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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics (STEM), University of California–Riverside	2017–2023 (expected)
M.A. in Economics, University of California–Riverside	2018
M.A. in Economics (World Economy), Jawaharlal Nehru University	2012–2014
B.A. (Hons.) in Economics, University of Delhi	2009–2012

RESEARCH FIELDS

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Development Economics, Health Economics, and Econometrics

AWARDS and HONORS

2022: HEERF Dissertation Year Fellowship, UC Riverside
2022: Travel Grant Western Economic Association International Graduate Student Workshop
2021: Graduate Dean's Dissertation Research Grant
2021: Conference Travel Grant, GSA, UC Riverside
2021: Conference Travel Grant, Economics Department, UC Riverside
2020: J-PAL Post-Primary Education Fund Grant (45,500 USD) (with Dr Sarojini Hirshleifer and Dr Deepshikha Batheja)
2019: Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award in Economics Department
2019: Travel Grant Mentoring Workshop for 3rd Year Female Economics Students (NSF & Stanford University)
2017: Dean's Distinguished Fellowship Award, UC Riverside (until 2022)

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Intergenerational Health Effects of Adult Literacy Programs: Evidence from India"
"Teacher Value Added Spillovers on Non-cognitive Abilities"
"Curriculum Reforms, Adult Health, and Mortality" (with Bahadir Dursun, Ozkan Eren and Erdal Tekin)
"Does Certification Increased the Returns to Human Capital? A Field Experiment in India" (with Sarojini Hirshleifer and Deepshikha Batheja)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Prof. Ozkan Eren and Prof. Sharon Oselin <i>UCR Robert Presley Center for Crime and Justice Studies</i>	Winter 2020- Fall 2020
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"Realignment, Re-Entry, and Recidivism: A Mixed Methods Impact Evaluation of the Riverside County Probation Department's Day Reporting Centers"

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, UC Riverside

Labor Economics	Summer 2020
Intermediate Microeconomics Theory II	Summer 2020
Intermediate Microeconomics Theory I	Summer 2021

Teaching Assistant, UC Riverside

Intermediate Microeconomics Theory I	Fall 2018, Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Winter 2021
Introductory Econometrics	Spring 2019, Spring 2021
Introduction to Microeconomics	Winter 2019, Spring 2022
Introduction to Macroeconomics	Fall 2021, Winter 2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Economics Research Assistant	2015 - 2017
<i>ASEAN- India Centre at RIS, Ministry of External Affairs, India</i>	
Economics Research Assistant	2015
<i>Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India</i>	
Analyst – Knowledge Services	2014 - 2015
<i>Infosys India Private Limited, India</i>	
Intern	2013
<i>Planning Commission, India</i>	

CERTIFICATION

UGC-CBSE National Eligibility Test (NET) for Assistant Professor in Economics (2014)
Basics of WTO and International Trade from Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Seminar and Conference Presentations

2022: Western Economic Association International Graduate Student Workshop
2021: CEGA-Berkley, American Society of Health Economics, Western Economic Association International, Eastern Economic Association, Midwestern Economic Association, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Hawaii International Conference on Education, University of California–Riverside Applied Economics Seminar, and University of California–Riverside Brown Bag Seminar.
2020: Successfully Navigating Your Economics Ph.D., organized by CSWEP, American Economic Association
2019: Mentoring Workshop for 3rd Year Female Economics Students, organized by NSF & Stanford University

Reviewer

- Journal of Quantitative Economics; Journal of Labor Research; Pakistan Journal of Applied Economics

University Service

- International students' volunteer (Fall 2018)
- International Student Orientation Leader at UC Riverside (Fall 2018)

SKILLS

IT Skills: Proficient in STATA, LATEX, R programming, SAS, HPCC
Languages: English, Hindi, and Punjabi