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Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Houston, 2008
• Dissertation: "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
M.A. Economics, University of Houston, 2005
M.A. Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, 2002
B.A. Economics (Honors), Shivaji College, University of Delhi, 2000

Academic Positions

2023 – Present **Professor of Public Policy and Economics**, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs & Department of Economics, Northeastern University
2023 – Present **Co-Founder and Co-Director**, Global Action for Policy Initiative (GAP), Northeastern University
2021 – Present **Co-Founder**, Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics (AMIE)
2022 – 2023 **Visiting Scholar**, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, Northeastern University
2019 – 2021 **Women and Public Policy Program Fellow**, Harvard Kennedy School
2018 – 2023 **Associate Professor**, Department of Economics and Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut
2012 – 2018 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Economics and Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut
2010 – 2011 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics & Management, Cornell University
2009 – 2010 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Economics, Dartmouth College
2008 – 2009 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Economics, Ohio University

Affiliations

Research Affiliations

2025 – Present **Affiliate**, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)
2023 – Present **Faculty Affiliate**, Center for International Affairs and World Cultures, Northeastern University
2023 – Present **Faculty Fellow**, Center for Emerging Markets, Northeastern University
2022 – Present **Research Fellow**, ifo Institute for Economics Research (CESifo)
2022 – Present **Invited Researcher**, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)
2020 – Present **Research Fellow**, Global Labor Organization (GLO)
2014 – Present **Research Affiliate**, Households in Conflict Network (HiCN)
2009 – Present **Research Fellow**, Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM)
2009 – Present **Research Fellow**, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

Editorial Positions

2024 – Present **Guest Editor**, *Mental Health and Socioeconomic Outcomes*, Journal of Development Economics
2023 – Present **Co-Editor**, Economics of Education Review
2022 – Present **Associate Editor**, Journal of Development Economics
2021 – Present **Editorial Board Member**, PLOS ONE
2021 – 2022 **Guest Editor**, *Education in Low Income Settings*, Economics of Education Review
2012 – 2021 **Board of Editors**, Economics

Previous Affiliations

2021 – 2023	Co-Chair , Human Rights Institute Alumni Engagement Program, University of Connecticut
2019 – 2023	Faculty Affiliate , Sustainable Global Cities Initiative (SGCI), University of Connecticut
2016 – 2023	Faculty Affiliate , Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy (InCHIP), University of Connecticut
2016 – 2023	Faculty Affiliate , Economic and Social Rights Group (ESRG), University of Connecticut
2014 – 2023	Faculty Affiliate , Asian and Asian American Studies Institute, University of Connecticut
2012 – 2023	Board Member and Faculty Advisor , India Studies Program, University of Connecticut
2011 – 2012	Research Affiliate , Institute of the Social Sciences, Cornell University
2011 – 2012	Research Affiliate , Cornell Population Program, Cornell University

Academic Visits

08/04/2022 – 08/25/2022	Visiting Scientist , Indian Statistical Institute
06/30/2022 – 07/09/2022	Guest Researcher , ifo Institute for Economics Research, CESifo
01/30/2018 – 01/29/2020	Visiting Researcher , Institute for Economic Development, Boston University
01/10/2017 – 07/30/2017	Visiting Assistant Professor , Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
06/25/2016 – 08/21/2016	Academic Visitor , Indian Statistical Institute
03/31/2015 – 04/03/2015	Visitor , Microsoft Research, New England
12/15/2014 – 08/25/2015	Visiting Fellow , School of Management, Yale University
01/01/2015 – 06/30/2015	Academic Visitor , Department of Economics, Columbia University
08/09/2014 – 08/15/2014	Academic Visitor , Department of Economics, Aarhus University,
07/29/2013 – 08/11/2013	Academic Visitor , Indian Statistical Institute
06/25/2013 – 07/07/2013	Academic Visitor , Indian Statistical Institute
09/27/2012 – 09/28/2012	Academic Visitor , CReAM, University College London
06/18/2012 – 07/30/2012	Academic Visitor , STICERD, The London School of Economics & Political Science
06/25/2012 – 06/29/2012	Academic Visitor , CReAM, University College London
09/26/2010 – 11/03/2010	Visiting Scholar , International Livestock Research Institute
03/25/2010 – 03/25/2010	Visiting Scholar , Department of Economics, University of Bristol
06/20/2009 – 07/20/2009	Visiting Scholar , Institute for the Study of Labor

