Bio

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Viji Sathy is an Associate Dean for Evaluation and Assessment for the College of Arts & Sciences, Director of the Townsend Program for Education Research, Director of the Academic Leadership Program at the Institute for Arts & Humanities and Professor of the Practice in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience. She is actively involved in instructional innovation and faculty development engaging in evidence-based educational practices. She is a national expert on inclusive teaching, speaking widely around the country, writing on the topic and co-founder of inclusifiED.com. Her research involves evaluating the impact of innovative teaching techniques as well as retention in STEM. She directs multiple evaluations and assessments of educational programs and curricula. She leads the evaluation of the Chancellor's Science Scholars an adaptation of the Meyerhoff Scholarship at the University of Maryland Baltimore County that has successfully increased representation of underrepresented students in STEM PhDs. She teaches undergraduate quantitative courses as course-based research experiences: statistics and research methodology, as well as maker courses. She is the recipient of numerous teaching awards, including the Chapman Family Award, the Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education and the campus' Student's choice for Best Professor at UNC. Prior to her current position at UNC, she worked at the College Board conducting research on the SATs and noncognitive predictors of college success. She completed her undergraduate degree in psychology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC (B.S.1996) and her doctorate in psychometrics from UNC-Chapel Hill (Ph.D. 2003). She was born in India but grew up in a small town in NC and is a proud recipient of public education (K-PhD) in NC.