

## COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCE FACULTY GRANT-IN-AID REPORT

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**PROJECT TITLE:** “South Asian Youth and their Perception of Gender Violence”

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**YEAR PROJECT WAS SUPPORTED:** 2015-16

**Participants/Subjects:** A diverse group of youth aged 18-34 of South Asian origin or born to South Asian parents.

### **Methods**

The research proposal was approved by the Office of Research and Economic Development at UW. Four focus groups (2 in Laramie and 2 in Houston; N= 30, and; complete in Spring 2016) were conducted using multiple methods of recruitment, including posting flyers, through local South Asian social network sites such as Facebook when interested participants(s) contacted the researcher, through local South Asian student groups on university campuses, and snowballing sampling method.

The focus groups lasted between 1 hour to 2 hours long. Participants were emailed the informed consent forms prior to their participation and were given a copy at the focus group meeting. Participants completed a brief demographic questionnaire without any identifying information, such as, name, address, or telephone number preceding to participating in the focus group discussion. Focus group minutes were audiotaped and the digitized audio recordings were stored in password protected files.

Over the summer of 2016, the audiotapes were heard, transcribed verbatim for research purposes. Simultaneously notes from 4 separate observers present at the 4 focus group meetings were also collected that described thoughts and opinions regarding the sessions, nonverbal communication, quotes and thorough group interaction.

### **Results**

In the current semester (Fall 2016), transcripts are being heard again and reviewed by a student research associate to establish inter-rater reliability. The researcher then plans to analyze the data and write the results section using a coding methodology to explore common themes and specific content items. Qualitative coding involves the researcher assigning “a summative, salient, essence-capturing, and/or evocative attribute for a portion of language-based ... data” (Saldaña, 2013, p. 3).

### **Limitations**

### **Conclusions**

**Future Research & Dissemination** The researcher plans to complete the manuscript in Spring of 2017 and send the abstract to the annual meeting of Society for Social Work and Research (2018) (one of the national conferences for social work researchers in the U.S).