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Education

University of Houston

PH.D., ECONOMICS

2008

- Dissertation Title: “Essays on Effects of Affirmative Action: Evidence from Job and Political Reservation Policies in India”
- Advisors: Aimee Chin (Primary Advisor), Chinhui Juhn, Steven G. Craig

University of Houston

M.A., ECONOMICS

2005

Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi

M.A., ECONOMICS

2002

Shivaji College, University of Delhi

B.A., (HONORS) ECONOMICS

2000

Academic Positions

School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs & Department of Economics, Northeastern University

PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY AND ECONOMICS

1/2023 - present

Global Action for Policy Initiative (GAP)

CO-FOUNDER & CO-DIRECTOR

2023 - present

Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics (AMIE)

CO-FOUNDER & COORDINATOR

2021 - present

School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, Northeastern University

VISITING SCHOLAR

7/2022 - 12/2022

Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University

WOMEN AND PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM FELLOW

9/2019 - 6/2021

Department of Economics and Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

8/2018 - 1/2023

Department of Economics and Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

01/2012 - 08/2018

Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE	7/2010 – 12/2011
Department of Economics, Dartmouth College VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	9/2009 – 6/2010
Department of Economics, Ohio University VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	8/2008 – 8/2009

Editorial Positions

Journal of Development Economics, <i>Mental Health and Socioeconomic Outcomes</i> GUEST EDITOR	05/2024 – present
Economics of Education Review CO-EDITOR	03/2023 – present
Journal of Development Economics ASSOCIATE EDITOR	07/2022 – present
PLOS ONE EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER	03/2021 – present
Economics of Education Review, <i>Education in Low Income Settings</i> GUEST EDITOR	12/2021 – 08/2022
Economies BOARD OF EDITORS	10/2012 – 04/2021

Affiliations

Center for International Affairs and World Cultures, Northeastern University FACULTY AFFILIATE	2023 – present
Center for Emerging Markets, Northeastern University FACULTY FELLOW	2023 – present
CESifo, ifo Institute for Economics Research RESEARCH FELLOW	2022 – present
Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) INVITED RESEARCHER	2022 – present
Centre for Development Economics and Sustainability (CDES), Monash University NON-RESIDENT FELLOW	2021 – present

Global Labor Organization (GLO)

RESEARCH FELLOW

2020 – present

Households in Conflict Network (HiCN)

RESEARCH AFFILIATE

2014 – present

Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM), University College London

RESEARCH FELLOW

2009 – present

Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

RESEARCH FELLOW

2009 – present

Previous Affiliations

Human Rights Institute Alumni Engagement Program, University of Connecticut

CO-CHAIR

2021 – 2023

Sustainable Global Cities Initiative (SGCI), University of Connecticut

FACULTY AFFILIATE

2019 - 2023

Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy (InCHIP), University of Connecticut

FACULTY AFFILIATE

2016 - 2023

Economic and Social Rights Group (ESRG), University of Connecticut

FACULTY AFFILIATE

2016 - 2023

Asian and Asian American Studies Institute, University of Connecticut

FACULTY AFFILIATE

2014 - 2023

India Studies Program, University of Connecticut

BOARD MEMBER & FACULTY ADVISOR

2012 - 2023

Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell University

RESEARCH AFFILIATE

2011 - 2012

Cornell Population Program, Cornell University

RESEARCH AFFILIATE

2011 - 2012

Academic Visits

Indian Statistical Institute

VISITING SCIENTIST

8/4/2022 – 8/25/2022

CESifo, ifo Institute for Economics Research

GUEST RESEARCHER

06/30/2022 – 07/09/2022

Boston University, Institute for Economic Development VISITING RESEARCHER	<i>1/30/2018 – 1/29/2020</i>
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Economics VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	<i>1/10/2017 – 7/30/2017</i>
Indian Statistical Institute ACADEMIC VISITOR	<i>6/25/2016 – 8/21/2016</i>
Microsoft Research New England VISITOR	<i>03/31/2015 – 04/03/2015</i>
Yale University, School of Management VISITING FELLOW	<i>12/15/2014 – 8/25/2015</i>
Columbia University, Department of Economics ACADEMIC VISITOR	<i>1/1/2015 – 6/30/2015</i>
Aarhus University, Department of Economics ACADEMIC VISITOR	<i>8/9/2014 – 8/15/2014</i>
Indian Statistical Institute ACADEMIC VISITOR	<i>7/29/2013 – 8/11/2013</i>
Indian Statistical Institute ACADEMIC VISITOR	<i>6/25/2013 – 7/7/2013</i>
University College London (CReAM) ACADEMIC VISITOR	<i>9/27/2012 – 9/28/2012</i>
The London School of Economics & Political Science (STICERD) ACADEMIC VISITOR	<i>6/18/2012 – 7/30/2012</i>
University College London (CReAM) ACADEMIC VISITOR	<i>6/25/2012 – 6/29/2012</i>
International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) VISITING SCHOLAR	<i>9/26/2010 – 11/3/2010</i>
University of Bristol, Department of Economics VISITING SCHOLAR	<i>3/25/2010</i>
Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) VISITING SCHOLAR	<i>6/2009 – 7/2009</i>

Papers _____

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

“*Sexual Harassment in Public Spaces and Policing: Experimental Evidence from Urban India*” with (Sofia Amaral, Girija Borker, Nathan Fiala, Anjani Kumar, and Maria Micaela Sviatschi), *conditionally accepted in* **The Quarterly Journal of Economics**

