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Education

University of California, San Diego

2021–Present

P.h.D. in Economics

Advisors: Karthik Muralidharan, Paul Niehaus

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

Can media coverage of a sexual harassment workplace culture increase labor costs?

How does reading news coverage of past sexual harassment culture at a firm affect prospective job applications and wage premiums

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

with Sofia Amaral, Ritam Chaurey, Gaurav Khanna, Samreen Malik, Nishith Prakash

Research Experience

UC San Diego

Jan 2023–Present

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

Referee Service

Economics of Education Review

Teaching Experience

University of California, San Diego

Teaching Assistant - GPCO462 Public Policy Capstone (Winter 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*

Volunteer & Leadership Experience

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)

Professional Experience

Research Associate, NERA Economic Consulting

Jul 2019–Jul 2020

Software Engineering Intern, NVIDIA

May 2017–Aug 2017

Languages

Hindi - *First language*

English - *Fluent*