Gagandeep Sachdeva

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Education

PhD in Economics, University of California, Santa Cruz

2019-Present

- Dissertation: "Essays in Discriminatory Outcomes and Mechanisms in Education"
- Committee Chairs: Professor Laura Giuliano (UCSC) and Professor Robert Fairlie (UCLA)

MPhil in Economics, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research

2018

MSc in Economics, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research

2017

• Awarded the Chancellor's Gold Medal for the Best-Performing Student in The M.Sc. Program.

B.A. (Hons) Economics, University of Delhi

2015

Teaching and Mentoring Experience

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Economics, UCSC

Summer 2024

• Intermediate Microeconomics (Online Asynchronous)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, UCSC

Winter 2020-Present

- Applied Econometrics (Graduate Course)
- Applications in Microeconomics (Graduate Course)
- Intermediate Microeconomics (x4)
- Introductory Microeconomics (x4)

- Introductory Macroeconomics(x2)
- Industrial Organization
- Economic Rhetoric

Graduate Pedagogy Fellow, Teaching and Learning Center, UCSC

Winter 2022-Present

- Assisting in developing teaching strategies for graduate students in their role as teaching assistants.
- Conducting professional development workshops for graduate teaching assistants in using active learning in economics classrooms.

Peer Mentor, Summer GSI Support Team, Teaching and Learning Center, UCSC

Spring-Summer 2024

- Developing equity-minded course learning outcomes, assessment plans, and an engaging course structure.
- Leading discussions on effective teaching strategies, giving feedback to students, and navigating classroom challenges.
- Facilitating peer feedback on lesson planning, syllabus design, and reflective teaching practices.

Working Papers

Affirmative Action, Faculty Productivity, and Caste Interactions: Evidence from Engineering Colleges in India (with Robert Fairlie, Saurabh Khanna, and Prashant Loyalka)

An Engineering Instructor Like Me: Female Teacher-Student Interactions in Indian Engineering Colleges (with Robert Fairlie, Mridul Joshi, Saurabh Khanna, and Prashant Loyalka).

Works in Progress

Gender Gaps in Elementary and Middle School Performance and The Role of Teachers: Evidence from North Carolina (Job Market Paper)

The Performance of Affirmative Action Admits in College: Evidence from Reservation Policies in Indian Engineering Colleges

(with Robert Fairlie, Saurabh Khanna, and Prashant Loyalka)

Friday Night Lights, Monday Morning Grades: How High School Football Success Affects Student Achievement (with Evan Bennett, Derek Rury, and Sofia Shchukina)

Gender, STEM, and Confirmation Bias: An Experimental Investigation

Research and Work Experience

Graduate Student Researcher, UC Santa Cruz

2020-2024

- Prof Laura Giuliano, Department of Economics, UCSC
- Prof Robert Fairlie, Chair, Department of Public Policy, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs
- Institutional Research, Assessment and Policy Studies Unit, UCSC

Research Associate, Economic Research Unit, Koan Advisory

2019

Research Assistant, Delhi School of Economics

2017

• Prof Rohini Somanathan, Center for Development Economics, DSE

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

Summer GSI Peer Support Fellowship, Teaching and Learning Center, UCSC	2024
Dissertation Research Grant, Department of Economics, UCSC	2024, 2023, 2022
Graduate Pedagogy Fellowship, Teaching and Learning Center, UCSC	2022
Regent's Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCSC	2019
Chancellor's Gold Medal for the Best-Performing Student in The M.Sc. Program	2015-17

Conferences and Summer Schools

Conference and Summer School on Socio-Economic Mobility and Inequality, Harris School of Public Polic versity of Chicago	y, Uni- 2024	
Southern Economic Association, 93rd Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA	2023	
Second Biennial Conference on Development, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai	2022	
Summer School on Theory-Driven Experiments, Center for Theoretical and Experimental Social Sciences, CalTech, Pasadena 2022		
All-California Labor Economics Conference, UCSC (poster session)	2019	

Technical Skills

Data analysis and plotting with STATA, R, SPSS, and MICROSOFT EXCEL.

Optimization, computation, and plotting with Wolfram Mathematica.

Typesetting with LATEX

References

Dr Laura Giuliano, Professor, Department of Economics, UC Santa Cruz	lgiulian@ucsc.edu
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Dr Carlos Dobkin, Professor, Department of Economics, UC Santa Cruz	cdobkin@ucsc.edu