“*Can Destigmatizing Mental Health Increase Willingness to Seek Help? Experimental Evidence from Nepal*” with (Lindsey Buck, Nirajana Mishra, Priya Mukherjee, Nikhilesh Prakash, Diane Quinn, Shwetlena Sabarwal, and Deepak Saraswat), *forthcoming in* **Journal of Policy Analysis and Management**

“*When Criminality Begets Crime: Role of Elected Politician in India*” with (Soham Sahoo, Deepak Saraswat, and Reetika Sindhi), *forthcoming in* **Journal of Law, Economics and Organization**

“*Saving for Dowry: Evidence from Rural India*” with (S. Anukriti, and Sungoh Kwon), **Journal of Development Economics**, Vol. 154, January 2022

“*Science Education and Labor Market Outcomes in a Developing Economy*” with (Tarun Jain, Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, and Raghav Rakesh), **Economic Inquiry**, Vol. 60 (2), October, 2021

“*Do Criminally Accused Politicians Affect Economic Outcomes? Evidence from India*” with (Yogesh Uppal, and Marc Rockmore), **Journal of Development Economics**, Vol. 141, November 2019

“*Girls for Sale? Child Sex Ratio and Girls Trafficking in India*” with (Krishna C. Vadlamannati), **Feminist Economics**, Vol. 25 (4), October 2019

“*The Role of Constitutions on Poverty: A Cross-National Investigation*” with (Lanse Minkler), **Journal of Comparative Economics**, Vol. 45 (3), August 2017

“*Effect of Political Decentralization and Female Leadership on Institutional Births and Child Mortality in Bihar, India*” with (Santosh Kumar), **Social Science Medicine**, Vol. 185, July 2017

“*Cycling to School: Increasing Secondary School Enrollment for Girls in India*” with (Karthik Muralidharan), **American Economic Journal: Applied Economics**, Vol. 9 (3), July 2017

“*Can Elected Minority Representatives Affect Health Worker Visits? Evidence from Rural India*” with (Elizabeth Kaletski), **Review of Development Economics**, Vol. 21 (1), 2017

“*Does Constitutionalizing Economic and Social Rights Promote their Fulfillment?*” with (Elizabeth Kaletski, Lanse Minkler, and Susan Randolph), **Journal of Human Rights**, Vol. 15 (4), 2016

“*Does Political Reservation for Minorities affect Child Labor? Evidence from India*” with (Elizabeth Kaletski), **World Development**, Vol. 87, November 2016

“*A Distributional Analysis of Public Private Wage Differential in India*” with (Mehtabul Azam), **LABOUR: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations**, Vol. 29 (4), December 2015

“*The Returns to English-Language Skills in India*” with (Mehtabul Azam, and Aimee Chin), **Economic Development and Cultural Change**, Vol. 61 (2), January 2013

“*Consumption and Social Identity: Evidence from India*” with (Melanie Khamis, and Zahra Siddique), **Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization**, Vol. 83 (3), August 2012

“*Do School Lunch Subsidies Change the Dietary Patterns of Children from Low-Income Households?*” with (Larry Howard), **Contemporary Economic Policy**, Vol. 30 (3), July 2012

“*Does Employment Quota Explain Occupational Choice Among Disadvantaged Groups?*” A Natural Experiment from India” with (Larry Howard), **International Review of Applied Economics**, Vol. 26 (4), July 2012

“*The Redistributive Effects of Political Reservation for Minorities: Evidence from India*” with (Aimee Chin), **Journal of Development Economics**, Vol. 96 (2), November 2011

“*Skill Mapping and Skill Development for Employability: The Case of Cuttack*” with (Satpathy, Anoop K.; Mishra, Jimuta), **Indian Journal of Labor Economics**, Vol. 45 (4), 2002

OTHER-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

“*Educator Knowledge of Early Childhood Development: Evidence from Eastern Nepal*” with (Lindsey Buck, Nathan Fiala, Shwetlena Sabarwal, Deepak Saraswat, and Deepika Shrestha), **World Bank Policy Research Working Paper** 9381/2020

“*Affirmative Action Policy in Developing Countries: Lessons Learned and Way Forward*” with (Elizabeth Kaletski), **UNU-WIDER Working Paper** 52/2016

“*Bihar's Alcohol Ban: Good Intentions, Impractical Policy*” with (Sanjeev Kumar), **Economic Political Weekly**, Vol. 51 (1), January 2016

"The Impact of Change in Primary Completion Rate on Learning Outcomes in India" with (Bhanu Gupta), **UNESCO Global Monitoring Report**, 2015

"Impact of the Village Health and Sanitation Committee on Health-Care Utilization: Findings from Propensity Score Matching in India" with (Santosh Kumar), **The Lancet**, Vol. 381 (2), 17 – 19 June 2013

WORKING PAPERS

"Gender, Crime and Punishment: Evidence from Women Police Stations in India" with (Sofia Amaral, and Sonia Bhalotra), *Revise & Resubmit* **Economic Development and Cultural Change**

"When Goal-Setting Forges Ahead but Stops Short: Evidence from an at scale Experiment in Tanzania" with (Asadul Islam, Sungoh Kwon, Eema Masood, Shwetlena Sabarwal, and Deepak Saraswat), *Revise & Resubmit* **Economics of Education Review**

"Wheels of Change: Transforming Girl's Lives with Bicycles" with (Nathan Fiala, Ana Garcia-Hernandez, and Kritika Narula), *Revise & Resubmit* **The Economic Journal**

