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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Agricultural & Applied Economics and Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2025 (expected)  
M.Sc Economics, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2018  
M.Sc Financial Mathematics, King’s College London, 2013  
B.Sc Statistics (Honours), University of Delhi, 2012

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy of Development, Inequality and Representation, Electoral Institutions, Politics of South Asia

## WORK 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)

## GRANTS

Ronald Rapoport Summer Research Collaborative Program Award, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2024 (\$5000)  
Summer Research Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2024 (\$2500)  
Conference Travel Grant, Elections Research Center, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2023 (\$1000)  
Student Research Travel Grant, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2023 (\$1500)  
Joined as Co-PI, Social Science Research Council Mercury Project Award for “BIMLI (Bihar Information and Media Literacy Initiative): A media literacy field experiment in North Indian schools” with S. Chauchard, S. Badrinathan, and F. Sichart (\$430,000)  
Summer Research Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2023 (\$2500)  
Summer Research Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2022 (\$3000)

Graduate Research Funding Competition, Elections Research Center, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2021 (\$800)

Summer Research Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2021 (\$1500)

Summer Research Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2021 (\$1500)

Summer Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2021 (\$3000)

Additional Summer Research Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2020 (\$900)

Summer Research Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2020 (\$2500)

Research Travel Grant, Institute of Regional and International Studies, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2020 (\$600)

Fieldwork Support, IDFC Institute, 2019 (\$1000)

Student Research Travel Grant, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2019 (\$1200)

Research Travel Grant, Institute of Regional and International Studies, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2020 (\$600)

Summer Research Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2019 (\$3000)

Research Travel Grant, Institute of Regional and International Studies, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2019 (\$1200)

Graduate School Grant, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2018 (\$5000)

Economics Master’s Program Research Scholarship, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2017 (\$2000)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Faculty-Student Collaborative Summer Research Fellowship , Election Research Center, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2023

Faculty-Student Collaborative Summer Research Fellowship , Election Research Center, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2022

University Fellowship, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2022.

University Fellowship, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2018–19.

Honorable Mention Research Paper Scholarship (Dept. of Economics), University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2018

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin–Madison, Department of Political Science

Research Assistant, Professor Rikhil Bhavnani, Oct 2016 to Present

Research Assistant, Professor Nina Varsava, Nov 2022 to August 2023

Teaching Assistant, Understanding Political Numbers, Sep 2021 to Dec 2021

Teaching Assistant, Understanding Political Numbers, Jan 2021 to May 2021

Teaching Assistant, Understanding Political Numbers, Sep 2020 to Dec 2020

Teaching Assistant, Game Theory for Graduate Students, Jan 2020 to May 2020

Teaching Assistant, Research Design for Undergraduates, Aug 2019 to Dec 2019

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Python, Jun 2023 to July 2023

Teaching Assistant, Mathematics for Social Scientists, Jun 2023 to July 2023

Indian School of Business, Department of Economics and Public Policy  
Research and Teaching Assistant, Professor Sisir Debnath, Nov 2014 to Aug 2016  
Delhi School of Economics, Centre for Development Economics  
Research Assistant, Professor Rohini Somanathan, Jan 2014 to Oct 2014

## CONFERENCES (EXTERNAL)

2024: Midwest Political Science Association Conference  
2024: Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference  
2023: 18th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development at ISI Delhi  
2023: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
2023: Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (MWEPS)  
2023: Midwest Political Science Association Conference

## SERVICE

Referee: Economic Modeling, American Journal of Agricultural Economics  
Department: Student coordinator, Comparative Politics Colloquium  
Discussant: APSA  
Chair: MPSA, SPSA

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

STATA, Python, R, Matlab and QGIS.

## OTHER POSITIONS

Election Research Center, Graduate Student Affiliate, Oct 2019 to Present  
Center for South Asia, Graduate Student Affiliate, March 2019 to Present  
Comparative Politics Colloquium, Student Coordinator, Aug 2019 to Present  
IDFC Institute, Visiting Researcher, June 2019 to Aug 2019

## REFERENCES - COMMITTEE

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