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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economics of Education, Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024 - Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University

## EDUCATION

2024 Ph.D. in Agricultural & Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin–Madison  
Dissertation title: *"Essays in Development Economics"*  
2020 M.S. in Agricultural & Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin–Madison  
2018 M.Phil. in Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India  
2014 M.A in Economics, Jadavpur University, India  
2012 B.A. (Hons.), in Economics, Jadavpur University, India

## REFERENCES

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## WORKING PAPERS

- The Role of Affirmative Action in Enrollment, Test Scores, and School Quality: Evidence from India (JOB MARKET PAPER) [[📄](#) [on SSRN](#)]
- Parental Investments and Sibling Spillover Effects of Affirmative Action Policies: Evidence from India
- Women's Inheritance Rights and Household Sanitation - with [Md Moshi Ul Alam](#)

## SELECTED RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- Spatial Inequality and School Choice Mechanisms - with [Md Moshi Ul Alam](#), [Chao Fu](#), [YingHua He](#)

## ACADEMIC RESEARCH GRANTS AND FUNDING

2021 J-PAL Post Primary Education Initiative (USD 10,000) for  
*The Role of Affirmative Action in Enrollment, Test Scores, and School Quality: Evidence from India (Job Market Paper)*  
and  
*Parental Investments and Sibling Spillover Effects of Affirmative Action Policies: Evidence from India*

2021 Dissertation Research Grant, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, UW-Madison (USD 1,000)  
 2018 Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Student Research Travel Grant, UW-Madison  
 2018 Graduate School Student Research Travel Grant Competition for Conference Travels, UW-Madison  
 2016-2018 University Grants Commission, India Non NET Fellowship

### RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

2022-24 for Prof. Jessica Pac, Department of Social Work, UW-Madison.  
 2021-22 for Prof. Bradford Barham, Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics, UW-Madison.  
 2020-21 for Prof. Laura Schechter, Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics, UW-Madison.  
 2019-20 for Prof. Emilia Tjernström, Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics, UW-Madison.  
 2018-19 for Prof. Bradford Barham, Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics, UW-Madison.

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

2020 Spring AAE 215: Introduction to Agricultural and Applied Economics, Prof. Eduardo Cenci  
 - Average Rating: 4.8/5

### REFEREING SERVICE

*Economics of Education Review* (x 2)

### OTHER SERVICE

2022-2023 Organizer of Development Lab, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, UW-Madison

### CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

2023-2019 AAE Development Lab, UW-Madison; Development Economics Workshop, AAE, UW Madison; Student Research Colloquium, AAE, UW-Madison  
 2023 Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics (AMIE); University of Georgia, Agricultural and Applied Economics - Graduate Development Workshop  
 2018 14th Annual Conference on Growth & Development, Indian Statistical Institute, India

### AFFILIATIONS

2022-2023 Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics (AMIE)  
 2019 Graduate Research Fellow, Institute of Research and Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison

### COMPUTER LANGUAGES

STATA, R,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Python (Web scraping)

### PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

2014-2016 Associate Consultant, *Big Data Analytics, Wipro Limited, India*

## OTHER INFORMATION

Languages: English (fluent), Hindi (native), Bengali (fluent)

Citizenship: India

Permanent Residency: Canada