

## Priyadarshi Amar

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EDUCATION	University of Wisconsin–Madison PhD, Political Science and Agricultural & Applied Economics Fields: Comparative Politics, Development Economics, Political Methodology Dissertation: “Essays on Political Entry in Local Governments” Committee: Rikhil Bhavnani (co-chair), Laura Schechter (co-chair), Yoshiko Herrera, Priya Mukherjee, and Zhenhuan (Reed) Lei MS, Economics King’s College London MSc Financial Mathematics University of Delhi BSc, Statistics (Hons.)	Expected-2025           2018       2013       2012
RESEARCH IN PROGRESS	“Attempts to Engineer Political Entry: Do Electoral Rules Hurt Marginalised Groups? Evidence from India.”  “Do Ethnic Group Quotas Improve Women’s Representation? Evidence from India’s Village Elections.”  “Countering Misinformation Early: A Grassroots Media Literacy Intervention for Rural Populations in India.” with Sumitra Badrinathan, Simon Chauchard, and Florian Sichart  “Heat on Democracy: Does Polling Day Temperature affect Elections?” with Shweta Bhogale and Ting Liu  “Do Direct Elections Improve Accountability in Village Assemblies? Evidence from a Policy Experiment in India.” with Rikhil Bhavnani and Amit Jadhav  “Mere Proxies or Genuine Leaders? Female Candidates in Village Council Elections in India.” with Apurva Bamezai and Rithika Kumar  “Sharing Falsehoods in an Information-poor Environment: An Experiment with Indian Teenagers.” with Sumitra Badrinathan, Simon Chauchard, and Florian Sichart	
EXTERNAL CONFERENCES	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development at ISI Delhi American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (MWEPS)	2024, 2023 2024 2023 2023 2023
FIELDWORK	Bihar, India Maharashtra, India	9/2024, 11–12/2024 6–8/2019, 1/2022–4/2022

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	Rikhil Bhavnani, UW–Madison	2016–
	Nina Varsava, UW–Madison	2023
	Sisir Debnath, Indian School of Business	2014–16
	Rohini Somanathan, Centre for Development Economics	2013–14
TEACHING	<i>Undergraduate</i>	
	Introduction to Public Policy, Reader/Grader, UW–Madison	2021
	Understanding Political Numbers, Teaching Assistant, UW–Madison	2021
	Research Design for Undergraduates, Teaching Assistant, UW–Madison	2019
	<i>Graduate</i>	
	Introduction to Python, Teaching Assistant, ICPSR	2023
	Mathematics for Social Scientists, Teaching Assistant, ICPSR	2023
	Game Theory for Graduate Students, Teaching Assistant, UW–Madison	2020
	Managerial Economics, Teaching Assistant, Indian School of Business	2016, 2015
	<i>Undergraduate research supervision</i>	
	Undergraduate Research Program Mentor (3 students)	2024, 2023, 2022
SERVICE	<i>Department</i>	
	Discussant, Comparative Politics Colloquium	2023, 2022, 2021, 2019
	Discussant, Models, Experiments, and Data Workshop	2023
	Student Coordinator, Comparative Politics Colloquium	2019, 2020
	<i>Discipline</i>	
	Discussant & Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	2024
	Chair, Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference	2024
	Discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2023
	<i>Journal Referee</i>	
	<i>Economic Modeling, American Journal of Agricultural Economics</i>	
OTHER TRAINING	Northwestern Advanced Causal Inference Workshop	2023
RESEARCH GRANTS	Ronald Rapoport Summer Research Collaborative Program Award	2024
	Summer Initiative Research Grant, UW–Madison	2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019
	Conference Travel Grant, Elections Research Center, UW–Madison	2023
	Social Science Research Council Mercury Project Award, Co–PI	2023
	Graduate Research Travel Grant, UW–Madison	2023, 2020, 2019
	Summer Research Scholarship, Department of Political Science, UW–Madison	2022
	Research Funding Competition, Elections Research Center, UW–Madison	2021
	Graduate School Grant, UW–Madison	2018
	Economics Master’s Program Research Scholarship, UW–Madison	2017
FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS		
	Faculty-Student Collaborative Summer Research Fellowship, Election Research Center, UW–Madison	2023, 2022
	University Fellowship, UW–Madison	2022, 2018–2019

	Research Paper Award (Honorable mention), Economics Dept., UW–Madison	2018
SPOKEN LANGUAGES	Hindi, Bhojpuri	
PROGRAMMING	R, Python, Matlab	
SOFTWARE	Stata, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, QGIS, git	
AFFILIATIONS	Election Research Center, Graduate Affiliate	2021–
	Centre for South Asia, Graduate Affiliate	2018–
	IDFC Institute, Visiting Researcher	2019
REFERENCES		

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