"Science on the Move: How 'Experiential Learning' Shapes Human Capital" with (Nitin Bharti, Samreen Malik, and Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay)

"The Empowerment Paradox: Experimental Evidence from a Cycling Program for Girls in Zambia" with (Ana Garcia-Hernandez, and Janina Steinert)

"Intergenerational Transmission of Pro-Environmental Attitudes and Behaviors" with (Shubhro Bhattacharya, Sara M. Constantino, Nirajana Mishra, Shwetlena Sabarwal, Dighbijoy Samaddar, and Raisa Sherif)

"Sorting it Out: Intention-Action Gap in Waste Segregation in Urban India" with (Ahana Basistha, and Raisa Sherif)

"Educator Knowledge of Early Childhood Development: Evidence from Eastern Nepal" with (Lindsey Lacey, Nathan Fiala, Shwetlena Sabarwal, Deepak Saraswat, and Deepika Shrestha)

"Can 'Guilt' Change Police Attitude towards Gender-Based Violence?" with (Sofia Amaral, Kimberly Chaney, Victoria Endl-Geyer, and Abhilasha Sahay)

"Understanding Behavioral Barriers to Demand for Domestic Violence Services" with (Sofia Amaral, Lindsey Buck, and Maria Micaela Sviatschi)

"Education Policies and Practices: What have we Learnt so Far and the Road Ahead?" with (Priyaranjan Jha), IZA Discussion Paper No. 6614

"Political Change and Crime Reduction in Bihar" with (Oliver Vanden Eynde, Chinmaya Kumar, and Clement Imbert)

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Shaping Minds: The Transformative Effects of Theater-Based Learning" with (Ritam Chaurey, Sara M. Constantino, Shantanu Khanna, Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, and Raisa Sherif)

"Incentives and Access: A Large-Scale COVID-19 Vaccination Experiment in India" with (Jason Abaluck, Santosh Akhauri, Shubhro Bhattacharya, Emily Crawford, Aritra Das, Laura Kwong, Tanmay Mahapatra, Mushfiq Mobarak, Narottam Pradhan, Nishith Prakash, Maha Rehman, Manvendra Singh, Ephraim Sutherland, Shana Warren)

"Building Strong Foundations: Large-Scale Early Childhood Human Capital Formation in Nepal" with (Lindsey Buck, Rachel Cohen, Nathan Fiala, Mridul Mishra, Shwetlena Sabarwal, and Deepak Saraswat)

"Sowing the Seeds of Entrepreneurship: Evaluating the Effects of Entrepreneurial Mindset Development Program in Andhra Pradesh" with (Sofia Amaral, Aakash Bhalothia, Ritam Chaurey, Isis Gaddis, Gaurav Khanna, Samreen Malik, Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, Nishith Prakash, and Raghav Rakesh)

"Cultivating Curiosity in Science Education: Lessons from a Teacher Training Program" with (Ariel Gomez, Vinay Jha, Sandeep Kumar, Santosh Kumar, and Soham Sahoo)

"Debiasing Law Enforcement Officers: Evidence from an Expressive Arts Intervention in India" with (Sofia Amaral, Girija Borker, and Maria Micaela Sviatschi)

"Mental Health and Adolescent Schooling: Evidence from a Therapy Field Experiment in Nepal" with (Eric Edmonds, Priya Mukherjee, Nikhilesh Prakash, and Shwetlena Sabarwal)

Invited Columns & Policy Briefs

"Do quotas in public sector employment for disadvantaged groups enhance their welfare?" *Ideas for India*, Vol. 154, January 2022

"How dowry influences household decisions in rural India" (with S Anukriti, and Sungoh Kwon), *Ideas for India*, July 1, 2021

“The evolution of dowry in rural India: 1960-2008” (with S Anukriti, and Sungoh Kwon), *Ideas for India*, July 1, 2021

“How dowry influences household decisions in rural India” (with S Anukriti, and Sungoh Kwon), *World Bank Blogs*, June 30, 2021

“The evolution of dowry in rural India: 1960-2008” (with S Anukriti, and Sungoh Kwon), *World Bank Blogs*, June 30, 2021

“When Criminality Begets Crime: The Role of Elected Politicians” (with Soham Sahoo, Deepak Saraswat, and Reetika Sindhi), *Ideas for India*, March 19, 2021

“Cycling to School: Increasing Secondary School Enrollment for Girls in India” (with Karthik Muralidharan), *Gender Action Portal, Harvard Kennedy School*, November 24, 2020

“Science in High School? College and Job Outcomes” (with Tarun Jain, Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, and Raghav Rakesh), *Ideas for India*, June 24, 2020

“Political decentralization, female leadership, and health in rural Bihar” (with Santosh Kumar), *Ideas for India*, August 23, 2017

“Criminally Accused Politicians and Economic Outcomes” (with Tasneem Ahmed, Marc Rockmore, and Yogesh Uppal), *Ideas for India*, January 15, 2016

“Bihar’s Alcohol Ban: Prudent Policy or Tail-Chasing?” (with Sanjeev Kumar), *Ideas for India*, December 21, 2015

“The Economic Consequences of Accused Politicians in India” (with Marc Rockmore, and Yogesh Uppal), *VoxEU.org*, December 17, 2015

“Blanket Alcohol Ban in Bihar won’t stop Violence against Women” (with Sanjeev Kumar), *The Economic Times*, December 8, 2015

“Does it pay to speak English in India?”, *Ideas for India*, September 20, 2013

“Political Reservation in India: The Effect on Poverty”, *Ideas for India*, December 10, 2012

“Education in Bihar: Still a Long Road Ahead”, *Ideas for India*, September 7, 2012

“The Redistributive Effects of Political Reservation for Minorities in India” (with Aimee Chin), *VoxEU.org*, July 21, 2012

“English Skills Raise Wages for some, not all, in India” (with Mehtabul Azam and Aimee Chin), *VoxEU.org*, May 26, 2010.

