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Online Proceedings

POSTER SESSION 1

Commons West, Easel 15

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Forefront Cares Program: Evaluating Community Support for Suicide Loss Survivors

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Forefront Cares is one of services provided by Forefront Suicide Prevention, a center at the University of Washington School of Social Work. Suicide loss survivors receive care packages and have the opportunity to be connected to mentors, who are also suicide loss survivors and are specially trained to provide support to new loss survivors. The goals of Forefront Cares are to offer support to suicide loss survivors and to help them find resources that are appropriate for their individual needs. The purpose of this study was to examine participants' perceptions of Forefront Cares, including what is helpful and what could be improved, through an online satisfaction survey which I created. I then sent e-mails to individuals who received a Forefront Cares package between January 2013 and December 2017, inviting them to participate in the study. Those who participated completed a brief anonymous online survey, which involved rating experiences with Forefront Cares. Questions addressed how helpful they found the package they received and what they found most or least helpful. Participants who had a Forefront Cares mentor were asked to rate how helpful that experience was. The data collection ended in mid-April, and I analyzed data with assistance from my mentor. Results will help determine what participants found more and less useful, as well as the acceptability of the Forefront Cares package and mentor process. It is expected that findings will indicate the importance of community support in the grief journey of newly bereaved suicide loss survivors. The creation of the satisfaction survey was intended to be a starting point in establishing ongoing analysis of Forefront Cares, as Forefront currently lacks permanent evaluation tool to assess their services. Information obtained will help improve the Forefront Cares process for future participants.

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11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Investigating the Cause of Oppression and Activism within Hindu and Muslim Women Communities, with an Emphasis on India

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Mentor: Alka Kurian

Mentor: Camille Walsh, IAS, UWB

There are various groups and organizations that affect the prosperity and integrity of women in India. Whether they are affiliated with a political party or village clans, women are typically placed at the bottom of the barrel. My research highlights how groups such as Hindutiva, Love Jihad, Triple Talaaq, etc. oppress women or spark activism within their community. Women regardless of class, race, etc. are affected by some sort of familial system; expected to follow and obey traditional gender roles, and abide by their husbands. Women are also used as a unit of analysis in religious ideologies. A generalization is made that all women are either impacted or not impacted by Islam. For example, the more women do something, such as wear a veil, the more generalizations are made about their rights as women. To understand these issues, I interviewed domestic workers, young women who attend schools, and research activists in India. This research also explores how specific organizations made for women have fought for and implemented laws to strengthen the voice of the oppressed. This project will track the evolution of the women's movement in India, from its origins to the present, providing insight into how women have worked their way up the ladder, the obstacles they faced, and what they hope to achieve in the future. Hence, it provides a different perspective on feminism—building on Third World Women in contrast to Western feminism.

POSTER SESSION 4

Commons West, Easel 7

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

A Comparative Analysis on Global Humanity and its Socialized Trends Towards Marginalized Religious Communities

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This research represents a culmination of international communal exposure, literature and reflective analyses, and continuous socialized trend mapping to highlight patterns that are prevalent at a global level when responding to "why" society is failing to protect the human rights of communities identifying with religious minorities. The summers of 2016 and 2017 were spent gathering and researching normalized communal trends and data via an internship with a firm in New Delhi that advocates for wrongly convicted individuals on cases sectored around ISIS on the basis of religion. I spent the entirety of the summer of 2017 taking part in the case of the NIA (National Intelligence Agency) vs. Altaf Ahmed Shah, Peer Saifullah, Mehrajuddin Kalwal, Nayeem Khan, Shahid ul Islam, Farooq Ahmed Dar and Mohamad Akbar Khanday. Considering the consistent failure of protection and empowerment of rights guaranteed in the USA due to religious belief, this research develops a cross comparative analysis amongst the USA and India and highlights the commonalities that highlight to showcase why and how humanity's criminalization of marginalized religious belief correlates to the stripping of fundamental rights and protections. The broader and very critical implications that come from the research at hand hopes to address how, what, and why we tend to target the religious minorities. Considering the political ecosystem around religion today, this research hopes to bring to light our global humanity's implicit and socialized norms that has allowed for such mis-happenings.