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UNC, Greensboro, 2019 to Present  
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## Undergraduate Studies:

B.Sc.(*Hons.*) Mathematics, Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, University of Delhi, India, 2014

## Teaching and Research Fields:

Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Urban Economics

## Teaching Experience:

Fall, 2019	Economics and Business Statistics, Bryan School of Business and Economics, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Marie C. Hull
Spring, 2020	Economics and Business Statistics, Bryan School of Business and Economics, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Marie C. Hull
Summer, 2020	Economics and Business Statistics, Bryan School of Business and Economics, Instructor on Record

Fall, 2020 Principle of Microeconomics, Bryan School of Business and Economics,  
Teaching Assistant for Dr. Jeffrey Sarbaum  
Spring, 2021 Principle of Microeconomics, Bryan School of Business and Economics,  
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## **Research Experience and Other Employment:**

Summer, 2021 Research Assistant to Prof. Martin S. Andersen  
2021 - 2023 Research Assistant to Prof. Jeremy W. Bray  
2018-2019 Academic Associate at IIM, Udaipur, Rajasthan, India  
2011 Field Investigator, 2011 Census of India, Govt. of India, India

## **Professional Activities:**

Conference presentations: Carolina Region Empirical Economics Day(CREED), Charleston, SC, May 2022  
Western Economic Association (WEAI), Portland, OR, June 2022  
3MT, UNC, Greensboro, Oct 2022  
Rising Scholars Conference at Chicago Booth, Virtual, Nov 2022  
Southern Economic Association (SEA), Fort Lauderdale, FL, Nov 2022(*Scheduled*)

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Southern Economic Association (SEA), Nov 2022(*Scheduled*)

Other Services: International student ambassador (2021), International Programs Center,  
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## **Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:**

2022-23 Kathleen Price and Joseph M. Bryan Fellowship  
2016-18 University Grant Commission Merit Scholarship, Govt. of India  
2011-14 CBSE - CSSS Merit Scholarship, Govt. of India

## **Research Papers:**

### **City Limits: The relationship between employment and minimum wage using mobile-device locations (*Job Market Paper*)**

Last decade has seen noteworthy local policy decisions, especially a trend in the decentralization of wage determination. Considering local policy changes are aimed at the local areas where boundaries are porous, there is a need for detailed and accurate geographic and time information. Using the establishment location and mobile-device location data by SafeGraph, this study explores how the labor market responds to local minimum wage ordinances. I use the difference-in-differences approach to estimate the effect of an increase in the minimum wage on the variation in the duration of visits at a location which can be used as a proxy for employment hours. I find a decrease in employment hours when there is a proportionate increase in the local minimum wage and an increase in distance traveled from home with an increase in the minimum wage. The study further demonstrates that the local labor market, especially in the non-tradeable sector, is more responsive to the changes in the local minimum wage than the state binded minimum wage changes.

## Research Paper(s) in Progress:

**Crossing Borders and Changing Lives: Evaluating the labor market response when local areas change minimum wage**

**Simply can't wait: Evaluating the effect of voluntary employer minimum wage increase on local labor markets**

**Estimating the Cost Savings of Tiered Care Coordination for At-Risk Youth: Evidence from North Carolina** (*With Jeremy Bray, Zubab Moid & Kat Morand*)

**Estimating the Cost Savings of High-Fidelity Wraparound: Evidence from North Carolina** (*With Jeremy Bray, Zubab Moid & Kat Morand*)