Teaching Experience

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

M.A Classes: Economic Analysis

B.A. Classes: Development Economics

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Ph.D. Classes: Economic Development: Microeconomic Issues

B.A. Classes: Principles of Microeconomics, Economic Development, Economic Foundations of Gender Inequality, Economic Development and Human Rights: Microeconomic Issues

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, OHIO UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

M.A. Classes: Development Economics: Microeconomic Issues

B.A. Classes: Econometrics, Microeconomic Theory, Intermediate Microeconomics, Development Economics, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics

Advising

PH.D. ADVISING AS CHAIR/CO-CHAIR (WITH INITIAL PLACEMENT)

Deepak Saraswat, University of Connecticut, 2022 (*Meta Platforms, Inc.*)

Sungoh Kwon, University of Connecticut, 2018 (*Korea Institute of Public Finance*)

PH.D. ADVISING AS AN ASSOCIATE ADVISOR (WITH INITIAL PLACEMENT)

Natasha Jha, Cornell University, 2023 (*Postdoctoral Associate, University of Notre Dame*)

Nitin Bharti, Paris School of Economics, 2022 (*Postdoctoral Associate, New York University, Abu Dhabi*)

Anjali Verma, The University of Texas at Austin, 2022 (*Amazon*)
Patralekha Ukil, University of Connecticut, 2020 (*San Jose State University*)
Mahesh Dahal, University of Connecticut, 2019 (*The World Bank*)
Robert Szarka, University of Connecticut, 2017 (*University of Kansas*)
Zheng Xu, University of Connecticut, 2015 (*Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard Center for Green Buildings and Cities, Harvard University*)
Elizabeth Kaletski, University of Connecticut, 2014 (*Ithaca College*)
Archita Banik, University of Connecticut, 2013 (*Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania*)

B.A. (HONORS) ADVISING

Michaela Flynn, University of Connecticut, 2021
Matthew Hopkinson, University of Connecticut, 2020
Kharl Reynado, University of Connecticut, 2019
Tasneem Ahmed, University of Connecticut, 2017
Gregory D. Keiser, University of Connecticut, 2013

EXTERNAL EXAMINER TO DISSERTATION/THESIS COMMITTEES

Rolly Kukreja, Ph.D., 2022 (*Indian Statistical Institute*)
Komal Sahai, Ph.D., 2021 (*Indian Statistical Institute*)
Tanmay Bagade, Ph.D., 2021 (*The University of Newcastle*)
Dimple Kukreja, Ph.D., 2019 (*Toulouse School of Economics*)
Ishwarya B, Ph.D., 2017 (*Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research*)
Esther Mumbi Kimani, Ph.D., 2016 (*University of Cape Town*)
Shreyasee Das, Ph.D., 2012 (*University of Houston*)
Satadru Mukherjee, Ph.D., 2012 (*University of Houston*)

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS/ADVISEES/MENTEES PLACEMENT

Aahana Anand, 2024 (*B.A. Program, Ohio State University*)
Shubhro Bhattacharya, 2024 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, University of California San Diego*)
Shanmukha Vishnu Gorthi, 2024 (*M-DPhil Program, Department of Economics, Oxford University*)
Satadru Bhattacharyya, 2024 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut*)
Neil Jacob Oomen, 2024 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, Northeastern University*)
Shuyi Bian, 2023 (*M.A. in International and Development Economics, Yale University*)
Viha Kedia, 2023 (*B.A. Program, University of Pennsylvania*)
Mridul Mishra, 2023 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, The University of Texas at Austin*)
Nikhilesh Prakash, 2022 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, Stockholm School of Economics*)
Kunal Garg, 2022 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, Texas A & M University*)
Aditi Priya, 2022 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Sociology, Brown University*)
Yumeng Shao, 2022 (*M.A. Economics Program, Duke University*)
Prasad Gosavi, 2022 (*University of Connecticut School of Law*)
Jack Bergantino, 2022 (*Duke University School of Law*)
Akshat Juneja, 2022 (*B.A. Program, University of Pennsylvania*)

Nishant Kumar Tiwary, 2021 (*MPA-ID Program, Harvard Kennedy School*)
Tasneem Ahmed, 2021 (*MPP Program, Harvard Kennedy School*)
Reetika Sindhi, 2021 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, University in California, Santa Barbara*)
Hector Reyes, 2021 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, Stanford University*)
Aishwarya Kekre, 2021 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, University of Virginia*)
Emma Foster, 2021 (*Ph.D. Program, Counseling Psychology, University of Utah*)
Asmi Khushi, 2021 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, University of Michigan*)
Angela Bartucca, 2020 (*Suffolk Law School*)
Merlin Stein, 2020 (*M.S. in Economics for Development, University of Oxford*)
Sanjana Ghosh, 2020 (*Ph.D. Program, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University*)
Anirban Chattopadhyaya, 2019 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, University of Virginia*)
Raghav Rakesh, 2018 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, Michigan State University*)
Natasha Jha, 2018 (*Ph.D. Program, Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University*)
Revathy Surya Narayana, 2018 (*Ph.D. Program, Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University*)
Chinmaya Kumar, 2017 (*Ph.D. Program, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago*)
Maxwell Aliapoulos, 2016 (*M.S. Tandon School of Engineering, New York University*)
Nitini Bharti, 2016 (*M.A. in Public Policy and Development, Paris School of Economics*)
Lilian Cheung, 2014 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, North Carolina State University*)
Bhanu Gupta, 2014 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, University of Michigan*)
Alejandro Perez-Segura, 2014 (*Research Assistant, Federal Reserve Board*)

