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FIELDS: Development Economics, Behavioral Economics, Applied Microeconomics.

DISSERTATION TITLE: “Essays in social media sharing and belief-updating”

Expected Date of Completion:	May 2023
Principal Advisor:	Professor Edward Miguel
Other References:	Professors Ned Augenblick, Supreet Kaur

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES:

DEGREE	DATE	FIELD
IIIT Hyderabad, India. B.Tech.	July 2008	Computer Science

JOB MARKET PAPER

- “What’s in a share? Discerning sharers’ beliefs from intentions in social media forwards.”

IN PROGRESS

- Evaluating *Satyameva Jayate*, Govt. of Kerala’s high-school training program for reducing misinformation (with Mir Mohammed Ali)
- Priors vs. Desires: Clarifying the roles of prior- vs. preference-biased inference in single-shot updating.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

RESEARCH

- NBER 2015–2016: Research assistant to Profs. Raj Chetty, Nathaniel Hendren and John Friedman for projects on intergenerational mobility in the United States.
- JPAL South Asia 2013 –2015: Research & field assistant to Profs. Abhijit Banerjee, Emily Breza, Arun Chandrasekhar and Markus Mobius for projects on the diffusion of information in social networks in India.

TEACHING

- Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley (2017 - 2021) for undergraduate courses on Behavioral Economics, Econometrics, Microeconomics, Mathematical Economics, Intro to Economics.
- Teaching Assistant, Computer Science, IIIT. Hyderabad (Fall 2007) for Algorithms and Data structures.

INDUSTRY

- Software Development Engineer, Microsoft (2008 –2013)
 - Developed and maintained features for Windows 7 and 8 (Subsystem for Unix, Remote Desktop)
 - Developed infrastructure for Windows Azure (Provisioning cloud desktops, internal diagnostics).

PUBLICATIONS

- “The fading American dream: Trends in absolute income mobility since 1940” (with Raj Chetty, David Grusky, Maximilian Hell, Nathaniel Hendren, Robert Manduca). *Science* 28 Apr 2017: 398-406

PATENTS (U.S.)

- Automated Infrastructure Provisioning (with Manuvir Das, Arvind Kandhare, Rochak Mittal, Shivesh Ranjan, Ranjana Rathinam, Sudarshan Yadav, N.K. Srinivas) Issued Mar 21, 2013.
- Single Sign-On for Remote Desktops (with Das, Kandhare, Ranjan, Yadav) Issued Oct 7, 2014
- Managing User state on Cloud Desktops (with Das, Kandhare, Yadav, D. Srinivas, Amit Lal) Issued Aug 19, 2014.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS:

2020	CEGA Development Economics Challenge Award
2020	Weiss Fund for research in Development Economics.
2019	Crime and Violence Initiative (JPAL): proposal development grant

OTHER INFORMATION:

INITIATIVES & COMMITTEE WORK

2021	Graduate student representative (with Bryan Chu) for the department's committee on equity, diversity, and inclusion (CEDI). Worked on graduate admissions and curriculum updates.
2020	For Berkeley Economists for Equity: worked on initiatives to improve ethics/practices in field research for development economists (with Isabelle Cohen and Maria Dieci).
2020	(Graduate Remote Instruction Innovation Fellowship): Developed a best-practices guide on teaching remote sections for the department (with Nicholas Gebbia, Tianyu Han, Matthew Reiner and Chaoran Yu).

LANGUAGES: English (fluent), Hindi (fluent), Telugu (limited working)

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES: C, C#, Python, R, Stata, JavaScript

CITIZENSHIP: Indian