Publications in Refereed Journals

22. "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), *forthcoming in The Quarterly Journal of Economics*
21. "Shaping Minds: The Transformative Effects of Theater-Based Learning" with (Ritam Chaurey, Sara M. Constantino, Shantanu Khanna, Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, and Raisa Sherif), *accepted based on pre-results review Journal of Development Economics*
20. "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), *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, Vol. 44, 2025
19. "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), *Economics of Education Review*, Vol. 103, 2024
18. "When Criminality Begets Crime: Role of Elected Politician in India" with (Soham Sahoo, Deepak Saraswat, and Reetika Sindhi), *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*, Vol. 00, 2024
17. "Saving for Dowry: Evidence from Rural India" with (S. Anukriti, and Sungoh Kwon), *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 154, 2022
16. "Science Education and Labor Market Outcomes in a Developing Economy" with (Tarun Jain, Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, and Raghav Rakesh), *Economic Inquiry*, Vol. 60 (2), 2021
15. "Do Criminally Accused Politicians Affect Economic Outcomes? Evidence from India" with (Yogesh Uppal, and Marc Rockmore), *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 141, 2019
14. "Girls for Sale? Child Sex Ratio and Girls Trafficking in India" with (Krishna C. Vadlamannati), *Feminist Economics*, Vol. 25 (4), 2019
13. "The Role of Constitutions on Poverty: A Cross-National Investigation" with (Lanse Minkler), *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Vol. 45 (3), 2017

12. "Effect of Political Decentralization and Female Leadership on Institutional Births and Child Mortality in Bihar, India" with (Santosh Kumar), **Social Science & Medicine**, Vol. 185, 2017
11. "Cycling to School: Increasing Secondary School Enrollment for Girls in India" with (Karthik Muralidharan), **American Economic Journal: Applied Economics**, Vol. 9 (3), 2017
10. "Can Elected Minority Representatives Affect Health Worker Visits? Evidence from Rural India" with (Elizabeth Kaletski), **Review of Development Economics**, Vol. 21 (1), 2017
9. "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
8. "Does Political Reservation for Minorities Affect Child Labor? Evidence from India" with (Elizabeth Kaletski), **World Development**, Vol. 87, 2016
7. "A Distributional Analysis of Public Private Wage Differential in India" with (Mehtabul Azam), **LABOUR: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations**, Vol. 29 (4), 2015
6. "The Returns to English-Language Skills in India" with (Mehtabul Azam, and Aimee Chin), **Economic Development and Cultural Change**, Vol. 61 (2), 2013
5. "Consumption and Social Identity: Evidence from India" with (Melanie Khamis, and Zahra Siddique), **Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization**, Vol. 83 (3), 2012
4. "Do School Lunch Subsidies Change the Dietary Patterns of Children from Low-Income Households?" with (Larry Howard), **Contemporary Economic Policy**, Vol. 30 (3), 2012
3. "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), 2012
2. "The Redistributive Effects of Political Reservation for Minorities: Evidence from India" with (Aimee Chin), **Journal of Development Economics**, Vol. 96 (2), 2011
1. "Skill Mapping and Skill Development for Employability: The Case of Cuttack" with (Anoop K. Satpathy, and Jimuta Mishra), **Indian Journal of Labor Economics**, Vol. 45 (4), 2002

Other-Refereed Publications

5. "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
4. "Affirmative Action Policy in Developing Countries: Lessons Learned and Way Forward" with (Elizabeth Kaletski), **UNU-WIDER Working Paper** 52/2016
3. "Bihar's Alcohol Ban: Good Intentions, Impractical Policy" with (Sanjeev Kumar), **Economic & Political Weekly**, Vol. 51 (1), January 2016
2. "The Impact of Change in Primary Completion Rate on Learning Outcomes in India" with (Bhanu Gupta), **UNESCO Global Monitoring Report**, 2015
1. "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

13. "Gender, Crime and Punishment: Evidence from Women Police Stations in India" with (Sofia Amaral, and Sonia Bhalotra), *revise & resubmit* **Economic Development and Cultural Change**
12. "Wheels of Change: Transforming Girl's Lives with Bicycles" with (Nathan Fiala, Ana Garcia-Hernandez, and Kritika Narula), *revise & resubmit* **The Economic Journal**
11. "Talk Therapy and Human Capital in Adolescence: Evidence from a Low-Resource Setting" with (Eric Edmonds, Priya Mukherjee, Nikhilesh Prakash, and Shwetlena Sabarwal)
10. "Science on the Move: How 'Experiential Learning' Shapes Human Capital" with (Nitin Bharti, Samreen Malik, and Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay)
9. "Empowerment Paradox? The Long-run Impact of a Cycling Program for Girls in Zambia" with (Ana Garcia-Hernandez, and Janina Steinert)