Awards, Fellowships and Honors

Distinguished Speaker Address at the Annual Conference on Economics and Public Policy, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, OP Jindal Global University, June 6 – 7, 2024

Keynote Speaker at Research Scholars' Day, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, January 23 – 24, 2024

Keynote Speaker at Annual Research Symposium on Finance and Economics, KREA University, June 17, 2022

Keynote Speaker at 'Mind over Matter', Department of Economics, Aryabhata College, University of Delhi, February 25, 2022

TEDxUConn Speaker, November 14, 2021

Commendation from President of the University of Connecticut for creating and founding of the Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics (AMIE), April 2021

World Bank Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2020

University of Connecticut Provost's Teaching Commendation, March 2020

University of Connecticut Provost's Teaching Commendation, February 2019

World Bank Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2018

Grillo Family Faculty Award for Excellence in Research, 2017

Grillo Family Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2016

Human Rights Institute Faculty Fellowship, 2016

Sandra and Evan Roklen Fund Award, 2015, 2016

University of Connecticut Provost's Teaching Commendation, January 2015

Selected with fellowship to attend First AMID Summer School “An Introduction to Field Surveys in LDCs”, organized by CRED, BREAD, CEPR, and EUDN, University of Namur, 2009

Selected with fellowship to attend International Conference on Freedom, Development and Welfare (In honor of Prof. Amartya Sen), Delhi, 2008

Primeaux Scholarship Endowment, University of Houston, Spring 2008

Selected with fellowship to participate in University of Chicago Price Theory Summer Camp, June 2007

Jhamandas Watulmull Fund Scholarship, University of Houston, Spring 2004

Cullen Supplemental Fellowship, University of Houston, Fall 2003 – Summer 2005

Graduate Assistant Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston, Fall 2003 – Summer 2008

Research Grants Received (\approx \$4 millions)

ieConnect/Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, “Evaluating interventions to ensure women’s safety in public transport: Experimental Evidence from training service providers in Bangladesh and Tanzania”, 2024 – 2026 (\$250,000)

International Growth Center, “Evaluating interventions to ensure women’s safety in public transport: Experimental Evidence from training service providers in Bangladesh and Tanzania”, 2024 – 2026 (£79,636)

World Bank – Knowledge for Change Program, “Evaluating interventions to ensure women’s safety in public transport: Experimental Evidence from training service providers in Bangladesh and Tanzania”, 2024 – 2026 (\$115,000)

J-PAL’s Learning for All Initiative, “Science on the Move: How Mobile Pedagogy Shapes Human Capital?”, 2024 – 2026 (\$73,150)

J-PAL’s Learning for All Initiative, “Shaping Minds: The Transformative Effects of Theater-Based Learning”, 2024 – 2026 (\$95,095)

J-PAL’s Learning for All Initiative, “Cultivating Curiosity in Science Education: Lessons from a Teacher Training Program”, 2024 – 2026 (\$74,263.63)

Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale – Workforce Development Initiative Grant, “Sowing the Seeds of Entrepreneurship: Evaluating the Effects of Entrepreneurial Mindset Development Program in Andhra Pradesh”, 2024 – 2027 (\$300,000)

World Bank – South Asia Gender Innovation Lab, “Sowing the Seeds of Entrepreneurship: Evaluating the Effects of Entrepreneurial Mindset Development Program in Andhra Pradesh”, 2023 – 2025 (\$100,000)

Fund for Innovation in Development (FID), “Debiasing Law Enforcement Officers: Evidence from an Expressive Arts Intervention in India”, 2022 – 2024 (€220,000)

The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), “Building Back Better Education Systems in Bangladesh: Adolescent Mental Health Component”, 2021 – 2023 (£670,000)

J-PAL Crime and Violence Initiative, “Debiasing Law Enforcement Officers: Evidence from an Expressive Arts Intervention in India”, 2022 – 2023 (\$99,999)

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, “Increasing Vaccine Uptake and NORMalising Mask-Wearing in Rural Bihar”, 2021 – 2022 (\$370,000)

J-PAL Gender and Economic Agency Initiative, “Debiasing Law Enforcement Officers: Evidence from an Expressive Arts Intervention in India”, 2021 – 2022 (\$50,000)

University of Connecticut (CLAS Summer Funding), “Can “Guilt” Change Police Attitude towards Gender-Based Violence?”, 2021 – 2021 (\$20,000)

University of Connecticut (Scholarship Facilitation Fund), “Understanding Behavioral Barriers to Demand for Domestic Violence Service”, 2021 – 2022 (\$2,000)

The World Bank, “Understanding Behavioral Barriers to Demand for Mental Health Services”, 2019 – 2022 (\$300,000)

Princeton University, “Understanding Behavioral Barriers to Demand for Domestic Violence Service”, 2020 – 2021 (\$81,000)

The World Bank, “Street Police Patrols and Violence Against Women in Public Spaces: Experimental Evidence from India”, 2020 – 2021 (\$30,000)

