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**Research interests**      Development Economics

**Education**

**University of California, Santa Cruz, USA**  
PhD in Economics, Department of Economics      2025 (expected)  
M.A. in Economics, Department of Economics      2020

**University College London, London, UK**  
MSc in Economics, Department of Economics      2017

**University of Delhi, Delhi, India**  
B.A. (Honors) Economics      2015

**Papers**

**“Going the Extra Mile: Farm Subsidies and Spatial Convergence in Agricultural Input Adoption”**, with Shilpa Aggarwal, Dahyeon Jeong, Naresh Kumar, David Sungho Park, Jonathan Robinson, and Alan Spearot  
Reject and Resubmit, *Economic Journal*

**(2022) “God is in the Rain: The Impact of Rainfall-Induced Early Social Distancing on COVID-19 Outbreaks”**, with Ajay Shenoy, Bhavyaa Sharma, Guanghong Xu, Haedong Rho, and Kinpritma Sangha  
*Journal of Health Economics* 81: 102575

**Works in Progress**

**“Together to Work? Effect of Travel Buddy on Women’s Employment and Mobility in India”**, with Smit Gade

**“Search Costs and Women’s Employment: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Urban India ”**, with Monica Shandal

**“The Girl on the Train: Effect of Delhi Metro Transit System on Women’s Employment”**, with Moumita Das

**Research Grants**

UCSC Center for Labor and Community Research Grant, \$7,267.47      2024

Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics Travel and Piloting Grant with Monica Shandal, \$14,901      2024

SurveyCTO Data Collection Research Grant, \$3376      2024

G2LM|LIC Programme SRG (Phase VII), €24,969      2023

UCSC Economics Department Research Grant, \$5000      2023

	UCSC Blum Scholars Grant, \$4000	2023
	Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics, \$35,010	Spring 2023
	J-PAL GEA Initiative Travel/Proposal Development Grant, \$8040	2022
	UCSC Economics Department Research Grant, \$5000	2022
	J-PAL K-CAI Research Grant with Shilpa Aggarwal, Jonathan Robinson, and Alan Spearot, \$400,000	2021
<b>Fellowships, and Awards</b>	UCSC Chancellor's Quarter Dissertation Fellowship, \$10,000	2025
	UCSC Graduate Summer Writing Fellowship, \$6000	2023
	UCSC Eileen Brooks Memorial Research Paper Award, \$2,200	2021
	UCSC Regents' Fellowships, \$15,000	2019
<b>Research Assistantship</b>	Jonathan Robinson (UCSC), Shilpa Aggarwal (ISB), and Alan Spearot (UCSC)	2020 – 2022
	Ajay Shenoy (UCSC)	2021
	Supreet Kaur (UC, Berkeley), Heather Scholfield (Wharton), and Christina Brown (Chicago)	2017-2019
<b>Teaching Skills</b>	Computer: STATA, QGIS, Python, R, MATLAB, ODK, SurveyCTO, $\text{\LaTeX}$	
	Language: English (fluent), Hindi (native), Punjabi (Intermediate)	
<b>Citizenship</b>	Republic of India	