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EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D., Public Policy (Economics Track)

Primary Fields: Development Economics, Labor Economics

James M. and Cathleen D. Stone PhD Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration

Cambridge, MA

August 2023 – Present

Princeton University

Masters in Public Administration (Economics)

Princeton, NJ

2018 – 2020

Cornell University

B.A. in Economics and Political Science

Ithaca, NY

2012 – 2016

PUBLICATIONS

- “In-group bias in the Indian judiciary: Evidence from 5 million criminal cases”
With Elliott Ash, Sam Asher, Sandeep Bhupatiraju, Daniel Chen, Tanaya Devi, Christoph Goessmann, Paul Novosad and Bilal Siddiqi. The Review of Economics and Statistics, 2025. [Link](#).
- “Excess mortality in India from June 2020 to June 2021 during the COVID pandemic: Death registration, health facility deaths, and survey data”
With Yashwant Deshmukh, Wilson Suraweera, Chinmay Tumbe, Sankalp Sharma, Paul Novosad, Sze Hang Fu, Leslie Newcombe, Hellen Gelband, Patrick Brown and Prabhat Jha. Science, 2022: [Link](#)
- “English proficiency, Gender and the Occupations of childhood immigrants in the US”
With Alicia Adsera. Journal of Labor Research, 2022: [Link](#)

WORKING PAPERS

- “The Power of Norms: Rural Electrification and Female Labor in India”
Working paper, 2025. *Submitted*.
- “Cultural Capital and Access to Opportunity in India”
With Sam Asher, Vidisha Mehta, Paul Novosad, and Maurizio Bussolo. Working paper, 2025. [Link](#).
- “Intergenerational Educational Mobility in South Asia”
With Sam Asher, Jonah Rexner, Paul Novosad, and Maurizio Bussolo. Working paper, 2025. [Link](#).

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

Northeastern Universities Development Consortium. Northeastern University.	2024
Cornell Conference on Development Economics and Law. Cornell University.	2024
5th Society for Gender and Family Economics Meeting. Insper, Brazil.	2024
Pacific Conference for Development Economics. CEGA & University of San Francisco.	2022
Applied Development Economics Conference. Lahore School of Economics.	2021
Discrimination and Diversity Workshop. University of East Anglia.	2021
Winter School. Delhi School of Economics.	2020

RESEARCH GRANTS

JPAL Gender and Economic Agency Full RCT Grant (36,335 USD)	2025
HKS Women and Public Policy Program Summer Research Grant (7,000 USD)	2025
Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies Learning Grant (30,000 USD)	2024–2025
IHS Humane Studies Fellowship Grant (3000 USD)	2024–2025
Harvard Mind Brain Behavior Interdisciplinary Grant (10,000 USD)	2024–2025
Center for International Development GEM Incubation Fund: <i>With Eliana La Ferrara.</i>	2024–2025
Mittal Institute Faculty Climate Research Grant: <i>With Eliana La Ferrara.</i>	2024–2025
STEG Large Research Grant: <i>With Sam Asher, Rebecca Cai and Paul Novosad.</i>	2021–2023

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

- “Big, Open Data for Development: A Vision for India”
With Sam Asher Alison Campion, Tobias Lunt and Paul Novosad. India Policy Forum, 2021: [Link](#)
- “Expanding Opportunities: A Map for Equitable Growth in South Asia”
Joint work with the World Bank South Asia Chief Economist’s Office, 2023. [Link](#).
- “Effects of COVID-19 on Rural Households in India”
Joint work with ID Insight and the World Bank, 2020. [Link](#).

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewer: *The Review of Economics and Statistics*
PhD Student Ambassador: *The Center for International Development (Harvard Kennedy School)*
Mental Health Chair: *Kennedy School PhD Student Association*

AFFILIATIONS

PhD Affiliate: *Center for International Development at Harvard Kennedy; LEAP at Bocconi University*

TEACHING

DEV 102M: Using Analytical Frameworks for Smart Policy Design (<i>Graduate</i>)	Spring 2025
DEV 102M: Distinction in Student Teaching Award	Spring 2025

WORK EXPERIENCE

Development Data Lab, Washington DC & New Delhi (India) <i>India Director (2021–2023); Predoctoral Research Associate (2020–2021)</i>	2020–2023
Evidence Action, Washington DC <i>Beta Incubator: Graduate Summer Intern</i>	2019
J-PAL South Asia, Bhopal, New Delhi & Chennai (India) <i>Research Associate on education-focused Randomized Control Trials.</i>	2016–2018

OTHER

Citizenship: India. *Birthplace:* Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. *Languages:* English, Hindi, Bengali.
Interests: Hindustani Classical Music.