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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics , <i>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</i>	<i>May 2025 (expected)</i>
M.S. Economics , <i>Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur</i>	<i>2017</i>
B.S. Economics , <i>Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur</i>	<i>2016</i>

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Public Economics, Urban Economics

Secondary: Labor Economics, Political Economy

RESEARCH

Working Papers

- “Judicial Transparency and Criminal Justice”,
(with [Felipe Diaz](#) and [Anna Kyriazis](#))
- “Housing Demand, Cost-of-Living Inequality, and the Affordability Crisis”,
(with [David Albouy](#), [Gabriel Ehrlich](#), and [Yingyi Liu](#))
- “Labor Market Dynamics of New Mothers”,
(with [Mark Borgschulte](#) and [Rebecca Thornton](#))
- “Jurisdiction size, Political participation, and Competition”
- “Impact of weather extremes on Dairy Farming: Long-term evidence from California”,
(with [Deep Mukherjee](#)),
Revise & Resubmit, Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Works in Progress

- Municipal Annexations: Determinants and Consequences
- Fiscal Spillovers and Public Official Incentives, *with Anna Kyriazis, Felipe Diaz, Cameron Milani*
- The Heat of the Moment: Temperature’s Role in Shaping Classroom Dynamics, *with Wilfried Adohinzin, Aditi Arvind, and Mahounan Yedomiffi*

Publications

- “Assessing the linkage between dairy productivity growth and climatic variability: The case of New York State” with [Deep Mukherjee](#) (2018). *Open Agriculture*, 2018, 3(1), pp. 658-669.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

- Local Public Finance
- Economics of Labor Markets

University of Illinois
Fall 2021, Spring 2022
Fall 2020

Teaching Assistant

- Economic Statistics II
- Principles of Macroeconomics

University of Illinois
Spring 2019, 2020, 2021, Fall 2019
Fall 2018

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Special Sworn Status Researcher, United States Census Bureau	March 2022–present
Research Assistant to Prof. David Albouy	August 2019–July 2020, Summer 2022–present
Research Assistant to Prof. Alex Bartik	August 2022–August 2024
Research Assistant to Prof. Mark Borgschulte and Prof. Rebecca Thornton	Summer 2022, 2023
Research Assistant to Prof. Sanjay Singh	May–July 2014

AWARDS AND HONORS

Robert Willis Harbeson Memorial Dissertation Fellowship – University of Illinois	2022
Carla Tighe Murray Dissertation Support Scholarship – University of Illinois	2022
List of Teachers Ranked Excellent by their Students – University of Illinois	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics – University of Illinois	2017–18
Best Undergraduate Project Award – IIT Kanpur	2017
Academic Excellence Award – IIT Kanpur	2016–17
Research Fellowship Award – MHRD, Government of India	2016–17
Inspire Scholarship – Government of India	2013

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Southern Economic Association Conference (scheduled)	2024
University of Illinois Job Market Workshop (x3)	2022–2024
University of Illinois Applied Micro Seminars (x5)	2021–2024
Southern Economic Association Conference (attendee)	2022

CORPORATE EXPERIENCE

Corporate Financial Analyst Intern, Deutsche Bank	Mumbai, India
<i>Financial Sponsors Group</i>	May 2015–July 2015
◦ Worked closely with several clients and Private Equity firms on transactions ranging across acquisitions, debt restructuring, and other financial strategies	

SKILLS

Languages: English (fluent), Hindi (native), Maithili (native)
Programming: Stata, R, Python
Teaching: Proficient in Moodle and Canvas LMS, offline and online teaching modalities

REFERENCES

Prof. David Albouy (Chair) Department of Economics University of Illinois ✉ albouy@illinois.edu	Prof. Alex Bartik Department of Economics University of Illinois ✉ abartik@illinois.edu
Prof. Mark Borgschulte Department of Economics University of Illinois ✉ markborg@illinois.edu	Prof. Rebecca Thornton Hankamer School of Business Baylor University ✉ rebecca_thornton@baylor.edu