Princeton University – University Center for Human Values, “Street Police Patrols and Violence Against Women in Public Spaces: Experimental Evidence from India”, 2020 – 2021 (\$30,000)

ifo Institute, “Debiasing Law Enforcement Officers: Evidence from an Expressive Arts Intervention in India”, 2019 – 2020 (\$55,000)

The World Bank, “Street Police Patrols and Violence Against Women in Public Spaces: Experimental Evidence from India”, 2019 – 2021 (\$30,000)

J-PAL Crime and Violence Initiative, “*Street Police Patrols and Violence Against Women in Public Spaces: Experimental Evidence from India*”, 2019 – 2020 (\$45,019)

Centre for Catalyzing Change, “*Debiasing Law Enforcement Officers: Evidence from an Expressive Arts Intervention in India*”, 2019 – 2020 (\$75,500)

The World Bank – Early Learning Partnership Trust Fund, “*Access and Quality of Early Learning Services in Nepal*”, 2019 – 2022 (\$210,000)

The World Bank, “*Street Police Patrols and Violence Against Women in Public Spaces: Experimental Evidence from India*”, 2019 – 2020 (\$175,000)

J-PAL Crime and Violence Initiative, “*Street Police Patrols and Violence Against Women in Public Spaces: Experimental Evidence from India*”, 2019 – 2020 (\$70,126)

Princeton University – New Ideas in the Social Sciences, “*Street Police Patrols and Violence Against Women in Public Spaces: Experimental Evidence from India*”, 2019 – 2020 (\$49,923)

J-PAL Post Primary Education Initiative, “*Wheels of Change: The Role of Community in Girls Education*”, 2019 – 2020 (\$9,998)

International Growth Center – IGC India (Bihar) funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, “*Do Bureaucrats Acculturate? Evidence from a Long-Running Natural Experiment in India*”, 2019 – 2020 (£26,749)

International Growth Center – IGC India (Bihar) funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, “*Debiasing Law Enforcement Officers: Evidence from an Expressive Arts Intervention in India*”, 2019 – 2020 (£55,511)

The World Bank, “*Street Police Patrols and Violence Against Women in Public Spaces: Experimental Evidence from India*”, 2019 – 2020 (\$29,943)

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Presentations

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 John Hopkins University (SAIS); Binghamton University
- 2024 St. Stephen's College; Magadh International School (Tekari); Delhi Public School (Patna); Mayflower School (Patna); World Bank (Development Research Group); World Bank (South Asia Region Gender Innovation Lab); Tufts University; Teachers College (Columbia University); Clark University; Commerce College of Arts & Science (Patliputra University)
- 2023 Harvard University (Stone Inequality & Social Policy Seminar); Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi; Hansraj College (Faculty Development Program); Christ University; Harvard Kennedy School
- 2022 Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies; Northeastern University; Shiv Nadar University; ifo Institute (Education Group), St. Xavier's College of Management & Technology; University of South Florida
- 2021 Rethinking Economics in India Network; Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow; Aryabhatta College; Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore; University of St Andrews; Symposium on Social Innovations to Advance Gender Equality, Harvard Advanced Leadership Initiative (ALI), Harvard University
- 2020 Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad; University of Rochester; International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI); The Bhawanipur Education Society College, India; WAPPP Fellow Talk–Harvard Kennedy School; Shivaji College, India; University of Wisconsin–La Crosse; Southwestern Area Health Education Centers (AHEC), Inc.; Emory University; University of Wisconsin–Madison
- 2019 Zakir Husain Delhi College; Boston University (x2); Reserve Bank of India; Harvard Kennedy School; The World Bank; Louisiana State University; Notre Dame
- 2017 William & Mary; Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- 2016 University of Goettingen; Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi; University of Georgia; Brigham Young University; Lehigh University; Delhi School of Economics; Jindal School of Government and Public Policy; South Asian University; Virginia Tech; Vancouver School of Economics
- 2015 City College of New York; Wellesley College; Penn State Harrisburg; Yale University (Leitner Political Economy Seminar); Yale University (SOM); Dartmouth College; Yale University (MacMillan-CSAP Workshop on Quantitative Research Methods); Yale University (Economics, Development Lunch)
- 2014 Texas A & M University; Sam Houston State University; Indian School of Business, Hyderabad; Aarhus University; University of Connecticut-ESRG; University of Connecticut
- 2013 World Bank (Development Research Group (DECRG)); University of Arizona; Vassar College; University of Connecticut (Ag-Econ); Boston University; Brandeis University; Colgate University; Deakin University; Monash University; University of New South Wales; The Australian National University; University of Sydney; World Bank (South Asia); International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI); Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi; Delhi School of Economics; Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur; Education Department (Government of Bihar), Patna
- 2012 University of Houston; University College London (CRAM); Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna, India; Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi, India; University of Connecticut (Brownbag)
- 2011 Fordham University; University of Connecticut; Cornell University; Binghamton University; University of Memphis
- 2010 Cornell University; University of Auckland; The University of Aberdeen; Indian Institute of Technology–Patna; Cornell University; Paris School of Economics; Toulouse School of Economics; Katholieke Universiteit Leuven; International Institute of Social Studies; DIW Berlin
- 2009 Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna; Delhi School of Economics; Rutgers University; Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)
- 2008 Delhi School of Economics; Ohio University Micro Seminar Series; Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, New York University; Ohio University; University of New South Wales
- 2007 Federal Reserve Bank–Dallas

