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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2022-

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. Economics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2022  
M.S. Quantitative Economics (MSQE), Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, 2015  
B.A. (Hons) Economics, St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, 2012

## FIELDS

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International Trade, Environmental Economics, Applied Econometrics

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Welfare Effects of International Trade in Waste”  
“Trade Networks and Diffusion of Regulatory Standards”, with Sergio Rocha

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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“Membership in Quasi-Exclusive Multilateral Agreements: The Incentives to Adopt the Basel Convention”, with George Deltas  
“Transboundary Diffusion of Regulations: Role of Product Proximity and Product Heterogeneity”, with Sergio Rocha

## EXPERIENCE & EMPLOYMENT

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Research Assistant to Tatyana Deryugina, Department of Finance, University of Illinois	AY 2016-17
Intern, Center for Science and Environment, Delhi	Summer 2012

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE (\*Ranked as Excellent by Students, \*\*University-wide Top 10%, ^Not Evaluated)

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### **Instructor**—*Undergraduate, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute:*

International Trade and the Environment	Fall 2022
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### **Teaching Assistant** – *Graduate, University of Illinois:*

Economic Statistics	Fall 2017 <sup>^</sup> , 2018*, 2019*, 2020**, 2021**
Econometrics	Spring 2018*, 2019**, 2020*, 2021*, 2022*, Summer 2021**

## REFeree SERVICES

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*Canadian Journal of Economics* (× 4)

## AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

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Robert E. Demarest Memorial Teaching Award, Dept. of Economics, UIUC	Summer 2021
Robert Willis Harbeson Memorial Dissertation Fellowship, Dept. of Economics, UIUC	Summer 2020
North Central Regional Center for Rural Development Student Travel Grant	2019
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society	2019
Summer Research Fellowship, Dept. of Economics, UIUC	2018-19
Cleo Fitzsimmons Award, Dept. of Economics, UIUC, <i>for performance in PhD Core, GPA 3.96</i>	2017
Graduate Fellowship, Dept. of Economics, UIUC	AY 2015-16
<i>Vigyan Chhatra Samman</i> , Uttar Pradesh Govt., <i>for perfect score in ISC Mathematics</i>	2009

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS († by co-author, § scheduled)

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American Economic Association (Poster), Midwest International Trade Conference, Association of Environmental and Resource Economists @ the Southern Economic Association Annual Conference <sup>†§</sup>	2022
Southern Economic Association Graduate Student Sessions, Western Economic Association Annual Conference, Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, Western Economics Association International Conference	2021
North American Regional Science Council Annual Meeting <sup>†</sup>	2020
Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop at Illinois, Mid-Continent Regional Science Association Annual Conference	2019

## SKILLS

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- **Programming:** R, Stata, MATLAB, GAUSS, Python (elementary), ArcGIS (elementary), LaTeX
- **Languages:** English (native), Hindi (native)

## REFERENCES

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**Greg Howard**  
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