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Education

- 2014 - 2020** Ph.D. in Economics, Georgetown University
M. A. in Economics, Georgetown University
- 2010 - 2012** M. A. in Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
- 2007 - 2010** B. A. (H) in Economics, Shri Ram College of Commerce, University of Delhi

Research Fields

Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics

Dissertation Committee: Garance Genicot, Shareen Joshi, Martin Ravallion

Awards

- 2019** Maloof Fellowship, Department of Economics, Georgetown University
- 2019** Conference Travel Grant, Georgetown University
- 2017** Summer Research Fellowship, Georgetown University
- 2014 - 2020** Graduate Scholarship, Georgetown University
- 2012** National Eligibility for Lectureship in Economics, University Grants Commission in India
- 2011** Krishna Raj Summer Research Fellowship, Delhi School of Economics

Teaching

- 2019, 2018, 2017** *Head Teaching Assistant*, Georgetown University
Poverty (Undergraduate)
- 2015-2018** *Teaching Assistant*, Georgetown University
Senior Honor Thesis in Political Economy (Undergraduate)
Program Evaluation (Undergraduate)
Introduction to Econometrics (Undergraduate)
Econometrics (Graduate)

Publications

[*A Retrospective Impact Evaluation of the Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Alleviation \(Pudhu Vaazhvu\) Project*](#), The Journal of Development Studies, 51(9): 1210-1223 (with Nishtha Kochhar and Nethra Palaniswamy)

Job Market Paper

The Precocious Period: The Impact of Early Menarche on School Enrollment in India

Improvements in childhood nutrition increase schooling and economic returns in later life in a virtuous cycle. However, better nutrition also leads to an earlier onset of menstruation (menarche). In socio-cultural contexts where menarche adversely affects educational attainments, early menarche can thus break the virtuous cycle of girls' human development. This paper focuses on one such context, India, and uses the Young Lives Longitudinal Study to show that starting menses before age twelve causes a 13% decrease in school enrollment rate. Healthier girls have higher learning outcomes at age twelve, but they also start menstruating earlier and are more likely to drop out of school, such that their initial health advantage over other girls in their cohort disappears. Further, dropout rates induced by menarche are higher if girls live in communities with a low average perception of safety among children, while dropout rates are lower in communities with higher expected wages for female-dominated professions.

Working Papers and Research in Progress

Does Marriage Market Respond to Natural Disasters? The Impact of Flooding of River Kosi in Bihar, India (with Nishtha Kochhar)

The effect of direct facility financing, autonomy, community engagement, supervision, and performance-based payments in strengthening primary health care: a large scale quasi-experimental trial in Nigeria (with Eeshani Kandpal, Benjamin Loevinsohn, Elina Pradhan, Opeyemi Fadeyibi, Kevin McGee, Oluwale Odutolu, Gyorgy Bela Fritsche, Emmanuel Meribole, Christel MJ Vermeersch)

The intra-household allocation of children's time in three developing countries (with Milan Thomas)

Caste-ing Wider Nets of Credit: A Mixed Methods Analysis of Informal Moneylending in Rural Bihar (with Shruti Majumdar)

Conference and Seminar Presentations

2019 WGD (VTech), MEA (St. Louis), WADES (CGD), SAGE (GWU), MWIEDC (UW, Madison), GCER (Georgetown), IDInsight (New Delhi), Brookings (New Delhi)

Upcoming: Towson University, SDC (UM, Ann Arbor)

2018 2018: SDC (UM, Ann Arbor), SANEM-World Bank North America Discussion Forum (Washington DC)

Work Experience

2019 Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Georgetown University
Research Manager: Garance Genicot

2017 - 2018 Consultant, The Development Research Group, World Bank
Project Manager: Eeshani Kandpal

2016, Consultant, The Development Research Group, World Bank
2012 - 2014 *Project Manager:* Vijayendra Rao
Social Observatory for Rural Livelihoods Projects in India

Professional Activities

Vice-President of Economics Graduate Student Organization, Georgetown University (2017-18)

Reviewer: Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of South Asian Development, Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations

Other Information

Computer Skills: Stata (Advanced), MS Office (Advanced), ArcGIS (Intermediate), LaTeX (Intermediate), Survey Solutions (Intermediate), Lives Saved Tool (Intermediate), R (Basic), CSPro (Basic)

Languages: English (Native), Hindi (Native), Punjabi (Spoken), Urdu (Spoken)

Field Work Experience: Chhattisgarh (India), Delhi (India), Haryana (India), Odisha (India), Rajasthan (India), Tamil Nadu (India), Uttar Pradesh (India), Campeche (Mexico)

Personal: Indian citizen on F1 (student) visa

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