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Academic

Postdoctoral Fellow, present

Appointments

Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology

Education

PhD, Political Science, 2023

New York University, New York

MA, Political Science, 2019 New York University, New York

MA (Honours), Political Science, 2012 University of Mumbai, Mumbai (India)

BSc, Economics, 2010

University of Cologne, Cologne (Germany)

Research Interests

Comparative Politics, Political Participation, Gender, Clientelism, India, Survey &

Mixed-Methods Research

Dissertation

"Why Women Vote: When and How Clientelism Closes the Gender Turnout Gap"

(Book Project)

Working Papers

"How Clientelist Party Mobilization Closes the Gender Turnout Gap: Theory and

Evidence from India" (JMP)

"Exclusion Before Elections: How Faulty Voter Lists Disenfranchise Women in India"

(under Review)

"Voting Her Mind or Voting with the Family? Investigating Women's Agency in Vote

Choice in India" (with Rahul Verma, CPR) (under Review)

Work in Progress

"Holding Up Half the Sky? The Influence of State Actors on Gender Norms in Rural

India" (with Anjali Thomas, Georgia Tech; Charles Hankla, Georgia State; Sayan

Banerjee, Texas Tech)

"Girl Revolution? The Effect of Girls' Empowerment Programs on Social Gender

Norms"

"Work and the Vote: Does Welfare Expansion Improve Turnout?" (with Varun

Karekurve-Ramachandra, USC)

"The Challenge of Measuring the Gender Turnout Gap"

Grants & Awards Best Talk from Ivan Allen College, Georgia Tech Postdoc Research Symposium, 2024

Torch Fellowship, NYU Graduate School of Arts & Science, 2021–2022 (\$30,000)

George Downs Summer Research Prize, NYU Wilf Family Department of Politics,

2020 (\$2,000)

Political Science Research Fellowship, NYU Abu Dhabi, 2019–2020 (\$28,146)

George Downs Summer Research Prize, NYU Wilf Family Department of Politics,

2019 (\$1,723.61)

Research Grant, NYU Center for Experimental Social Sciences, 2018 (\$1,653)

MacCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2016–2021

Teaching

Government and Politics of South Asia, Spring 2025

Global Development Capstone, Spring 2025

Introduction to Research Methods for Political Science (TA), Spring 2021

Thinking, Learning & Consciousness in Humans & Machines (TA), Fall 2020

Introduction to International Politics (TA), Fall 2018

Field Research

February 2024–March 2024: Delhi, India

December 2021-February 2022: Uttar Pradesh, India

January 2020-March 2020: Delhi & Bihar, India

September 2019: Delhi, India

Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (SoWEPS): 2024

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2019, 2024

European Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2024, 25

South East Exchange of Development Studies (SEEDS): 2025

UC Berkeley CCI Annual Indian Politics Workshop: 2021

Languages

English (native-level), German (native), Hindi (intermediate), French (basic)

Additional Skills R, Stata, Qualtrics, zTree, LATEX