

# Avinash Moorthy

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## EDUCATION

### Harvard Kennedy School

Ph.D. Candidate in Public Policy (Economics Track), September 2020 - present

- James M. and Cathleen D. Stone PhD Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration, Stone Program in Wealth Distribution, Inequality, and Social Policy, Harvard University.
- PhD Affiliate of Harvard Environmental Economics Program, Centre for International Development (CID), and Evidence for Policy Design (EPoD)

### Carleton College

B.A. *Magna Cum Laude* and distinction in Economics, June 2018

- Cumulative GPA: 3.92/4.00

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labour economics, political economy, economic history

## WORKING PAPERS

“The Effect of Education on Later Life Health Revisited”. FEDS Working Paper, retrievable at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/econres/feds/revisiting-the-effect-of-education-on-later-life-health.htm> (with Ted Figinski and Alicia Lloro)

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Paywalls” (With Desmond Ang and Benjamin Schneer)

Teaching Mental Health: Evaluating India’s “Happiness Curriculum” (With Kevin Carney)

“The Mouthpiece of 14 Million People: The Role of Black Newspapers in Migration and Mobilization”

“Blowin’ in the Wind: The Impact of Extreme Weather on College Major Choice”

“Do Students Benefit from an Extra Year of High School? A Study of Ontario’s Removal of Grade 13”

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“How Does Social Distancing Affect the Spread of Covid-19 in the United States?” with Bhashkar Mazumder, *Chicago Fed Letter*, No 442, 2020

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Economic Research**, Chicago IL  
*Research Assistant, Microeconomic Studies*, (July 2018 - August 2020)

**U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Economic Policy**, Washington DC  
*Research Intern*, (June 2017 - August 2017)

**Cornerstone Research**, San Francisco CA  
*Summer Analyst*, (June 2016 - August 2016)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Teaching Assistant, Carleton College**

- Intermediate Price Theory, for Jenny Bourne (September 2017 - March 2018)
- Introduction to Macroeconomics, for Nathan Grawe (March 2016 - June 2016)
- Introduction to Microeconomics, for Prathi Seneviratne (January 2016 - March 2016)
- Introduction to Microeconomics, for Nathan Grawe (September 2015 - December 2015)

## RESEARCH GRANTS

**J-PAL Post-Primary Education Initiative Grant**: \$31,724 (September 2021)

**Mind Brain Behaviour Initiative Graduate Student Award**: \$10,000 (November 2022)

**Stone Program in Wealth Distribution, Inequality, and Social Policy Research Grant**: \$2,500 (March 2023)

**The Weiss Fund Research Grant** (with Kevin Carney): \$50,000 (April 2023)

## HONORS

**Top Undergraduate Senior Thesis**, Minnesota Economics Association, 2018

**Distinction in Economics, Senior Thesis**, Carleton College, 2018

**Ada M. Harrison Prize in Economics**, Carleton College, 2018

**Phi Beta Kappa**, Carleton College, 2018

**Dean's List**, Carleton College, 2016-2017

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES

**Chair of HKS PhD Student Association Wellness & Mentorship Committees** (September 2020-present)

**Mentor for Working in the Schools (WITS) Chicago** (September 2018 - March 2020)

## SKILLS

- Languages: Fluent in English, proficient in French

- Coding Languages: Python, Java, Unix, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X
- Statistical Software: Stata, R, Matlab, SAS, RATS, Excel
- Other Software: ArcGIS, Haver Analytics, Westlaw
- Special Sworn Status granted by U.S. Census Bureau
- Dual U.S. and Canadian Citizenship
- Baseball fan and makes too many Seinfeld references. Can name all the world capitals!

## **REFeree**

American Journal of Health Economics