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FIELDS	Development Economics, Health Economics, Applied Microeconomics
TEACHING INTERESTS	Econometrics, Microeconomics, Development Economics, Empirical Methods, Public Policy
EDUCATION	<p><i>University of California, Riverside</i> 2010-present Ph.D. Candidate, Economics (Expected Completion: June 2015) Dissertation Title: Essays on Trade and Human Capital Outcomes in Developing Countries Dissertation Committee: Prof. Anil B. Deolalikar (chair), Prof. Aman Ullah, Prof. Mindy Marks <i>Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, India</i> 2006-2008 M.A. Economics, Division: First <i>Miranda House, University of Delhi, India</i> 2003-2006 B.A. Economics, Division: First</p>
HONORS AND AWARDS	<p>Hewlett Foundation/ IIE Dissertation Fellowship in Population, Reproductive Health and Development (2013-2015) Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCR (Winter-Spring 2015) Graduate Division Full Fee Fellowship (2013-2015) Dean's Distinguished Fellowship Award, UCR (2010-2013) Graduate Student Association and Department of Economics Travel Grants, UCR (2014) DSE Merit Scholarship at the Delhi School of Economics (2007-2008) Sumana Dutta Gold Medal B.A. (Hons) Economics for all-round performance at Miranda House in 2006 Best Girl Student 'Shakuntala Devi Memorial' Award in High School for exceptional performance in academics in 2002</p>
JOB MARKET PAPER	"Does Trade reduce Infant Mortality? Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa"
WORK IN PROGRESS	<p>"Are Children at Higher Risk of Malnutrition Surviving? Evidence from India" with Anil Deolalikar "Roads to Better Health: Linkages between Infrastructure and Child Health in India"</p>
CONFERENCES/SEMINARS	<p>UCR Applied Economics Seminar Series, Dec 1, 2014 (paper presentation scheduled) 18th Annual ISNIE Conference, Duke University, June 19-21, 2014 (paper presentation) Eighth Annual PopPov Conference on Population, Reproductive Health, and Economic Development in Kenya, January 22-25, 2014 (paper presentation) Annual meeting of Population Association of America in Boston, May 1-3, 2014 (poster presentation)</p>

UC Global Health Day 2014, UC Davis, April 26, 2014 (poster presentation)
UC GradSlam 2014, UC Riverside, May 2014

**WORK
EXPERIENCE**

Accenture Consulting 2008-2010
Business Analyst, Global Talent and Innovation Network, New Delhi, India

- Carried out data analysis to build models and prescribe policy solutions to firm level problems using statistical software like SAS.
- The work varied from working for a client on workforce segmentation and optimizing workforce, building employee value proposition models and insights and constructing Global Talent Index for 18 countries. The work involved client interface and stakeholder buy-ins.

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Instructor, University of California, Riverside Fall 2014, Summer 2014
• Introductory Econometrics

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Riverside
Graduate Courses
• Microeconomic Theory Spring 2013, Fall 2012

Undergraduate Courses
• Intermediate Microeconomic Theory Spring 2014, Summer 2013
• Introduction to Microeconomics Winter 2013, Spring 2012
• Introduction to Macroeconomics Winter 2012, Fall 2011
• Stock Market Summer 2012

**OTHER
RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE**

Prof. Jorge Aguero, University of California, Riverside Winter 2012
• *Independent Study:* Worked on developing some indicators for gauging speed of technology adoption across countries

Prof. David Fairris, University of California, Riverside Winter Break 2013
• *Research Assistant:* Worked on finalizing his paper on “Mandatory Work Hours Reduction and Work Sharing in Venezuela”

**COMMUNITY
SERVICE**

Elected *President*, Indian Students’ Association at UC Riverside. Organized events and helped incoming Indian graduate students settle in a new and diverse community.

**COMPUTER
SKILLS**

STATA, Base SAS, Eviews, MATLAB, MS Office, C++

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Hindi (native), Oriya (native)

REFERENCES

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ABSTRACT

Job Market Paper

“Does Trade reduce Infant Mortality? Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa”

This paper investigates the impact of a trade policy, the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), on infant mortality and fleshes out the likely mechanisms. Estimating the causal effect of trade policy on health outcome is difficult since omitted variables are likely to be correlated with other country characteristics that support higher trade and enhance children’s health. While some previous research has addressed this endogeneity using instrumental variables, this paper addresses the problem by developing a micro panel dataset across countries and exploiting within-mother variation in survival of infants. I find that the policy reduces infant mortality by about 7 infant deaths per 1000; 9% of the sample mean. I also identify channels through which the mortality reduction operates including increasing health seeking behavior, increased possession of assets and increased maternal labor supply in non-agricultural. Disaggregation reveals that uneducated, rural and poor women experience larger decreases in infant deaths than educated, urban and non-poor women. Studying the heterogeneity at country level suggests that sub-Saharan African countries with large agricultural export sectors experience a larger decline in infant deaths.

JEL Codes: F13, I15, J21, J82, O15, O18, O19, O24.