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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Health Policy (Economics), University of California, Berkeley

2024

2012

Committee: William Dow (chair), Lia Fernald, Edward Miguel, Arun Chandrasekhar

**Dissertation title**: Maternal health decision-making in multigenerational households: Evidence from field experiments in India

Master's in Public Policy (MPP), Georgetown University, Washington DC 2016

BA Economics, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, New Delhi, India

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Jamie Johnston, **Pooja Suri**, Shirley Yan, Adithi Chandrasekhar, Saumya Singla, Victoria C Ward, and Seema Murthy. Impact of a mobile messaging service for families on postnatal care knowledge and practices: Evidence from a cluster randomized trial in India *Bulletin for the WHO* (2025), ID: BLT.24.292145

Maya Adam, Jamie Johnston, Nophiwe Job, Mithilesh Dronavalli, Ingrid Le Roux, Nokwanele Mbewu, Neliswa Mkunqwana, Mark Tomlinson, Shannon A McMahon, Amnesty E LeFevre, Alain Vandormael, Kira-Leigh Kuhnert, **Pooja Suri**, Jennifer Gates, Bongekile Mabaso, Aarti Porwal, Charles Prober, and Till Bärnighausen. Evaluation of a community-based mobile video breastfeeding intervention in Khayelitsha, South Africa: The Philani MOVIE cluster-randomized controlled trial. *PLoS Medicine*, 18(9) (2021), e1003744.

## WORKING PAPERS

The role of the mother-in-law and social norms in the demand for maternal health services: Evidence from a field experiment in India (with Anushka Chawla). Job Market Paper

Investigating the role of family caregivers in postnatal care: Evidence from mother-caregiver dyads in India (with Shirley Yan, Seema Murthy, Sahana SD, and Jamie Johnston) Conditionally accepted at *Plos One*.

Intergenerational Child Mortality Impacts of Deworming: Experimental Evidence from Two Decades of the Kenya Life Panel Survey (with Michael W Walker, Alice H Huang, Suleiman Asman, Sarah J Baird, Lia Fernald, Joan Hamory Hicks, Fernando Hoces de la Guardia, Satoshi Koiso, Michael Kremer, Matthew N Krupoff, Michelle Layvant, Eric Ochieng, and Edward Miguel.) NBER Working Paper No. 31162. Under Review at *AER Insights*.

# SELECT WORK IN PROGRESS

Examining increased father involvement in postnatal care using experimental data from India (with Gary Darmstadt and Jamie Johnston)

Machine learning for maternal health: predicting maternal mortality using administrative data from India (with Anushka Chawla and Jamie Johnston)

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Intergenerational Child Mortality Impacts of Deworming: Experimental Evidence from Two Decades of the Kenya Life Panel Survey, Research assistant for Prof. Edward Miguel 2020-2022

**Educate! Soft Skills and Entrepreneurship for Youth in Uganda**, Research assistant for Prof. Paul Gertler 2020-2021

When Less is More: Experimental Evidence on Information Delivery during India's Demonetization, Research assistant for Prof. Arun Chandrasekhar & Prof. Emily Breza 2016-2017

| TEACHING<br>EXPERIENCE  |  |                       |
|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|
|                         | Public Health Aspects of Maternal and Child Nutrition, UC Berkeley School of Public Health, graduate level. Teaching assistant for Prof. Lia Fernald Fall 2023 |                       |
|                         | <b>Advanced Regression Methods</b> , Georgetown University, graduate level. Teaching assistant for Prof. Paasha Mahdavi Spring 2016                            |                       |
|                         | <b>Macroeconomics</b> , Georgetown University, graduate level. Teaching assist Prof. Edward Montgomery   | tant for<br>Fall 2015 |
| AWARDS AND<br>GRANTS    | Stephen M. Shortell and Leonard D. Schaeffer Health Policy Fellowship<br>Aix-Marseille School of Economics Research Project Grant                              | 2022-2023             |
|                         | (with Anushka Chawla) (USD 33,000)   | 2021                  |
|                         | Schwartz-Efrusy-Levy Global Health Doctoral Fellowship   | 2021-2022             |
|                         | Weiss Fund Exploratory Travel Grant (USD 4,254)  | 2020                  |
|                         | Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study   | 2019-2021             |
|                         | Centene Corporation Scholarship (USD 12,000)   | 2019-2021             |
|                         | Georgetown University Summer Travel Grant (USD 5,000)  | 2015                  |
|                         | McCourt School of Public Policy Merit Scholarship  | 2014-2016             |
| CONFEDENCE              | Amorina Conista of Houlds Francount (ACHERON) Conforma   | 2024                  |
| CONFERENCE<br>PRESENTA- | American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) Conference   | 2024                  |
| TIONS                   | UC Berkeley Development Economics Lunch Seminar Series<br>Stanford Center for Innovation in Global Health  | 2024 $2022$           |
| 110110                  | Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute  | 2022                  |
|                         | Stanford Francisco and Chief Francisco 100500001 Institute   | 2021                  |

Effectiveness of Community Based Targeting under the Second Northern Uganda Social Action Fund (NUSAF2), Research assistant for Prof. Andrew

2014-2016

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

Abstract Reviewer, International Maternal Newborn Health Conference 2023 Executive Committee, Division of Health Policy, UC Berkeley 2022-2023 Graduate Admissions Committee, Division of Health Policy, UC Berkeley 2022 Undergraduate Student Mentor, Social Sciences Research Pathways 2021-2022 Member, American Economic Association (AEA) Member, American Society for Health Economists (ASHEcon)

### **OTHER**

Languages: English (native), Hindi (native), French (conversational), Spanish (basic) Programming: Stata, R, LaTeX, GitHub

Citizenship: India (with work authorization in the United States)

## REFERENCES

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