8. "When Kids Teach Parents: Impact of Environmental Education on Household Behaviors" with (Shubhro Bhattacharya, Sara M. Constantino, Nirajana Mishra, Shwetlena Sabarwal, Dighbijoy Samaddar, and Raisa Sherif)
7. "Sorting it Out: Contribution-Action Gap in Waste Segregation in Urban India" with (Ahana Basistha, and Raisa Sherif)
6. "Shaping Future Success: Evidence from an Early Childhood Human Capital Formation Intervention" with (Lindsey Lacey, Rachel Cohen, Natasha Jha, Shwetlena Sabarwal, and Deepak Saraswat)
5. "Can 'Guilt' Change Police Attitude towards Gender-Based Violence?" with (Sofia Amaral, Kimberly Chaney, Victoria Endl-Geyer, and Abhilasha Sahay)
4. "Minimum Scholastic Standards and Student Outcomes: Role of Support Services" with (Stephen Ross, and Deepak Saraswat)
3. "Understanding Behavioral Barriers to Demand for Domestic Violence Services" with (Sofia Amaral, Lindsey Buck, and Maria Micaela Sviatschi)
2. "Education Policies and Practices: What have we Learnt so Far and the Road Ahead?" with (Priyaranjan Jha), IZA Discussion Paper No. 6614
1. "Political Change and Crime Reduction in Bihar" with (Oliver Vanden Eynde, Chinmaya Kumar, and Clement Imbert)

Selected Works in Progress

6. "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, Maha Rehman, Manvendra Singh, Ephraim Sutherland, Shana Warren)
5. "Shaping Future Success: Evidence from an Early Childhood Human Capital Formation Intervention" with (Lindsey Buck, Rachel Cohen, Natasha Jha, Shwetlena Sabarwal, and Deepak Saraswat)
4. "Building Entrepreneurial Mindsets: Evidence from a Large-Scale Educational Intervention in India" with (Sofia Amaral, Aakash Bhalothia, Ritam Chaurey, Isis Gaddis, Gaurav Khanna, Samreen Malik, Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, and Raghav Rakesh)
3. "Cultivating Curiosity in Science Education: Lessons from a Teacher Training Program" with (Ariel Gomez, Vinay Jha, Sandeep Kumar, Santosh Gautam, and Soham Sahoo)
2. "Debiasing Law Enforcement Officers: Evidence from an Expressive Arts Intervention in India" with (Sofia Amaral, Girija Borker, and Maria Micaela Sviatschi)
1. "Duty of Care: The Impact of Mental Health Interventions on Police Well-being and Performance" with (Sofia Amaral, Shubhro Bhattacharya, Lelys Dinarte, and Gorthi Shanmukha Vishnu)

Invited Columns and Policy Briefs

22. "How police patrols reduced severe street harassment in India", *Ideas for India*, March 19, 2025
21. "Pedalling towards gender equality and empowerment", *VoxDev*, March 14, 2025
20. "Pedalling towards gender equality and empowerment", *Ideas for India*, March 7, 2025
19. "Mind matters: How destigmatisation drives help-seeking in Nepal", *Ideas for India*, January 10, 2025
18. "How police patrols reduced severe street harassment in India", *VoxDev*, November 26, 2024
17. "Do quotas in public sector employment for disadvantaged groups enhance their welfare?", *Ideas for India*, Vol. 154, January 2022
16. "How dowry influences household decisions in rural India", *Ideas for India*, July 1, 2021
15. "The evolution of dowry in rural India: 1960-2008", *Ideas for India*, July 1, 2021
14. "How dowry influences household decisions in rural India", *World Bank Blogs*, June 30, 2021
13. "The evolution of dowry in rural India: 1960-2008", *World Bank Blogs*, June 30, 2021
12. "When Criminality Begets Crime: The Role of Elected Politicians", *Ideas for India*, March 19, 2021
11. "Cycling to School: Increasing Secondary School Enrollment for Girls in India", *Gender Action Portal, Harvard Kennedy School*, November 24, 2020
10. "Science in High School? College and Job Outcomes", *Ideas for India*, June 24, 2020

