

## **Pradyot Sharma**

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### **Education**

**George Mason University**, Fairfax, VA

Ph.D. in Economics, Expected 2026

– Advised by Timothy Groseclose

- **Research Interests:** Applied Microeconomics, Economics of Regulation, Political Economy, Inequality, Economic Development

**George Mason University**, Fairfax, VA

M.A. in Economics, 2021

**Troy University**, Troy, AL

B.S. in Economics (Mathematics Minor), 2020

- **Honors:** Outstanding Freshman (2017), Outstanding Economics Undergraduate
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### **Fellowships:**

**Mercatus Center PhD Fellowship** | 2020–Present

**Graduate Fellow F.A. Hayek Program** | 2020–2022

**Mercatus Summer Research Fellow** | 2020–2023

**Chancellors Scholarship Troy University** | 2016–2020

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### **Research Experience**

**George Mason University, Department of Economics, Fairfax, VA**

**Research Assistant, Thomas Stratmann** | 2024–Present

**Research Assistant, Timothy Groseclose** | 2022–2024

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## Teaching Experience

### George Mason University, Department of Economics

#### Instructor

- **Econ 311: Intermediate Macroeconomics** – Summer 2023, Spring 2024(With Timothy Groseclose) , Summer 2024, Summer 2025

#### Teaching Assistant

- **Econ 637: PhD Econometrics** – Spring 2025
- **Econ 100: Economics for the Citizen** – Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Spring 2024
- **Econ 309: Economics for Public Policy** – Summer 2022

#### Guest Lecture

- **Econ 637: PhD Econometrics** – Introduction to Synthetic Control Design
  - **Econ 637: PhD Econometrics** – Maximum Likelihood Estimation
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## Published Work

- **Regulation and Income Mobility** (With Vincent Geloso). *The Economists' Voice*, Forthcoming

## Working Papers

- **Income Mobility, Automation, and Occupational Licensing** (With Vincent Geloso and Alicia Plemmons).
  - GMU Working Paper in Economics No. 24-26. [Revise & Resubmit at *Southern Economic Journal*].
  - Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4878718>.
  - Coverage: [Regulatory Burden Falls Hardest on the Poor | The Daily Economy](#)

- **Impact of Broadband Access on Economic Development: A Synthetic Control Approach** (*With Thomas Stratmann*) [Draft Available upon Request].

### Working In Progress

**A Structural Estimation of Partisanship in the United States** (*With Timothy Groseclose*) [Draft Available upon Request].

**Does Aid affect electoral outcomes in Recipient nations: Evidence from Nepal** [Draft Available upon Request].

### Non-Academic Writings

- [A Horrific Crime Runs Rampant in Cambodia. Is Foreign Aid to Blame?](#) – Foundation of Economic Education (FEE) Jan 2017.

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### Conference Presentations & Workshops

- *Rent Seeking in Development Aid*, **Southern Economic Association (SEA) Meetings**, Presenter, Nov 2021
- *Foreign Aid as Non-compensated Transfers*, **Southern Economic Association (SEA) Meetings**, Presenter, Nov 2023

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### References

**Thomas Stratmann** – Distinguished University Professor of Economics, George Mason University

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**Timothy Groseclose** – Professor of Economics, George Mason University (Dissertation Chair)

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**Vincent Geloso** – Assistant Professor of Economics, George Mason University

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