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RESEARCH

Kathleen O'Reilly studies the social and environmental impacts of development projects, especially those working toward improvements in health through gendered drinking water, sanitation, poverty interventions. Her research is based in India, where she has worked for the past 18 years. An NSF CAREER Award supports her current research into the causes and solutions to India's rural sanitation crisis. It seeks insights into how village-scale and household-scale dynamics involving caste, class, and gender influence toilet usage and non-usage in rural India. Other recent work includes a study of successful sanitation in rural Himachal Pradesh and West Bengal that was funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and research into urban poor women's experiences of psycho-social stress due to the absence of adequate sanitation in Pune and Jaipur, India. The latter project was funded by the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) and was a Sanitation and Hygiene Research for Equity (SHARE) initiative.

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Edited Book Chapters (In Press)

- **O'Reilly, K.,** and R. Dreibelbis. "Water and Sanitation, and Gender," In *Achieving Equality in Water and Sanitation Service Delivery*. Oliver Cumming and Tom Slaymaker, eds. London: Routledge.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Geography, University of Iowa, 2002

M.S. Geography, University of Alabama, 1996

B.M. Voice Performance, Westminster Choir College, 1989

AWARDS

Distinguished Achievement Award for Faculty Teaching, College of Geosciences (2012)

Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence Award, Nominee, Graduate Student Council and College of Geosciences Nominee, Texas A&M University (2012)

Senior Short Term Fellowship (\$10,000), 'Drinking Water Sustainability', American Institute of Indian Studies (2008)

Glasscock Center Stipendiary Faculty Fellow (\$1500), Texas A&M University Melburn G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research and Department of Geography (2007)

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