9. "Political decentralization, female leadership, and health in rural Bihar", *Ideas for India*, August 23, 2017
8. "Criminally Accused Politicians and Economic Outcomes", *Ideas for India*, January 15, 2016
7. "Bihar's Alcohol Ban: Prudent Policy or Tail-Chasing?", *Ideas for India*, December 21, 2015
6. "The Economic Consequences of Accused Politicians in India", *VoxEU.org*, December 17, 2015
5. "Does it pay to speak English in India?", *Ideas for India*, September 20, 2013
4. "Political Reservation in India: The Effect on Poverty", *Ideas for India*, December 10, 2012
3. "Education in Bihar: Still a Long Road Ahead", *Ideas for India*, September 7, 2012
2. "The Redistributive Effects of Political Reservation for Minorities in India", *VoxEU.org*, July 21, 2012
1. "English Skills Raise Wages for some, not all, in India", *VoxEU.org*, May 26, 2010.

Teaching

Northeastern University

1. M.A. Classes: Economic Analysis for Policy and Planning, Designing Global Economic and Social Policy
2. B.A. Classes: Development Economics

University of Connecticut

1. Ph.D. Classes: Economic Development: Microeconomic Issues
2. 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

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

Advising

Ph.D. Advising as Chair/Co-Chair (Initial Placement)

2. Deepak Saraswat, University of Connecticut, 2022 (*Meta Platforms, Inc.*)
1. Sungoh Kwon, University of Connecticut, 2018 (*Korea Institute of Public Finance*)

Ph.D. Advising as an Associate Advisor (with initial placement)

10. Ashutosh Bhuradia, Harvard University (*ongoing*)
9. Natasha Jha, Cornell University, 2023 (*Postdoctoral Associate, University of Notre Dame*)
8. Nitin Bharti, Paris School of Economics, 2022 (*Postdoctoral Associate, New York University, Abu Dhabi*)
7. Anjali Verma, The University of Texas at Austin, 2022 (*Amazon Inc.*)
6. Patralekha Ukil, University of Connecticut, 2020 (*San Jose State University*)
5. Mahesh Dahal, University of Connecticut, 2019 (*The World Bank*)
4. Robert Szarka, University of Connecticut, 2017 (*University of Kansas*)
3. Zheng Xu, University of Connecticut, 2015 (*Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard Center for Green Buildings and Cities, Harvard University*)
2. Elizabeth Kaletski, University of Connecticut, 2014 (*Ithaca College*)
1. Archita Banik, University of Connecticut, 2013 (*Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania*)

B.A. (Honors) Advising

5. Michaela Flynn, University of Connecticut, 2021
4. Matthew Hopkinson, University of Connecticut, 2020

3. Karl Reynado, University of Connecticut, 2019
2. Tasneem Ahmed, University of Connecticut, 2017
1. Gregory D. Keiser, University of Connecticut, 2013

External Examiner to Ph.D. Dissertation/Thesis Committees

8. Rolly Kukreja, Indian Statistical Institute, 2022
7. Komal Sahai, Indian Statistical Institute, 2021
6. Tanmay Bagade, The University of Newcastle, 2021
5. Dimple Kukreja, Toulouse School of Economics, 2019
4. Ishwarya B, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, 2017
3. Esther Mumbi Kimani, University of Cape Town, 2016
2. Shreyasee Das, University of Houston, 2012
1. Satadru Mukherjee, University of Houston, 2012