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics – The Great Incoherence: Growth and Human Development in An Era of Stagnation (Invited)
- 2023 American Economic Association Meetings 2023 (x2); Second Economic PhD Alumni Conference, University of Houston; NBER Summer Institute (Crime); India Conference, Cornell University; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference–Harvard Kennedy School (and Discussant)

- 2022** NBER's Education Program Meeting; The Laboratory for Effective Anti-poverty Policies (LEAP), Bocconi University; PEGNet Conference 2022; 100 Years of Economic Development Conference, Cornell University; 7th IZA Workshop: The Economics of Education
- 2021** NBER's Children Program Meeting; IEA World Congress, Bali; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference–Boston University (Discussant and Chair); KDI School-World Bank DIME Conference on Impact Evaluation in Sustainable and Inclusive Development; 2021 Asia Impact Evaluation Conference.
- 2020** American Economic Association Annual Meeting; Western Economic Association International Annual Conference; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference–University of Connecticut (Presenter); Workshop on Political Economy of Development–Duke University (Presenter); National Tax Association Annual Conference (Discussant); Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference (Discussant).
- 2019** Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference; European Economic Association Annual Congress; Econometric Society European Meeting; Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting; Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting; Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting.
- 2018** North American Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society, Philadelphia; AEA/ASSA Conference, Philadelphia; Xth Summer School in Development Economics, Prato; 13th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, Columbia University, New York City; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference–Cornell University (Discussant and Chair); Pre–NBER Development Economics Conference, Boston; 14th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Delhi
- 2017** AEA/ASSA Conference, Chicago; 10th Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop, FED-Atlanta; 6th Navarra Center for International Development Research Workshop, Madrid; 13th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Delhi
- 2016** 7th IGC-ISI India Development Policy Conference, Delhi; Southern Economics Association, Washington DC
- 2015** North American Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, Boston; 'Scapes of Power' Conference, Doha; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference–Brown University
- 2014** 11th Midwest International Economic Development Conference, University of Minnesota; Bihar Growth Conference–International Growth Center, Patna; 16th CEPR/IZA European Summer Symposium in Labour Economics, Ammersee; PEGNet 2014 Conference on 'Employment Creation Strategies in the Developing World - How to create sufficient, productive and decent jobs', Zambia; BIGD International Conference on Political Economy, Accountability and Governance, Dhaka; 2014 Winter School Conference, Delhi; 10th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Delhi
- 2013** Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PACDEV), San Francisco; 2nd IGC South Asia Growth Conference, Delhi; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference–Harvard University (and Discussant); NBER's Education Program Meeting, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
- 2012** International Growth Center–Growth Week Conference, London
- 2011** WSH Evaluation Workshop (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation), Center of Evaluation for Global Action, UC Berkeley; IZA/CEPR European Summer Symposium in Labour Economics, Ammersee; International Growth Center–Growth Week Conference, London; Bihar Growth Conference–International Growth Center, Patna
- 2010** Royal Economic Society, Surrey, UK (and Chair); AIEFS–ASSA, Atlanta; Bihar Growth Conference–International Growth Center, Patna
- 2009** Conference on "Institutions, Behavior and the Escape from Persistent Poverty", Cornell University; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference–Tufts University (and Discussant); IZA Migration Group Mini Workshop, Bonn; Inaugural Conference of Courant Research Center "Poverty, Equity, and Growth in Developing and Transition Countries: Statistical Methods, Empirical Analysis, and Policy Issues", University of Gottingen; First AMID Summer School, University of Namur; North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society–Boston University; Midwest Economic Association, Cleveland (and Chair)
- 2008** International Conference on Development, Freedom and Welfare (In honor of Prof. Amartya Sen), Delhi; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference–Boston University; 8th Annual Missouri Economics Conference, Columbia
- 2007** Southern Economic Association 77th Annual Meetings, New Orleans; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference–Harvard University (and Discussant); XIIth Texas Econometrics Camp, League City

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS PARTICIPATION

- 2024** NBER's Education Program Meeting (Spring); NBER's Summer Institute Workshop on the Economics of Education; NBER's Summer Institute Development Economics Workshop
- 2023** NBER's Education Program Meeting (Spring); NBER's Summer Institute Development Economics Workshop; NBER's Summer Institute Workshop on the Economics of Education; NBER's Education Program Meeting (Fall); NBER Development Economics/BREAD Program Meeting
- 2022** NBER's Summer Institute Development Economics Workshop; NBER's Summer Institute Workshop on the Economics of Education

