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## RESEARCH FIELDS

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Health Economics

## EDUCATION

2025 (expected)	Ph.D. in Economics, Rice University
2016	M.Sc. in Economics, University College London
2015	B.A. (Honors) in Economics, University of Delhi

## EMPLOYMENT & AFFILIATIONS

2021-present	Research Assistant, Texas Policy Lab, Rice University
2019-2020	Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Rice University
2017-2019	Research Associate, Department of Economics, Indian School of Business
2016	Teaching Instructor, O.P. Jindal Global University
2015	Research Intern, National Council of Applied Economic Research

## PUBLISHED & FORTHCOMING PAPERS

“A Comment on DiNecco et al. (2022): Pre-Colonial Warfare and Long-Run Development in India” (with Rachel Forshaw, Tim Olkers and Manali Sovani), **Canadian Journal of Economics**

## WORKING PAPERS

“Ignorance is Bliss? Evaluating the Impact of Rank Non-Disclosure on High School Course Choice” (**Job Market Paper**)

“Unraveling Teacher Steering and Student Sorting in Between-School Segregation’s Impact on Within-School Segregation”

“If You Build It, They Will Come: A Demand Analysis of Household-Level Childcare Choices” (with Flávio Cunha and Jung Youn Lee)

“Pharmacy Proximity and Period Poverty: Assessing the Impact of Subsidized Menstrual Product Availability on Menstrual Management and Educational Outcomes” (with Dibya Mishra)

“Beyond a Free Lunch: Evaluating the Trade-Offs of an Out-of-School Nutrition Program on Adolescent Girls’ Human Capital” (with Tanmay Devi, Ajinkya Keskar and Dibya Mishra)

“Mass Reproducibility and Replicability: A New Hope” (with Abel Brodeur, Derek Mikola, Nikolai Cook, and others)

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Investigating the Impact of Quality Ratings in Child Care Provision on Long-Term Educational Outcomes” (with Flávio Cunha)

"Redrawing Boundaries: An Algorithmic Approach to Fairer School Attendance Zones" (with Dibya Mishra)

"Negotiating Work: The Role of Marriage Matching in Women's Labor Force Participation in India"

## **INVITED CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

- 2024 NBER Innovation Research Boot Camp, NBER Innovation Summer Institute, Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) (*co-author presented*), North America Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Special Memorial Conference for Dr Rodney J Andrews (AEE), Development and Political Economics Conference (DevPEC) (*co-author presented*), Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society
- 2023 Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (SEA), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Conference, Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (RES), NBER Race and Stratification Working Group, Association for Education Finance & Policy Annual Conference (AEFP)
- 2022 SEA, Rice Economics Third Year Paper Conference

## **FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

- 2024-2025 Graduate Fellowship, Texas Policy Lab
- 2019-2024 Economics Graduate Fellowship, Rice University
- 2020-2021 Florence Fulton Endowed Fellowship in Economics, Rice University,
- 2020 COVID-19 Research Fund, Rice University
- 2019-2020 Hansen Family Fellowship in Economics, Rice University
- Travel Grants: NBER (2024), AEE (2024), RES (2023), AEFP (2023), Alfred P Sloan Foundation (2022), Rice University (2024, 2023, 2022)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Instructor, Jindal Global Law School, 2016, Economic Analysis of Law (UG)
- Teaching Assistant, Indian School of Business, 2018, Managerial Economics (MBA)
- Teaching Assistant, Rice University, 2020-21, Applied Econometrics (UG), Development Economics (UG), Economics of Human Capital (UG)

## **SKILLS**

- Coding Skills: Julia, Stata,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Matlab, ArcGIS
- Languages: Hindi (native), English (bilingual)

## **REFERENCES**

**Flávio Cunha** (chair)

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