Research Assistants/Advisees/Mentees Placement

37. Dibyajyoti Basak, 2025 (*Master of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame*)
36. Aahana Anand, 2024 (*B.A. Program, Ohio State University*)
35. Shubhro Bhattacharya, 2024 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, University of California San Diego*)
34. Shanmukha Vishnu Gorthi, 2024 (*M-DPhil Program, Department of Economics, Oxford University*)
33. Satadru Bhattacharyya, 2024 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut*)
32. Neil Jacob Oommen, 2024 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, Northeastern University*)
31. Shuyi Bian, 2023 (*M.A. in International and Development Economics, Yale University*)
30. Viha Kedia, 2023 (*B.A. Program, University of Pennsylvania*)
29. Aaron Liebskind, 2023 (*B.A. Program, Cornell University*)
28. Mridul Mishra, 2023 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, The University of Texas at Austin*)
27. Nikhilesh Prakash, 2022 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, Stockholm School of Economics*)
26. Kunal Garg, 2022 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, Texas A & M University*)
25. Aditi Priya, 2022 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Sociology, Brown University*)
24. Yumeng Shao, 2022 (*M.A. Economics Program, Duke University*)
23. Prasad Gosavi, 2022 (*University of Connecticut School of Law*)
22. Jack Bergantino, 2022 (*Duke University School of Law*)
21. Akshat Juneja, 2022 (*B.A. Program, University of Pennsylvania*)
20. Nishant Kumar Tiwary, 2021 (*MPA-ID Program, Harvard Kennedy School*)
19. Tasneem Ahmed, 2021 (*MPP Program, Harvard Kennedy School*)
18. Reetika Sindhi, 2021 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, University in California, Santa Barbara*)
17. Hector Reyes, 2021 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, Stanford University*)
16. Aishwarya Kekre, 2021 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, University of Virginia*)
15. Emma Foster, 2021 (*Ph.D. Program, Counseling Psychology, University of Utah*)
14. Asmi Khushi, 2021 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, University of Michigan*)
13. Angela Bartucca, 2020 (*Suffolk Law School*)
12. Merlin Stein, 2020 (*M.S. in Economics for Development, University of Oxford*)
11. Sanjana Ghosh, 2020 (*Ph.D. Program, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University*)
10. Anirban Chattopadhyaya, 2019 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, University of Virginia*)

9. Raghav Rakesh, 2018 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, Michigan State University*)
8. Natasha Jha, 2018 (*Ph.D. Program, Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University*)
7. Revathy Surya Narayana, 2018 (*Ph.D. Program, Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University*)
6. Chinmaya Kumar, 2017 (*Ph.D. Program, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago*)
5. Maxwell Aliapoulos, 2016 (*M.S. Tandon School of Engineering, New York University*)
4. Nitin Bharti, 2016 (*M.A. in Public Policy and Development, Paris School of Economics*)
3. Lilian Cheung, 2014 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, North Carolina State University*)
2. Bhanu Gupta, 2014 (*Ph.D. Program, Department of Economics, University of Michigan*)
1. Alejandro Perez-Segura, 2014 (*Research Assistant, Federal Reserve Board*)

Awards, Fellowships and Honors

25. World Bank Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2024
24. Keynote Speaker at 2024 KDIS-WB DIME 5th Development Impact Conference, November 14 – 15, 2024
23. 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
22. Keynote Speaker at Research Scholars' Day, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, January 23 – 24, 2024
21. Keynote Speaker at Annual Research Symposium on Finance and Economics, KREA University, June 17, 2022
20. Keynote Speaker at 'Mind over Matter', Department of Economics, Aryabhata College, University of Delhi, February 25, 2022
19. TEDxUConn Speaker, November 14, 2021
18. Commendation from President of the University of Connecticut for creating and founding of the Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics (AMIE), 2021
17. World Bank Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2020
16. Provost's Teaching Commendation, University of Connecticut, March, 2020
15. Provost's Teaching Commendation, University of Connecticut, February, 2019
14. World Bank Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2018
13. Grillo Family Faculty Award for Excellence in Research, University of Connecticut, 2017
12. Grillo Family Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Connecticut, 2016
11. Human Rights Institute Faculty Fellowship, University of Connecticut, 2016
10. Sandra and Evan Roklen Fund Award, University of Connecticut, 2016
9. Sandra and Evan Roklen Fund Award, University of Connecticut, 2015
8. Provost's Teaching Commendation, University of Connecticut, January, 2015
7. 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
6. Selected with fellowship to attend International Conference on Freedom, Development and Welfare (in honor of Prof. Amartya Sen), Delhi, 2008
5. Primeaux Scholarship Endowment, University of Houston, 2008
4. Selected with fellowship to participate in Price Theory Summer Camp, University of Chicago, 2007
3. Jhamandas Watulmull Fund Scholarship, University of Houston, 2004
2. Cullen Supplemental Fellowship, University of Houston, 2003 – 2005
1. Graduate Assistant Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston, 2003 – 2008

Research Grants Received (≈ \$5.5 Million)

