

# PIYUSH GANDHI

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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- University of California, Santa Cruz (2021-present): PhD, Economics
- University of Oxford (2017-2019): MPhil, Economics
  - MPhil Thesis - 'Banking the Unbanked: Explaining Financial Inclusion in India'
- University of Delhi (2014-2017): B.A. (Hons) Economics
  - Secured First Division

## EMPLOYMENT

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- Good Business Lab, India  
2019- 2021: Senior Research Associate for Prof. Achyuta Adhvaryu and Prof. Anant Nyshadham

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

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- "Extinguishing the Blaze: Impact of Crop Residue Management on Stubble Burning in India" (on-going RCT in India).
- "Credit access and firm pollution in India" with Patrick Behrer and Teevrat Garg (on-going analysis).
- "Evaluating Tools for Adaptation Strategies and Cost-Benefit Assessment of Coastal Climate Solutions in California" with Galina Hale, Borja Gonzalez Reguero and Drishan Banerjee (on-going analysis).
- "Worker Voice: Evidence from Manufacturing in India" with Achyuta Adhvaryu, Anant Nyshadham, Teresa Molina and Smit Gade (on-going RCT in India).
- "Banking The Unbanked: Explaining Financial Inclusion in India" (MPhil Thesis, Oxford University)

## RESEARCH GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2025 Center for Coastal Climate Resilience Fellowship (\$32,430)
- 2025 Agricultural Experiment Station Fellowship (\$6,000)
- 2024 CEGA Development Economics Challenge (\$18,350)
- 2024 Dissertation Research Grants, University of California, Santa Cruz (\$4,650)
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- 2023 Blum Scholar Grant (\$4,000)
  - 2023 Dissertation Research Grants, University of California, Santa Cruz (\$4,850)
  - 2023 PEDL Exploratory Research Grants (£22,450)
  - 2022 ATAI Travel/ Proposal Development Grant (\$5,520)
  - 2022 Dissertation Research Grants, University of California, Santa Cruz (\$4,535)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 LAERE Conference (Bogota, Colombia)
- 2025 Best Presentation in Grad Slam, UCSC (Social Sciences Division)
- 2024 Best Presentation in Graduate Symposium, UCSC (Social Sciences Division)
- 2023 Eileen Brooks Award for Best Second Year Paper, UCSC
- 2023 UC Berkeley Summer School in Environmental and Energy Economics
- 2019 “Global Metropolis” conference, Pantheon- Sorbonne University, Paris, France.
- 2018 “Future of Work” conference, University of Helsinki, Finland
- 2018 World Youth Forum, Egypt.
- 2018 National Institute of Public Finance and Policy Annual Conference, New Delhi

### OTHER EMPLOYMENT, RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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- Summer 2024 University of California Santa Cruz, Research Assistant for Prof. Ariel Zucker
- Winter 2023 Best Teaching Assistant Award, UCSC
- Summer 2023 Consultant, The World Bank (DEC-Sustainability & Infrastructure)
- Summer 2022 Consultant, The World Bank (DEC-Sustainability & Infrastructure)
- Summer 2022 University of California Santa Cruz, Research Assistant for Prof. Ariel Zucker
- Summer 2018 Summer Intern, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy

## PUBLICATIONS

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- “Impact of Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers on Gender Equality in India: An Empirical Study”  
with Lekha Chakraborty and Janet Stotsky- McGill University: <http://grow.research.mcgill.ca/working-papers/>
- “Breaking the shackles of Financial Deprivation” with Lekha Chakraborty  
Featured in October 2018 in Yojana- a development journal published by Government of India.

## CODING SKILLS

- Stata, R, Python, MS Excel, SurveyCTO

## LANGUAGES

- Hindi (Native), English (Advanced), Punjabi (Advanced)