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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL   June 2021
Master of Public Policy (Certificate in Data Science)

• DRW Fellow, Energy Policy Institute at Chicago (EPIC)
- Used Machine Learning techniques to predict trends in electricity consumption, No2 emissions and pollution levels to be used as a proxy for economic development (publication awaited).
- Evaluating the impact of painting house roofs with white high solar reflective paint on the household's indoor temperature and cooling costs.

• Lead Teaching Fellow, R Programming, International Policy Action Lab
Published research on Mask Mandate policy with Prof. Austin Wright; mentored 60+ students in creating the first county-level database on mask-mandates in the US.

• Research Assistant, Booth School of Business
Assisted Prof. Emanuele Colonnelli in analyzing a database of tech-hubs, ventures, and investors evaluating the start-up ecosystem across Sub-Saharan Africa.

Symbiosis International University, Pune, India   June 2015
Bachelor of Science, Economics

EXPERIENCE

Evidence for Policy Design (India), Harvard Kennedy School
Research Associate, New Delhi, India   August 2017 – July 2019
• Managed projects aimed at streamlining public delivery mechanisms under social security schemes by developing web and mobile-based efficiency tools under mentorship from Prof. Rohini Pande.
• Spear-headed stakeholder mapping and pre-intervention analysis to design interventions aimed at improving women's access to formal financial systems and direct benefit transfers.

Centre for Technology, Innovation and Economic Research (CTIER)
Research Analyst, Pune, India   July 2015 – October 2016
• Shadowed Dr. Naushad Forbes (Former Consulting Professor, Stanford University) on research around tax incentive policies in India.
• Headed projects evaluating the nature of innovation practices, talent pool, and competitiveness of top firms (by R&D spending).

DISCUSSANT POSITIONS

Clinton Global Fellow, Clinton Global International University
University of Edinburgh, Scotland   2020-2021
Working on a project to detect locally occurring disease outbreaks through satellite data to be presented at the Clinton Global Initiative.

Youth Delegate, United Nations Conference On Trade and Development
Nairobi, Kenya   July, 2016
Presented country-specific insights on Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: R, Python, STATA, QGIS, GeoDa, SurveyCTO, LaTeX.