53. Knowledge for Change, "Evaluating interventions to ensure women's safety in public transport: Experimental Evidence from training service providers in Bangladesh and Tanzania", 2024–2026 (\$100,000)
52. 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)
51. 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)
50. 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)
49. J-PAL's Learning for All Initiative, "Science on the Move: How Mobile Pedagogy Shapes Human Capital?", 2024–2026 (\$73,150)
48. J-PAL's Learning for All Initiative, "Shaping Minds: The Transformative Effects of Theater-Based Learning", 2024–2026 (\$104,605)
47. J-PAL's Learning for All Initiative, "Cultivating Curiosity in Science Education: Lessons from a Teacher Training Program", 2024–2026 (\$81,690)
46. 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)
45. 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)
44. Fund for Innovation in Development (FID), "Debiasing Law Enforcement Officers: Evidence from an Expressive Arts Intervention in India", 2022–2024 (€220,000)
43. The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), "Building Back Better Education Systems in Bangladesh: Adolescent Mental Health Component", 2021–2023 (£670,000)
42. J-PAL Crime and Violence Initiative, "Debiasing Law Enforcement Officers: Evidence from an Expressive Arts Intervention in India", 2022–2023 (\$99,999)
41. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, "Increasing Vaccine Uptake and NORMalising Mask-Wearing in Rural Bihar", 2021–2022 (\$370,000)
40. J-PAL Gender and Economic Agency Initiative, "Debiasing Law Enforcement Officers: Evidence from an Expressive Arts Intervention in India", 2021–2022 (\$50,000)
39. University of Connecticut (CLAS Summer Funding), "Can 'Guilt' Change Police Attitude towards Gender-Based Violence?", 2021–2021 (\$20,000)
38. University of Connecticut (Scholarship Facilitation Fund), "Understanding Behavioral Barriers to Demand for Domestic Violence Service", 2021–2022 (\$2,000)
37. The World Bank, "Understanding Behavioral Barriers to Demand for Mental Health Services", 2019–2022 (\$300,000)
36. Princeton University, "Understanding Behavioral Barriers to Demand for Domestic Violence Service", 2020–2021 (\$81,000)
35. The World Bank, "Street Police Patrols and Violence Against Women in Public Spaces: Experimental Evidence from India", 2020–2021 (\$30,000)
34. 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)
33. ifo Institute, "Debiasing Law Enforcement Officers: Evidence from an Expressive Arts Intervention in India", 2019–2020 (\$55,000)
32. The World Bank, "Street Police Patrols and Violence Against Women in Public Spaces: Experimental Evidence from India", 2019–2021 (\$30,000)
31. J-PAL Crime and Violence Initiative, "Street Police Patrols and Violence Against Women in Public Spaces: Experimental Evidence from India", 2019–2020 (\$45,019)
30. Centre for Catalyzing Change, "Debiasing Law Enforcement Officers: Evidence from an Expressive Arts Intervention in India", 2019–2020 (\$75,500)
29. The World Bank–Early Learning Partnership Trust Fund, "Access and Quality of Early Learning Services in Nepal", 2019–2022 (\$210,000)

