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## EDUCATION

PhD Candidate in Economics, University of Michigan	2019 (Expected)
MA in Economics, University of Michigan	2015
MSc in Economics for Development, University of Oxford	2009
BA (Hon.) in Economics, St. Stephen's College, Delhi University	2008

## RESEARCH

**Research Interests:** Environmental and Energy Economics, Development, Behavioral Economics

**Committee:** [Ryan Kellogg](#) (co-chair), [Dean Yang](#) (co-chair), [Hoyt Bleakley](#), [Catie Hausman](#)

### Working Papers

1. [The Price of Power: Costs of Political Corruption in Indian Electricity \(Job Market Paper\)](#)  
Media mentions: [Hindustan Times](#)
2. [Unbundling the Load: How Electricity Restructuring Affects the Manufacturing Sector](#)
3. [Behavioral Dynamics in Transitions from College to the Workforce](#), Under Review (with Catalina Franco)

### Work in Progress

1. Reducing Roof-top Solar Power Supply Delivery Costs in India (with Robyn Meeks)
2. Predicting Electricity Consumption with Satellite Nighttime Light Density
3. The Effects of Extreme Weather Events and Climate Change on Electricity Consumption

### Other Work

4. [Seeing is Believing: Poverty in The Palestinian Territories](#), World Bank (2014), with Tara Vishwanath, Brian Blankespoor, Faythe Calandra, Nandini Krishnan and Nobuo Yoshida
5. [Poverty Mapping in the Kyrgyz Republic Methodology and Key Findings](#), Working Paper 76690, World Bank (2013), with Nobuo Yoshida and Larisa Praslova
6. Understanding Seasonal Extreme Poverty in the Northwestern Region of Bangladesh, Vol.2: The Extent of Seasonal Deprivation and Informal/Formal Coping Mechanisms, World Bank (2012), with Shinya Takamatsu and Nobuo Yoshida

## PRESENTATIONS

**2018:** Health, History, Development, & Demography Seminar (University of Michigan), Energy Fest (Northwestern University), WCERE (U of Gothenburg), Summer Job Market Workshop (UC San Diego), CREE Study Group Annual Conference (UQAM, Montreal), Environmental & Resource Economics Workshop (University of Colorado), Economic Development Seminar (University of Michigan), EMCON 2018 (Northwestern University), Sustainability & Development Conference (U. of Michigan)

**Upcoming:** Development Day Conference (U. of Chicago), Midwest Economic Association (2019)

**2017:** Health, History, Development, and Demography Seminar (University of Michigan), NEUDC 2017 (Tufts), ACEGD 2017 (ISI Delhi)

**2016:** Energy and Resources Seminar (University of Michigan), Health, History, Development, and Demography Seminar (University of Michigan)

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (\$3000)	2018
Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship (university-wide), University of Michigan	2017-18
Rackham Summer Award (\$8000)	2017
Katona Economic Behavior Research Award (with C. Franco), ISR, University of Michigan (\$6000)	2016
Graduate Research Award, University of Michigan (\$2800)	2016
Cheng Developing Economies Research Award, University of Michigan (\$3000)	2015
Sandbrook Scholarship awarded by Exeter College, Oxford University	2009
The JN Tata Endowment Scholarship for study at Oxford University	2008-09

## TEACHING

- Head Graduate Student Instructor (Mentor for other TAs), Economics, University of Michigan 2016
- Head Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) for ECON 101, University of Michigan (two semesters) 2015-16
- Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) for ECON 101, University of Michigan (two semesters) 2014-15

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Research Assistant to Robyn Meeks (Duke University) 2016
- Research Assistant to Achyuta Adhvaryu (University of Michigan) 2015-16
- Research Assistant to Manuela Angelucci (University of Texas at Austin) 2014-15

## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

- Consultant, Poverty and Inequality Unit, World Bank, Washington DC 2009-13
- Richard Sandbrook Scholar at International Institute of Environment and Development, London, UK 2009
- Survey investigator of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act under Jean Drèze 2007
- ABN-Amro Bank, Mumbai India 2006

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY:** Fluent in English, Hindi, Tamil

## DOCTORATE COURSES

**Economics:** Macroeconomic Theory, Microeconomic Theory, Mathematics for Economics, Econometric Analysis, Applied Microeconometrics, Natural Resource and Environmental Economics, Development Economics, Structural Estimation, Computational Economics

**Other Departments:** Experimental Methods (School of Information)

**PERSONAL:** Indian citizen on F1 (student) visa

## REFERENCES

### **Dean Yang (co-chair)**

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