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## EDUCATION

PhD Candidate in Economics, University of California San Diego, expected completion June 2025  
Committee: Prashant Bharadwaj (Chair), Sam Bazzi, Gordon McCord, Tom Vogl  
Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Princeton University, 2015 (Computer Science minor)

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## FIELDS

Development economics, macroeconomics

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## REFERENCES

Prashant Bharadwaj	Professor	UCSD Economics	<a href="mailto:pbharadwaj@ucsd.edu">pbharadwaj@ucsd.edu</a>
Sam Bazzi	Professor	UCSD GPS	<a href="mailto:sbazzi@ucsd.edu">sbazzi@ucsd.edu</a>

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## JOB MARKET PAPER

<b>Farming on the Margin: the Green Revolution and Indian Farm Sizes</b>	2024
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*I investigate the impact of the Green Revolution on the farm size distribution in India. Employing an instrument for the adoption of new high-yielding varieties of staple crops, I find that adoption of high-yielding crop varieties led to increased concentration of farms and farmland in the smallest size category, with no effects on large farms. This contrasts with the predictions of existing models of the farm size distribution, in which an increase in farmland productivity puts downward pressure on sizes across the full range of the distribution. Instead, it suggests that the interaction of inheritance norms with poorly functioning land markets creates a situation in which the farmers on the margin between agriculture and non-agriculture are those managing the smallest farms, and in which their entry and exit decisions do not have effects further up the farm size distribution.*

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## PUBLICATIONS

<b>This is Air: The 'Non-Health' Effects of Air Pollution</b>	ARRE, 2022
<i>with Sandra Aguilar-Gomez, Joshua Graff Zivin, and Matthew Neidell</i>	

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## WORKING PAPERS

<b>The Effects of Procurement Contracts on Heterogeneous Firms: Evidence from the United States</b>	2024
<i>with Edoardo Briganti, Victor Sellemi, and Ricardo Duque Gabriel</i>	

<b>Whose Woods Are These? 'Maintained' Forest and Enforcement in Indonesia</b>	2024
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## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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**Decentralizing Development: Structural Transformation Effects of Indonesia's Village Fund** 2024  
*with Wei-Lin Chen*

## RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD

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**Senior Research Assistant** Federal Reserve Board  
*June 2015-Aug. 2018*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Teaching Assistant for courses including introductory micro and macro, applied time series, public policy, development economics, international trade, health economics, economics of discrimination, data analysis, and the Indian economy. Experience planning and leading discussion sections and exam reviews, grading written work, creating rubrics and grading exams.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Referee at Economic Development and Cultural Change

## SOFTWARE SKILLS

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Extensive experience in R, Stata, Matlab; proficient with GIS packages in R. Also comfortable coding in Python, SQL.

## OTHER INFORMATION

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U.S. citizen. Conversational Spanish.