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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA Ph.D., Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics	2022-Present
University of Georgia , Athens, GA, USA M.S., Agricultural and Applied Economics	2020-2022
Agriculture and Forestry University, Rampur, Chitwan, Nepal B.Sc. Agriculture	2013-2018

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **Development economics**
- **International trade in agriculture**
- **Agriculture economics**

WORKING PAPERS

Hidden Inequalities: Impact of Son Preference in Fertility Outcomes and Child Health in South Asia
(with Leah Bevis)

Planting, Harvest, and Hope: Agricultural Production and Migration Aspirations
(with Tom Whittington, Alexis Villacis, and Yao Wang) [Under review]

Navigating Nepal's Irrigation Landscape: Groundwater, Pump Usage, and Irrigation Delays

Political Power and Public Health: Examining the Effects of Low-Caste Representation on Child Health in India
(with Karan Shakya and Jongeun Park)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Associate: Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics, The Ohio State University, August 2022- August 2025

Graduate Research Assistant: Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Georgia, August 2020- May 2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lead Instructor: Data Analysis for Agribusiness and Applied Economics, AEDE (2005), Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics, The Ohio State University, January 2026-Present

Lab Instructor: Data Analysis for Agribusiness and Applied Economics, AEDE (2005), Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics, The Ohio State University, August 2025-December 2025

Graduate Teaching Assistant: Intermediate Economic Principles, AAEC (3580), Department of Agricultural and Applied economics, University of Georgia, August 2021-December 2021

Instructor: Agriculture economics, Shree Tribhuwan Model Secondary School, Nepal, April 2019 – December 2020

WORK EXPERIENCE

1. **Research Associate** *Inclusion Economics India Centre*
June 2025

- Conducted scoping work in 4 districts in Bihar on the convergence of MGNREGA and JEEVIKA programs.
2. **Digital Content Manager** *Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, International Section*
August 2021 – August 2022
 - Managed digital content and social media to enhance outreach and engagement.
 3. **Assistant Agriculture Officer** *Nature's Conservation Private Limited, Kathmandu, Nepal*
June 2018 – December 2018
 - Conducted field visits across 18 communities, leading focus groups and rural appraisals to prepare a climate change adaptation strategy for sustainable agriculture.
 4. **Research Intern** *Prime Minister Agriculture Modernization Project (PMAMP), Nepal*
December 2017 – May 2018
 - Conducted farmer training sessions and field observations. Additionally, carried out a descriptive study on the adoption patterns of improved and hybrid rice varieties.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

- Oral Presentation on 59th Annual Meeting of Southern Agricultural Economics Association, Louisville, Kentucky, February 2026
- Poster Presentation on 7th Annual Scientific Symposium of Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Nutrition, Kathmandu, Nepal, December 2019
- Poster presentation, training and workshop on International Conference on Mountains in the Changing World, Kathmandu, Nepal, October 2019

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Graduate Assistantship, Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics, The Ohio State University
- Graduate Assistantship, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Georgia
- Full Scholarships for Undergraduate studies, Agriculture and Forestry University, Nepal
- Undergraduate Thesis Grant, Agriculture and Forestry University, Nepal

SOFTWARES

- **Advanced:** STATA, R and L^AT_EX
- **Intermediate:** SPSS and SAS

SERVICE

Event manager: Nepalese Student Association, University of Georgia, August 2020- May 2022
Vice President: Nepalese Youth for Climate Action, Chitwan, January 2017- November 2017
Technical coordinator: Nepal Terai Students' Committee, January 2014- November 2017
Founding Member: Innovative platform for Agriculture transformation, January 2015-January 2017

LANGUAGES

Maithali: Mother tongue
Nepali: Native
English: Fluent
Hindi: Fluent