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Education

Northwestern University	2025 (<i>expected</i>)
Ph.D. in Economics	
Northwestern University	2020
M.A. in Economics	
Colby College	2017
B.A. in Economics (<i>Honors & Distinction</i>) and Mathematical Science (<i>Distinction</i>), <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	

Work in Progress

Populism and Public Services Delivery

Publications

Development Research at High Geographic Resolution: An Analysis of Night Lights, Firms, and Poverty in India Using the SHRUG Open Data Platform (with Sam Asher, Toby Lunt, and Paul Novosad), *World Bank Economic Review* (2021)

Shifted Baselines Reduce Willingness to Pay for Conservation (with Loren McClenachan, Shah Payal, and Sahan Dissanayake), *Frontiers in Marine Science* (2018)

The Proposed Park in Maine's North Woods: Preferences of Out-of-State Visitors (with Sahan Dissanayake and Andrew Meyer), *Maine Policy Review* (2016)

Research Experience

International Monetary Fund	2023
Summer Intern in Western Hemisphere Department	
Northwestern University	2022-2023
Research Assistant for Professor Ameet Morjaria	
Development Data Lab	2017-2019
Research Associate	

Teaching Experience

Northwestern University	2023
Introduction to Microeconomics	

Presentations

2022	Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics, European Meeting of Urban Economics Association, Infra4Dev Conference
2017	Maine Economic Conference
2016	Heartland Environmental and Resource Economic Workshop

Grants, Scholarship, & Awards

2023	International Growth Centre Small Research Grant, with Anton Reinicke and Yasuka Tateishi (£6,000)
	Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries Exploratory Research Grant, with Anton Reinicke and Yasuka Tateishi (£10,000)
2021-2024	Japan Student Service Organization Scholarship
2019-2021	Japan-IMF Scholarship
2017	Breckenridge Prize (highest GPA among senior economic majors)
	Phi Beta Kappa (top 9% of senior class)
2016	Economics Department Prize for Junior with Highest GPA
	Leslie Dougherty Biddle '89 and George Biddle Fund for International Service Learning, Internships, and Research

Refereeing

World Bank Economic Review

Professional Activities

2020-2022	Northwestern University Economics Ph.D. Mentorship Program
2021	Northwestern University Development Lunch Seminar Organizer