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EDUCATION

George Mason University
PhD., Economics

Virginia, US
2020- present

Jawaharlal Nehru University
MPhil., Economics

New Delhi, India
2014-2017

South Asian University
M.A. Development Economics

New Delhi, India
2010-2012

Aligarh Muslim University
B.A. Economics (with Psychology)

Uttar Pradesh, India
2007-2010

RESEARCH AREA

Economic History with focus on colonial India, Economics of Religion and Development, Institutions and Health Policy

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

"Role of Political Connections in Land Investment; Evidence from Rural India" (with Malvika Tyagi)
Constitutional Political Economy- 2020

"Political Connections of firms and Access to credit; Evidence from the Indian Corporate Sector"
Structural Change and Economic Dynamics (Revise and Resubmit)

"Household Transition to Toilet in India; Role of Government Schemes" (with Malvika Tyagi and Deepak Kumar) *Journal of Biosocial Science* (under Review)

"Political Connections and Access to Credit; Evidence from Micro-enterprises in India" *Small Business Economics* (under review)

Working Papers

"Mistrust and Vaccination in Colonial India: 1870 - 1926" (with Noel D. Johnson and Alex Tabarrok), 2022

"Railways and Health outcomes in Colonial India" (with Noel D. Johnson), 2022

"Discrimination in Provision of Public Goods in India" (with Malvika Tyagi and Deepak Kumar), 2022

HONORS AND AWARDS

Mercatus Center PhD fellowship
GMU

2020 - present

Mercatus Center summer fellowship
GMU

2021, 2022

Qualified Junior Research Fellowship
Conducted by UGC, India

2015

South Asian University Merit fellowship
SAU, New Delhi

2010-2012

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor <i>BASE University (Declined)</i>	July 2020 <i>Bangalore, India</i>
Assistant Professor <i>Kamala Nehru College</i>	August 2018 to July 2019 <i>University of Delhi, New Delhi, India</i>
Assistant Professor <i>Declined</i>	August 2018 <i>Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, India</i>

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

ASREC Graduate Workshop on Economics of Religion <i>Chapman University</i>	April 2022
International conference on South Asian Economic Development <i>SAU, New Delhi</i>	2017
EXIM bank and Centre for Economic Studies and Planning conference <i>JNU, New Delhi</i>	2015
Center for Economic Studies and Planning Young Scholar's Seminar <i>JNU, New Delhi</i>	2014
Modern finance and Macroeconomics: A multidisciplinary approach <i>Winter School at International Centre for Theoretical Sciences, Bangalore, India</i>	2015

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Stata, R (intermediate), QGIS (Intermediate)

REFERENCES

1. Prof. Noel D. Johnson

Associate Professor of Economics and Research Fellow at the Mercatus Center
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2. Prof. Alex T. Tabarrok

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REASONS FOR APPLYING:

This workshop presents an opportunity for young researchers and graduate students like myself to be exposed to the cutting edge of Economics of Religion. My current research at GMU looks at the role of trust, religion and historical events on vaccination in colonial India. The work of prof. Iannaccone is central to this theme and the work of Prof. Rubin on Muslim Societies is fundamental to my research.

Since this research area is evolving continuously, it is important for a young doctoral scholar like myself to be proficient with new techniques, like the use of GIS and the night lights data. My ongoing research at GMU with Prof. Johnson uses GIS and night lights data in an extensive manner. Further, I also explore the role of trust across religious communities on vaccination in colonial India. In this context, I plan to build upon the recent work of Prof. Livny on the use of night lights data and the role of trust in Muslim societies and see how trust within Muslim societies resulted in better health outcomes in colonial India.

As part of my future research, Interaction with Prof. Carvalho would help me to plan out a field experiment to see whether the mistrust in the aftermath of the revolt of 1857 in India persists over time. The expertise and guidance of Prof. Carvalho would be really crucial in designing such experiment.

This workshop also presents a great opportunity to network with other young scholars working in this area, and explore possibilities of future collaboration.

Lastly, coming from the religious minority community of a developing country like India, this workshop would provide me the much needed exposure to attend an in person workshop at one of the top universities in the world and therefore would be a great learning experience to participate and present my work in future conferences and seminars.