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Education

University of California, San Diego

2021–Present

P.h.D. in Economics (GPA: 3.97)

University of California, Berkeley

2015–2019

B.A. Economics (*Magna Cum Laude*), B.A. Computer Science
Honors: Dean's list, Upsilon Pi Epsilon (Top third CS majors)

Selected Work in Progress

Labor Market Consequences of Marriage Migration in India

Using confidential census data and a general equilibrium spatial model, I show how marriage norms in India affect female labor force participation

The long-term impact of entrepreneurship skills training for high school students

with Sofia Amaral, Ritam Chaurey, Isis Gaddis, Gaurav Khanna, Samreen Malik,
Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, Nishith Prakash, and Raghav Rakesh

Research Experience

UC San Diego

Jan 2023–Jun 2023

Research Assistant for Paul Niehaus

Responsibilities:

Project development; literature reviews; project management

Yale University

Jul 2020–Jul 2021

Economic Growth Center, Predoctoral Fellow for Rohini Pande

Responsibilities:

Data cleaning and analysis for RCTs for increasing financial inclusion and labor force participation of rural women in India; analyzing government admin data to generate facts about FLFP in India;
Develop tools for efficient field data collection and monitoring

UC Berkeley

May 2018–May 2019

Research Assistant for Edward Miguel

Responsibilities:

Data cleaning and analysis for large-scale cash transfers RCT in Kenya; spatial econometrics

Research Honors, Awards, and Grants

Weiss Family Program Fund (with Riccardo Di Cato)	2023
UCSD 21 Century India Center Travel Grant (with Riccardo Di Cato)	2023
Economics Department Travel Grant, UC San Diego	2023
Program of Indian Economy Summer Funding, UC San Diego	2022, 2023
Summer Research Fellowship, UC San Diego	2022, 2023
Regents Fellowship, UC San Diego	2021
High Honors in Economics, UC Berkeley	2019

Volunteer & Leadership Experience

Host of the Economics Backstory Podcast at UCSD	2023
Interviewed development seminar speakers to learn about the backstory of the paper and learn about their research process	
UCSD GPSA Representative: Economics Department	2022-2023
Berkeley India Conference	2017-2018
Organized the inaugural UC Berkeley student conference on development issues in India Interviews with Finance Minister of India, Former RBI Governors, several other policy makers Raised \$55,000 through corporate sponsorships and grants	
Berkeley Group: Pro Bono Consulting for Non-Profits	2015-2019
Vice President of Club Development (Spring 2019) Project Leader to help the Berkeley Adult School increase enrollment and improve outcomes for students (Spring 2018)	

Referee Service

Journal of Development Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change,
Economics of Education Review, Economics Modelling

Teaching Experience

University of California, San Diego
Teaching Assistant - GPCO462 Public Policy Capstone (Winter 2023, Winter 2024)
Teaching Assistant - ECON 130 Public Policy (Fall 2023)
Teaching Assistant - ECON168 Economics of Modern Israel (Fall 2022)
University of California, Berkeley
Teaching Assistant - Data Science100 Intermediate Data Science (Spring 2018, Fall 2019)

Technical Skills

Python, Stata, R, SQL, \LaTeX - *Advanced*
Matlab, Java - *Basic*

Professional Experience

Research Associate, NERA Economic Consulting

Jul 2019–Jul 2020

Software Engineering Intern, NVIDIA

May 2017–Aug 2017

Languages

Hindi, English - *Native*

Last updated: February 26, 2024