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Education

Fall 2018'- Present	PhD in Public Policy, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin
Jul'13 - May'15	M.A in Applied Economics, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, J.N.U, India
Jul'10 - May'13	BA Economics (Hons) from Indraprastha College for Women, Delhi University, India

Research and Teaching Experience

Research Associate, LBJ school of Public Policy, University of Texas at Austin (January'2019 – August'2020)

Senior Research Associate, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University in India (December'17 – July'2018)

Project - Monitoring and Evaluation of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) in Madhya Pradesh, India.
- Collecting and analyzing high quality data in multiple waves to evaluate the impact of PMMVY program on nutritional and health outcomes of women and children using a difference-in-difference approach.
- Providing regular feedback to the Government of India, on key process indicators that will facilitate tracking of the performance of PMMVY implementation.

Research Associate, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, South Asia (J-PAL- SA) at IFMR (March'16 – November'17)

Project - "Disconnected and Uninformed: Dissecting and Dismantling India's Political Gender Gap", Madhya Pradesh, Principal Investigator – Dr. Soledad Prillaman
- Analyzing the impact of gender interventions via the SHG model, on the social and economic empowerment of women via an RCT and follow-up qualitative interviews.
- Organized and managed the baseline survey with a sample of 5337 women and 2632 men in 5 districts of Madhya Pradesh. Hired, trained and supervised a field survey team of 50 people.
- Carry out qualitative surveys, performing data cleaning and analysis, preparing survey documents and reports.
- Part of the implementation roll out plan process with the implementing partners (PRADAN).

Project - "Moving in or Dropping Out? India's Female Migrants and Urban Labor Force Integration", Odisha (July'17-Nov'17), Principal Investigators – Dr. Rohini Pande. Dr. Charity Moore and Dr. Soledad Prillaman
- Working with the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India and Odisha Rural Development and Marketing Society to identify ways to utilize local community members to increase longer term labor force retention, and acceptance among households to provide young women with opportunities to participate in the labor force.
- Coding questionnaires into surveycto. Supervising data entry and running high frequency checks on the incoming data from the surveys.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin (September'19 –Present)

Courses taught – Graduate Seminar in Impact Evaluation Methods in Development, Graduate Seminar in Labor Economics, Data Analysis for Health Sciences.

Academic Associate – Indian School of Business, India (January'16- March'16)

Courses taught – Infrastructure and Project Management, Global Economics, Information Economics

Data Analyst – CrowdANALYTIX, Bangalore, India (June'15 – October'15)

Dissertation Research

Dissertation Committee
Dr. Catherine Weaver (Chair), Dr. Raissa Fabregas, Dr. Erin Lentz, Dr. Soledad Prillaman, Dr. Diane Coffey

Paper 1 - Does gender of project officer matter for project outcomes? Analysis of Project and Technical Completion Reports of World Bank and ADB Projects themed, "Gender equity and mainstreaming".

Paper 2 – Economic interventions and Soft-Skill gender-based trainings. What works to improve women's household decision making power? A meta-analysis.

Paper 3 – Impacts of Covid-19 on Women's Agency. Case of India using DHS survey collection gap.

Publications and Projects

Kaur, Jasleen. "Caste and Infant Mortality in India". *The Fletcher Forum of World Affairs*. 45:1 (Winter 2021), *forthcoming.*

Beta Testing for "pro-WEAI Foundations Course". Poverty, Health and Nutrition Division, International Food Policy and Research Institute (IFPRI).

Baseline Survey Report, "Disconnected and Uninformed: Dissecting and Dismantling India's Gender Gap in Social and Political Empowerment", co-authored with Soledad Prillaman.

Master's Thesis "*Mainstreaming Persons with Disability into the Economy*". Primary survey done to ascertain the employment status (quantitative and qualitative) of Disable in Kerala, India. Status and income earning conditions of disable in the lottery sector of Kerala critically analyzed.

Awards and Achievements

2018	Recipient of "The James M. and Claudia U. Richter Graduate Fellowship"
2017	Presenter "The Academic partnership between Harvard and Pradan", the Philanthropy Workshop (tpw), February 23, 2017, Taj Lands End Mumbai, India.
2009	Gold Medal in Maths Olympiad

Certifications and Skills

Currently pursuing "Micromasters in Data, Economics and Development Policy" by MIT (edx)
Verified Certificate in "From Poverty to Prosperity: Understanding Economic Development" by Oxford (edx)
Verified Certificate in "Microeconomics" by DEDP Micromasters Program by MIT(edx)
Certificate in "Introduction to R Programming" by Microsoft (edx)
Certificate in "Statistics for Business-I" by IIM- Bangalore (edx)
Certificate in "Challenges of Global Poverty" by MIT (edx)
Certificate in "Welcome to Game Theory" by University of Tokyo (Coursera)
Certificate in "Foundations of Data Analysis" by University of Texas at Austin (edx)
Certificate in "Age of Sustainable Development" by Columbia University (Coursera)
Certificate in "Foundations of Development Policy" by MIT (edx)

Actuarial Sciences - CT -7 (Business Economics), CT – 1 (Financial Mathematics)

Statistical Software: R, Stata.
Languages (Complete proficiency): English, Hindi, Punjabi, Bengali.