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## **RESEARCH AREAS**

Environmental Economics, Development Economics

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## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- 2025— Assistant Professor of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota  
2023-2024 President's Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Minnesota

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## **AFFILIATIONS**

- 2025— Faculty Member, Minnesota Population Center  
2025— Faculty Affiliate, NatCap TEEMS  
2025— Steering Committee, Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy

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## **EDUCATION**

- 2023 Ph.D., Food and Resource Economics, University of British Columbia  
*Thesis: Three Essays in Environmental and Development Economics*  
2015 M.A., Economics, University of British Columbia  
2012 B.A., Economics, Environmental Studies, McGill University

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

1. “[Cash Crops and the Development-Environment Tradeoff: Evidence from Benin.](#)” (with Zhenong Jin and Leikun Yin). Forthcoming, **Land Economics**
2. “[Infrastructure, Institutions, and the Conservation of Biodiversity in India.](#)” **Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists**, 2025
3. “[Ruling The Roost: Avian Species Reclaim Urban Habitat During India’s COVID-19 Lockdown](#) (with Sumeet Gulati)”. **Biological Conservation**, 2022
4. “[Saving the world from your couch: The heterogeneous medium-run benefits of COVID-19 lockdowns on air pollution](#) (with Jean-Philippe Bonardi, Quentin Gallea, Dimitrija Kalanoski, Rafael Lalive, Frederik Noack, Dominic Rohner, and Tommaso Sonno)” **Environmental Research Letters**, 2021

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## **WORKING PAPERS**

1. “[Internal Migration and the Spatial Reorganization of Agriculture.](#)” (with Frederik Noack, Mushfiq Mobarak, and Olivier Deschenes). **Submitted**.
2. “[Ethnic Favouritism in Environmental Disaster Payouts.](#)” (with Sumeet Gulati and Pushpendra Rana). **Submitted**.
3. “[Off-Target Impacts of Targeted Policy: Evidence from Colombia.](#)” (with Tatiana Zarate-Barrera). **Submitted**.

## **SELECTED RESEARCH IN PROGRESS (\* graduate student co-authors)**

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1. "Tribal Forest Rights and Firm Behaviour." (with Sabyasachi Das)
2. "Willingness to Pay for Biodiversity: Evidence from Recreation Demand." (with Matt Braaksma\*, Jovin Lasway\*, and Ryan Mcway\*)
3. "Gross Ecosystem Product." (with [NatCap TEEMS](#))
4. "Does Women's Autonomy Improve Forest Restoration? Experimental Evidence from the Himalayas." (with Pooja Choksi, Eric Coleman, Harry Fischer, Forrest Fleischman, Munib Khanyari, Pushpendra Rana, Erin Sills)

## **POLICY WRITING**

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1. "How internal migration is reshaping rural India." *VoxDev* (2025)
2. "Internal migration and the spatial reorganisation of agriculture." *Ideas4India* (2025)
3. "Can inclusive institutions mitigate the development-biodiversity tradeoff?" *VoxDev* (2025)
4. "Pollution reductions during lockdown can teach us how to build a sustainable economy." *VoxEU* (2021)
5. "Multi-media Impacts of Cannabis Production in Metro Vancouver." *MetroVancouver Policy Report* (2019).
6. "Water Pollution and Public Health in India: The Potential for a Market-Based Approach." (with Michael Greenstone, Rohini Pande, and Hardik Shah). *Health and South Asia Digital Handbook* (2013).

## **SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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| 2024      | Postdoctoral Career Development Award                             |
| 2024      | AERE 2024 Scholar   |
| 2019-2023 | SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Fellowship                |
| 2022      | Delegate to Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings                        |
| 2021-22   | Fellow, Institute for Asian Research, UBC School of Public Policy |
| 2020      | Nehru Humanitarian Award in Indian Studies                        |

## **PRESENTATIONS/SEMINARS (\* Scheduled)**

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| 2026 | University of Utah*  |
| 2025 | NEUDC, UCSB Occasional Workshop, LEEP Institute (University of Exeter Econ Department), Queensland University of Technology (Econ Department), Australasian Development Economics Workshop, Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society, AERE Summer Conference, Big Sky Workshop (Montana State), NatCap TEEMS |
| 2024 | PPFP Symposium, WEAI, AERE, Heartland Workshop (UIUC), Macalester College, University of Minnesota, NatCap TEEMS   |
| 2023 | World Bank, UC San Diego (21CIC Seminar), CREEA, Keio University (Japan), University of Ottawa, UW-Madison, University of Minnesota (Applied Economics), Simon Fraser University, EPA NCEE, Mathematica, UCSB Occasional Workshop  |
| 2022 | NBER Summer Institute (Environment & Energy Economics), UBC Vancouver School of Economics, PacDev, OSWEET, Columbia IPWSD Workshop, WEAI, AERE, CREEA  |
| 2021 | Camp Resources, AERE, CREEA (Best Paper Prize), Columbia IPWSD Workshop  |

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## **TEACHING**

### **Lead Instructor**

APEC 3001: Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate, Fall 2025)

APEC 8990: Environmental and Development Economics (PhD Level, Fall 2024, [Syllabus](#))

FRE 460: Economics of Food Consumption (Undergraduate, Winter 2022, [Syllabus](#))

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## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2019            Consultant, Metro Vancouver, Environmental Regulation & Enforcement

2015 - 2016      Pre-Doctoral Fellow to Rohini Pande, Harvard Kennedy School

2012 - 2014      Research Assistant to Michael Greenstone, Rohini Pande, Nick Ryan, and Anant Sudarshan, J-PAL South Asia

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## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Referee: *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Resource and Energy Economics*, *Economic Modelling*, *Environment and Development Economics*, *Agricultural Economics*, *Environmental Research Letters*, *Global Ecology and Conservation*

Abstract Reviewer: Midwestern International Economic Development Conference, AAEA Summer Conference, AERE Summer Conference, AERE@SEA

Other Service: Mentor, Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics

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## **SKILLS**

Software: Stata, R, Python, GIS

Languages: English (Native), Hindi (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate)

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## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Citizenship: Canada, USA      Hobbies: hiking, hip hop, improv comedy