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I am a first year Ph.D student in the department of Geographical and Sustainability Sciences at the University of Iowa. Listed below are my job experiences and credentials.

Research Experience

Research Associate | Copenhagen Business School and Foundation for MSME Cluster
| New Delhi

January 2020 – Ongoing

The study aims to understand why and how women become entrepreneurs in the Bamboo sector in India - opportunities and limitations. My responsibilities include raising with partner NGOs, scoping and execute field work in four states in India. I also co-author the final report.

Research Associate | University of Pennsylvania Institute for the Advanced Study of India
| New Delhi

July 2018 – August 2019

The project focuses on supply chain of agricultural commodities in rural India to improve the realised income and livelihood of small and marginal farmer across three states in India: Punjab, Bihar and Odisha. The project is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. We use both qualitative and quantitative methods and analysis for conducting research. My responsibilities include preliminary scoping in all sites, secondary research and lead year-long ethnographic research in Koraput district, Odisha.

Research Associate | Livelihood and Diversification | Hyderabad

October 2016 - June 2018

The project researches the impact of income diversification on women's decision-making and food security in rural drylands of India. My responsibilities include assisting in questionnaire development and research design; coordinating data collection efforts in 1,200 households across four states in India; managing and communicating with a team of 34 people; monitor quality of data collection and data entry each month for a year; and co-leading six training workshops. In addition to overseeing household survey collection each month for a year. I also co-conducted 120 interviews from three states to unpack the process of livelihood diversification. This project uses both qualitative and quantitative methods and analysis, including ethnographic decision tree modelling (EDTM). I am co-authoring a paper entitled: *Financial Management Strategies of the Rural Poor and its Impact on Food Security*.

Research Associate | Society for Labour and Development | New Delhi

January 2016 – October 2016

Associate research on an International Labour Organisation funded project on Internal migration in India. My responsibilities included coordinating data collection in four states, conducting ethnographic interviews in New Delhi, developing the platform for data entry, performing data entry and analysis. I co-authored the report titled: *Labour Recruitment in India-Migrant Women Workers in the Garment and Domestic Work Sectors*. Performed data analysis and secondary research for a report titled: *Walk A Mile in their Shoes: Workers' Rights Violations in the Indian Leather and Footwear Industry*.

Research Fellow | Revitalizing Rainfed Agriculture Network | Hyderabad

June 2015 – August 2015

I was the principal investigator of my own project on goat rearing as a sustainable livelihood strategy for rural poor. I gained experience with the process of an academic research project from writing proposals to making theory from field findings into a publishing research paper. It helped me build foundations of ethnographic research methods and design after conducting 40 interviews while living with respondents. I recently presented my work from this fellowship at the International Association for Society and Natural Resources 2017 at Umea University, Sweden.

I have a solo authored working paper entitled: *Resources, Access and Livelihood option: Understanding the Truncated Goat rearing Model in Rural India*.

Human Research Intern | PRADAN | New Delhi

September 2012 – July 2013

As a Human Research Intern with PRADAN, I facilitated the partnership and managed communication between PRAVAH, a youth-based NGO. My primary responsibilities were to organise workshops, engage with interested youth, and designed field immersion programs. I established relations six of Delhi's premiere colleges, which required contacting and negotiating within the administrations and youth groups.

Education

- Ph.D. student, Geographical and Sustainability Science, University of Iowa, 2021 - x
- Masters of Arts in Environment and Development, Ambedkar University Delhi, 2015
- Bachelors of Arts (Honours) Political Science, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, 2010
- ISC, City Montessori School, Lucknow, 2006
- ICSE, St. Agnes' Loreto Day School, Lucknow, 2004

Papers

- Zavaleta, J. and F. Jalali. Financial Management Strategies and its Impact on Food Security in India. (in preparation)
- Bhattacharjee, S. and F. Jalali. 2017. Labour recruitment in India-migrant women workers in the garment and domestic work sectors. Final report to International Labour Organisation.
- Jalali, F. Resources, Access and Livelihood Option: Understanding the Truncated Goat Rearing Model in Rural Parts of India. (in preparation)

Presentations

- Zavaleta, J. and F. Jalali. Unpacking Livelihood Diversification's Effects on Food Security: a Closer Look at Gender, Season and Financial Management. Invited Seminar at International Food Policy Research Institute. 24th July 2017. New Delhi, India.
- Jalali, F. Resources, Access and Livelihood Option: Understanding the Truncated Goat Rearing Model in Rural Parts of India. Conference presentation at International Association for Society and Natural Resources, 22nd June 2017. Umea University, Sweden.
- Jalali, F. Enabling Goat rearing for Drylands. Final Presentation at Indian School of Business, 8th August 2015. Hyderabad, India.

Other Work Experience

- Backstage production Manager at Rukawat, a play by All My Tea, Mumbai | 2011
- Volunteered at Director Conference, Mumbai | 2011
- Member of the organizing committee at Model United Nations, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai | 2010
- Public relations associate for Mumbai Literature Festival, Mumbai | 2010
- Relationship Manager at ICICI securities, Mumbai | 2010
- Public relations manager for Thespo, annual youth theatre festival, Mumbai | 2008 – 2009
- Represented College at the inter-state level debate competition organized by Times of India, Mumbai | 2008
- Volunteered for Akansha and Teach for India | 2007