28. The World Bank, "*Street Police Patrols and Violence Against Women in Public Spaces: Experimental Evidence from India*", 2019–2020 (\$175,000)
27. J-PAL Crime and Violence Initiative, "*Street Police Patrols and Violence Against Women in Public Spaces: Experimental Evidence from India*", 2019–2020 (\$70,126)
26. 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)
25. J-PAL Post Primary Education Initiative, "*Wheels of Change: The Role of Community in Girls Education*", 2019–2020 (\$9,998)
24. 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)
23. 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)
22. The World Bank, "*Street Police Patrols and Violence Against Women in Public Spaces: Experimental Evidence from India*", 2019–2020 (\$29,943)
21. Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut, "*Street Police Patrols and Violence Against Women in Public Spaces: Experimental Evidence from India*", 2019–2020 (\$10,000)
20. University of Connecticut (Research Excellence Program), "*Social Ties and Bureaucratic Corruption*", 2018–2020 (\$48,026.09)
19. World Bicycle Relief, "*Wheels of Change: Transforming Girl's Lives with Bicycles*", 2018–2019 (\$181,000)
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17. World Bicycle Relief/UBS-Optimus Foundation, "*Wheels of Change: Transforming Girl's Lives with Bicycles*", 2016–2018 (\$380,000)
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9. International Growth Center–India, Bihar Country Programme, "*Political Change and Crime Reduction in Bihar*", 2013–2014 (£41,473)
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5. Economic and Social Rights Group (ESRG) Summer Funding Award, University of Connecticut, May, 2012 (\$2,000)
4. University of Connecticut New Faculty Research Grant, 2012 (\$25,000)
3. International Growth Center–India, Bihar Country Programme (CPR-INB-HUM-2011-CPP-34005), "*Women Reservation in Bihar and Children's Health Outcomes*", 2011–2012 (£10,000)
2. International Growth Center–India, Bihar Country Programme (CPR-INB-HUM-2011-CPP-34006), "*Cycling to School: Increasing High School Enrollment for Girls in Bihar*", 2011–2012 (£24,856)
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44. [Interview on "Violence Against Women with UN Women India" with Ameya Nagarajan, Hear Me Too, Express Audio in collaboration with UN Women](#), **The Indian Express**, November 6, 2018
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41. [Cycling to success: A road to empowerment for rural girls in India](#), **Education Plus Development, Brookings**, July 27, 2017
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37. [How Criminal Politicians Actually Take The Lights Out of A Town](#), **Swarajya**, September 14, 2016
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34. [Pedal power: how bicycles are changing what it means to be a girl in India](#), **The Guardian**, April 6, 2016
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29. [Positive bias: A deep impact](#), **The Statesman**, September 17, 2015
28. [Do reservations help? Through kneejerk extensions of quotas politicians achieve the opposite of stated aims](#), **The Times of India**, September 3, 2015
27. [Affirmative Action in India: Is Backward the new Forward?](#), **Development in Action**, June 16, 2015
26. [Triple Differencing Bikes in India](#), **Marginal Revolution**, May 23, 2015
25. [The Role of Constitutions on Poverty: A Cross-National Investigation](#), **National Affairs**, March 16, 2015
24. [Echoes from the European Summer Symposium in Labor Economics](#), **An Economist's Journey**, January 26, 2015
23. [Girls On Bicycles Flying Towards A Better Life In Bihar](#), **GIRL YOU CAN BLOG**, January, 2015
22. [Give girls a bicycle](#), **Economic Logic**, October 29, 2013
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20. [It works better in kind](#), **The Hindu**, September 30, 2013
19. [London School of Economics hails Bihar's bicycle policy](#), **The Times of India**, September 24, 2013
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12. [Can Free Bikes Close the Education Gender Gap in India?](#), **India at LSE**, August 10, 2012

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10. [Give Incentives to Improve Education Quality in State: Report](#), *The Times of India*, June 25, 2012
9. [The Bike Path to Secondary Education](#), *UConn Today*, May 14, 2012
8. [A Tool to Educate Girls in Poor Countries: BICYCLES](#), *Xavier Sala-i-Martin's Blog*, March 23, 2012
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2. [Indian? Want to prosper? Learn English](#), *Financial Times Blog*, March 30, 2010
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Presentations

Invited Seminars and Presentations

- 2025:** Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal; Ambedkar University Delhi; University of Notre Dame; John Hopkins University (SAIS); Binghamton University; Indian Institute of Technology (Patna)
- 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); University of Connecticut; KDI School of Public Policy and Management; Shiv Nadar University; Bennett University
- 2023:** Harvard University (Stone Inequality & Social Policy Seminar); Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi; Hansraj College (Faculty Development Program); Christ University
- 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; University of 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 (CReAM); 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

2025: NBER Summer Institute Children and Families

2024: Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics–The Great Incoherence: Growth and Human Development in An Era of Stagnation (Invited); 19th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development

2023: American Economic Association Meetings 2023 (x2); Second Economic Ph.D Alumni Conference, University of Houston; NBER Summer Institute (Crime); India Conference, Cornell University; North East Universities Development Consortium Conference–Harvard Kennedy School (and Discussant)

2022: NBER 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 Children Program Meeting; IEA World Congress, Bali; North East 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; North East Universities Development Consortium Conference–Dartmouth College (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; North East 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; North-east 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; North East Universities Development Consortium Conference–Harvard University (and Discussant); NBER 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

Conferences and Workshops Participation

2025: NBER Education Program Meeting (Spring)

2024: NBER Education Program Meeting (Spring); NBER Summer Institute Workshop on the Economics of Education; NBER Summer Institute Development Economics Workshop

2023: NBER Education Program Meeting (Spring); NBER Summer Institute Development Economics Workshop; NBER Summer Institute Workshop on the Economics of Education; NBER Education Program Meeting (Fall); NBER Development Economics/BREAD Program Meeting