- 2021** NBER's Education Program Meeting (Spring); 41st BREAD Virtual Conference on Development Economics; NBER's Summer Institute Development Economics Workshop; NBER's Summer Institute Workshop on the Economics of Education; CEPR/LEAP Workshop in Development Economics; NBER's Development Economics/BREAD Fall Program Meeting; NBER's Education Program Meeting
- 2020** 5th IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education; NBER's Development Program Meeting; NBER's Education Program Meeting; NBER's Summer Institute Development Economics Workshop; NBER's Summer Institute Workshop on the Economics of Education
- 2019** NBER's Education Program Meeting
- 2018** NBER Childrens and Economics of Education Program Meetings; NBER's Summer Institute Development Economics Workshop; NBER's Summer Institute workshop on the Economics of Education; NBER's Education Program Meetings; NBER's Development Program Meeting
- 2017** NBER Education Program and Childrens Program Meetings; NBER's Summer Institute workshop on the Economics of Education; NBER's Summer Institute Development Economics Workshop; NBER Development/BREAD Fall Program Meeting
- 2016** NBER Education Program and Childrens Program Meetings; Researcher Gathering on Financial Inclusion - IPA, Yale University; NBER Summer Institute (Development Economics, Education, and Children); NBER's Development Program Meeting
- 2015** NBER's Education Program and Childrens Program Joint Meetings; Researcher Gathering on Financial Inclusion - IPA, Yale University; 29th BREAD Conference on Development Economics, Columbia University; NBER Economics of Education Program Meeting
- 2014** NBER's Education Program Meeting
- 2013** NBER's Insurance Project Workshop; NBER's Universities Research Conference on "Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy"
- 2012** Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference–Dartmouth College; NBER's Universities Research Conference on "Insurance Markets and Catastrophe Risk"
- 2004 – 2010** Conference on Gender, Health and Economic Development, University of Houston (2010); Course on Microeconometrics (Jeffrey Wooldridge) at IZA, Bonn, Germany (2009); XIth Texas Econometrics Camp, Huntsville, TX (2006); Xth Texas Econometrics Camp, Lake Conroe, TX (2005); Texas Monetary Camp, University of Texas – Austin (2005); International Financial Integration and Risk Sharing Conference, Federal Reserve Bank–Dallas, Houston Branch, Houston, TX (2004)

Professional Activities

REFEREEING EXPERIENCE: JOURNALS

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, European Economic Review, Economics of Education Review, Education Finance and Policy, International Review of Applied Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of European Economic Association, Journal of Globalization and Development, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Margin: The Journal of Applied Economic Research, PLOS ONE, Policing & Society, Population Research and Policy Review, Public Choice, Review of Economics of the Household, Review of Income and Wealth, Science, Science Advances, Southern Economic Journal, The Economic Journal, The Journal of Politics, The Quarterly Journal of Economics, The Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, The Review of Economics and Statistics, The World Bank Economic Review, World Development

REFEREEING EXPERIENCE: GRANTS

Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC), IZA/DFID Growth and Labour Markets in Low-Income Countries Programme (GLM|LIC), National Science Foundation, Research Council KU Leuven, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, Fund for Innovation in Development

REFEREEING EXPERIENCE: CONFERENCES

Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC): 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute: 2021, 2022, 2023

Professional Services at the Northeastern University

CSSH Full Professor and Faculty Development Advisory Committee

MEMBER

2024 – present

Tenure and Promotion Committee, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs

MEMBER

2023 – present

Tenure and Promotion Committee, Department of Economics MEMBER	2023 – present
College of Social Sciences and Humanities Research Working Group MEMBER	2023 – present
Ph.D. Program Committee, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs MEMBER	2023 – present
Ph.D. Admissions Committee, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs MEMBER	2023 – present
External Review Committee, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs MEMBER	2023 – present
Policy Impact Seminar ORGANIZER	2023 – present
Professional Services at the University of Connecticut _____	
UConn CLAS Career Ambassadors MEMBER	2020 – 2023
Academic Affairs Partnership Committee MEMBER	2020 – 2023
Faculty Affairs Committee MEMBER	2018 – 2023
Undergraduate Program Committee MEMBER	2018 – 2023
Human Rights Institute, Gladstein Committee MEMBER	2012 – 2023
Department of Economics, External Department Review Committee MEMBER	2018
Political Economy Workshop CO-ORGANIZER	2016 – 2023
Department of Economics THIRD YEAR PAPER COORDINATOR	2013 – 2018
Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Economics MEMBER	2012 – 2018

Development Recruiting Committee MEMBER	2012 – 2013
Health Recruiting Committee MEMBER	2012 – 2013
Human Rights Fellowship Committee MEMBER	Spring 2012, 2014, 2018
Human Rights Institute's Monday Seminar Series ORGANIZER	Spring 2013, Fall 2013
Department of Economics Seminar Series CO-ORGANIZER	2011 – 2012
Department of Economics Brownbag Seminar Series CO-ORGANIZER	Spring 2012, Fall 2012
Department of Economics Graduate Workshop CO-ORGANIZER	Fall 2012

Professional Services at Ohio University

Seminar Series, Department of Economics CO-ORGANIZER	2008 – 2009
Student Research Expo, Ohio University JUDGE	2009

Leadership Experiences

Northeastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) CO-ORGANIZER (WITH SILVIA PRINA)	Northeastern University, Boston November 2 – 3, 2024
AMIE's 3rd Workshop in Applied Microeconomics CO-ORGANIZER (WITH PRIYA MUKHERJEE)	Online April 26, 2024
Venice Summer Institute: Economics of Education and Equality of Opportunity CO-ORGANIZER (WITH LARISSA ZIEROW)	Venice, Italy June 29 – 30, 2022
AMIE's 1st Workshop in Applied Microeconomics CO-ORGANIZER (WITH AMA BAAFRA ABEBERESE, FELIPE BARRERA-OSORIO, PETER QUARTERMAINE BLAIR, TEEVRAT GARG, AND PRIYA MUKHERJEE)	Online March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022
Pre-NBER Development Economics Meeting CO-ORGANIZER (WITH JOSH DEAN & GABRIEL KREINDLER)	Online July 20 – 21, 2020

Pre-NBER Development Economics Conference

CO-ORGANIZER (WITH DUNCAN THOMAS & GAUTAM RAO)

*Boston, MA
November 30 – December 1,
2018*

New Frontiers in Development Economics Conference

ORGANIZER

*Hartford, CT
October 6 – 7, 2017*

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