HEMA SHAH

EDUCATION

Duke University 2026 (Expected)

Ph.D., Economics

Dissertation Committee: Peter Arcidiacono (chair), Jason Baron, Lisa Gennetian, Arnaud Maurel,

Pengpeng Xiao

University of Virginia 2020

GPA: 3.925

B.A. with Highest Distinction, Mathematics and Economics

Echols Scholar, College Science Scholar

RESEARCH FIELDS

Labor Economics, Public Economics, Econometrics

WORKING PAPERS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

High School Teachers and College-Relevant Skill Production: Evidence from ACT Score Value Added

College Admissions Testing and Learning about Ability: Evidence from Strategic ACT and SAT Taking

Impacts of Unconditional Cash on Single Parenthood

(with Lisa A. Gennetian, Katherine Magnuson, Sarah Halpern-Meekin, and Kimberly G. Noble)

Money or Time? Heterogeneous Effects of Unconditional Cash on Parental Investments

(with Lisa A. Gennetian, Katherine Magnuson, Hirokazu Yoshikawa, Laura Stilwell, Kimberly G. Noble, and Greg J. Duncan)

The Impact of Monthly Unconditional Cash on Food Security, Spending, and Consumption: Three Year Follow-Up Findings from the Baby's First Years Study

(with Lisa A. Gennetian, Matthew Maury, Laura Stilwell, Katherine Magnuson, Kimberly G. Noble, Greg J. Duncan, Nathan Fox, Sarah Halpern-Meekin, and Hirokazu Yoshikawa)

PUBLICATIONS

Shah, Hema & Lisa A. Gennetian. (2024). Unconditional Cash Transfers for Families with Children in the U.S.: A Scoping Review. **Review of Economics of the Household**, 22(2), 415-450.

NBER Working Paper w30965.

Shah, Hema. (2020). A Glass Escalator for Female UVA Graduates? Gender Gaps Across the Starting Salary Distribution. **Atlantic Economic Journal**, 48(4), 539-541.

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

Peter Arcidiacono (Duke University)

Lisa Gennetian (Duke University), Baby's First Years Project

2021-Present
2022-Present

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Sarah Turner (University of Virginia) 2020 Sandip Sukhtankar (University of Virginia) 2018-2019

Summer Analyst 2019

Cornerstone Research, Washington, DC

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Invited Guest Lecturer	
ECON 490: Economics of Gender and Family	Spring 2025
Instructor: Pengpeng Xiao (Duke University)	
ECON 4070: Gender and Economics	Spring 2024
Instructor: Amalia Miller (University of Virginia)	
Graduate Teaching Assistant	
ECON 707: PhD Econometrics II	Spring 2022
Instructors: Adam Rosen and Andrew Patton (Duke University)	
ECON 703: PhD Econometrics I	Fall 202
Instructor: Matt Masten (Duke University)	
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant	
ECON 3559: Economics, Sustainability, and the Environment	Fall 2019
Instructor: William Shobe (University of Virginia)	
STAT 2120: Introduction to Statistical Analysis	Spring 2018
Instructor: Jeffrey Woo (University of Virginia)	
RESENTATIONS	
2025: Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy and Child Well-Being, Association for Education	on Finance and Policy
Annual Meeting (poster session), Triangle Applied Microeconomics Conference (schedule	
2023: Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, Southern E	Economic Association
Annual Meeting	
2020: International Atlantic Economic Society (Virtual)	
IONORS AND AWARDS	

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Duke University Social Science Research Institute

Interdisciplinary fellowship awarding full funding to one economics PhD student each academic year	
Finalist, Best Undergraduate Paper Contest International Atlantic Economic Society	2020
Best Distinguished Majors Thesis Award University of Virginia Department of Economics	2020
ERVICE	
Co-Organizer, Duke Economics Student Labor/Public Workshop Duke University	2023-2024
Co-Chair, Duke Graduate Mentorship Program Duke University	2023-2024
Mentor, Duke Graduate Mentorship Program Duke University	2022-Present
Co-Chair, Economics Graduate Student Council Duke University	2021-2023
Graduate Student Liason, Duke Graduate School Duke University	2021-Present
Member, Echols Scholars Program Advisory Committee University of Virginia	2020-Present

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Stata, R, MATLAB, LATEX