2022: NBER Summer Institute Development Economics Workshop; NBER Summer Institute Workshop on the Economics of Education

2021: NBER Education Program Meeting (Spring); 41st BREAD Virtual Conference on Development Economics; NBER Summer Institute Development Economics Workshop; NBER Summer Institute Workshop on the Economics of Education; CEPR/LEAP Workshop in Development Economics; NBER Development Economics/BREAD Fall Program Meeting; NBER Education Program Meeting

- 2020:** 5th IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education; NBER Development Program Meeting; NBER Education Program Meeting; NBER Summer Institute Development Economics Workshop; NBER Summer Institute Workshop on the Economics of Education
- 2019:** NBER Education Program Meeting
- 2018:** NBER Childrens and Economics of Education Program Meetings; NBER Summer Institute Development Economics Workshop; NBER Summer Institute workshop on the Economics of Education; NBER Education Program Meetings; NBER Development Program Meeting
- 2017:** NBER Education Program and Childrens Program Meetings; NBER Summer Institute workshop on the Economics of Education; NBER 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 Development Program Meeting
- 2015:** NBER 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 Education Program Meeting
- 2013:** NBER Insurance Project Workshop; NBER Universities Research Conference on "Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy"
- 2012:** North East Universities Development Consortium Conference-Dartmouth College; NBER Universities Research Conference on "Insurance Markets and Catastrophe Risk"
- 2004 – 2010:** Conference on Gender, Health and Economic Development, University of Houston (2010); Course on Microeconomics (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 (2004)

Professional Activities - Refereeing

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, 2024
Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Professional Services

Professional Services at Northeastern University

- 2024 – Present Member, CSSH Full Professor and Faculty Development Advisory Committee
- 2024 – Present Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs
- 2023 – Present Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs
- 2023 – Present Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, Department of Economics
- 2023 – Present Member, College of Social Sciences and Humanities Research Working Group
- 2023 – Present Member, Ph.D. Program Committee, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs
- 2023 – Present Member, Ph.D. Admissions Committee, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs
- 2023 – Present Member, External Review Committee, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs
- 2023 – Present Co-organizer, Policy Impact Seminar

Professional Services at University of Connecticut

2020 – 2023	Member, UConn CLAS Career Ambassadors
2020 – 2023	Member, Academic Affairs Partnership Committee, Department of Economics
2018 – 2023	Member, Faculty Affairs Committee, Department of Economics
2018 – 2023	Member, Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Economics
2012 – 2023	Member, Gladstein Committee, Human Rights Institute,
2018 – 2019	Member, External Department Review Committee, Department of Economics
2016 – 2023	Co-organizer, Political Economy Workshop, Department of Political Science
2013 – 2018	Third Year Paper Coordinator, Department of Economics
2012 – 2018	Member, Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Economics
2012 – 2013	Member, Development Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics
2012 – 2013	Member, Health Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics
2012 – 2013	Organizer, Monday Seminar Series, Human Rights Institute
2011 – 2012	Co-organizer, Seminar Series, Department of Economics
2012 – 2013	Co-organizer, Brownbag Seminar Series, Department of Economics

Professional Services at Ohio University

2008 – 2009	Co-organizer, Seminar Series, Department of Economics
2008 – 2009	Judge, Student Research Expo, Ohio University

Leadership Experiences

7. Co-organizer (with Silvia Prina), *Northeastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC)*, Northeastern University, November 2 – 3, 2024
6. Co-organizer (with Priya Mukherjee), *AMIE's 3rd Workshop in Applied Microeconomics*, April 26, 2024
5. Co-organizer (with Larissa Zierow), *Venice Summer Institute: Economics of Education and Equality of Opportunity*, June 29 – 30, 2022
4. Co-organizer (with Ama Baafra Abeberese, Felipe Barrera-Orsorio, Peter Quartermaine Blair, Teevrat Garg, and Priya Mukherjee), *AMIE's 1st Workshop in Applied Microeconomics*, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022
3. Co-organizer (with Josh Dean & Gabriel Kreindler), *Pre-NBER Development Economics Meeting*, Boston, July 20 – 21, 2020
2. Co-organizer (with Duncan Thomas & Gautam Rao), *Pre-NBER Development Economics Conference*, Boston, November 30 – December 1, 2018
1. Organizer, *New Frontiers in Development Economics Conference*, University of Connecticut, October 6 – 7, 2017

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