Indian Diaspora Project (SJSU) Aug 2005 to present  
2009-2010 to present
- 2 Special Education Resource Specialist, Los Altos School Dist, CA Nov 2002 to Mar 2005
- 3 Researcher, Growth and Leadership Center, Mt.View, CA Sep 2000 to Oct 2002
- 4 Substitute teacher, Santa Clara County, CA Feb 1996 to Mar 2000
- 5 Junior Research Fellow, National Research Council, Brooks AFB, TX May 1991 to Aug 1992
- 6 Fellow, Bush Center for Social Policy, Yale University, CT, Feb 1990 to Apr 1991
- 7 Post Doc Fellow Department of Psychology, Yale University, CT, Aug 1989 to Apr 1990
- 8 Visiting Faculty Gujarat University, and Coordinator Counseling Center  
IIM Ahmedabad, India Oct 1988 to Jul 1989
- 9 Coordinator, City Counseling Center, United Way of Baroda, India Jun 1984 to Apr 1988
- 10 Lecturer, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, India, June 1984 to Aug 1989

## Education

- 1 M. A. Special Education (Kappa Delta Pi Honors) 2008  
Santa Clara University, CA
- 2 Post Doctorate Fellowship in Psychology 1989-1992  
Yale University, New Haven, CT  
Post Doctorate Junior Research Fellowship National Research Council  
Learning Abilities Measurement Program, Brooks AFB, TX
- 3 Ph.D. in Psychology, Indian Council of Social Science Research 1990  
(ICSSR)Fellow  
Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Baroda, India
- 4 M.A in Psychology, Summa cum Laude, Gold Medalist 1984  
Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Baroda, India
- 5 B.A in Psychology and Economics, Summa cum Laude, Gold Medalist 1982  
Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Baroda, India  
Awarded the University Gold Medal for achieving the highest grade  
amongst all departments and disciplines for undergraduate studies.  
Awarded several scholarships and prizes.

## Publications

Most Recent: Web Portal for the Indian Diaspora Project: <a href="http://www.theindiandiaspora.org">www.theindiandiaspora.org</a>	2010
1 'Assistive Technology, its role and utility in Special Education' Book Chapter, UGC conference on Special Education, Center for Advanced Studies in Education (CASE) India	2007
2 "Reading Interests: Their Dimensionality and correlation with personality and cognitive factors", Co-authored with Dr. William Tirre, <i>Personality and Individual Differences</i> , Vol 18, Number 6 p 731-738	1995
3 'Reliability and Validity of the Sternberg Triarchic Intelligence Test', Sternberg Research Center, Yale University, CT (Unpublished Report)	1990
4 'Learning Styles: a literature review', Sternberg Research Center, Yale University, CT (Unpublished Report)	1990
5 Literature review in book "Children in a Changing World: Development and Social Issues By Edward F Zigler, and Matia Finn-Stevenson"	1992
6 "Introducing Computers to Schools", Book publication, Dr. Vikram A Sarabhai, AMA Memorial Trust, India	1987
7 'Computer Assisted Instruction: A case study of two BBC programs for modeling instruction", Gujarat Psychological Association. Best Paper Award, and journal publication	1986

#### **Research Areas:**

1. Reading Interests, and Individual Abilities Measurement
2. Gestational Diabetes and Diabetes 2, psychological and cultural implications
3. Assessment and Test Construction, Special Education and Curriculum Design
4. Ethnic diversity and health education

#### **Cooperative Learning Areas:**

1. Member, Department of Education, SJSU: EdD/PhD course curriculum committee First Doctorate Program offered by SJSU
2. Member, Department of Psychology, internal assessment working committee
3. Member, Research Advisor, McNair Scholarship Program SJSU
4. Member, Faculty Advisor, Graduate International Student Association, SJSU

#### **Professional Memberships:**

1. American Psychological Association (APA)
2. American Educational Research Association (AERA)
3. Western Psychological Association (WPA)
4. Kappa Delta Pi (KDP)
5. Indian Academy of Applied Psychology
6. Gujarat Psychological Association
7. Centre for Advanced Studies in Education, Gujarat, India (CASE)

#### **Supervised Student Research (Undergraduate) Areas:**

1. Comparison of 'on the job training' and 'post-training internship' with job satisfaction.
2. Attitudes towards exercise and eating behaviors.
3. Buddhist principles compared with psychological theories.
4. Adjustment after divorce, for fathers who have visiting rights to their children, as compared with fathers who do not. (McNair Scholarship Project).
5. Assessing reading interests and recreational reading habits among college students. (McNair Scholarship Project).
6. Gestational Diabetes among Indian and Pakistani women as compared with British women (literature review).

**Other Experience:**

National Research Council: ASVAB assessment as part of Jr. Research Fellowship  
Yale University: Construction, and validation of a new personality assessment profile.  
College Board: ETS AP-Psychology Test construction/assessment and Reader  
San Jose State University: Departmental Assessment Committee member

**References:**

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