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## Professional Experience

<b>Nesta   A Healthy Life mission</b> Researcher	2025–
<b>International Monetary Fund   Western Hemisphere Department</b> Summer Ph.D. Intern	2023
<b>Development Data Lab</b> Research Associate	2017–2019

## Education

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

## Working Papers

- Harnessing Satellite Data to Improve Social Assistance Targeting in the Eastern Caribbean** (with Sophia Chen, Flavien Moreau, and Joana Pereira)
- Unequal Gains from Trade and the Distribution of Political Power in India** (with Sebastian Järvall and Roza Khoban)
- Political (Mis)selection: The Role of Historical Institutions** (with Shubhro Bhattacharya and Utsav Manjeer)

## 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)

## Work in Progress

- Market Integration and Cost of Borders in Africa** (with Robin Burgess, Ameet Morjaria, and Gerard Padró i Miquel)

## Teaching Experience

<b>Northwestern University</b> Introduction to Microeconomics	2023
<b>Colby College</b> Statistics for Economics	2017
Microeconomic Theory	2015

## Presentations

2025	7 <sup>th</sup> Japanese Association for Development Economics Conference
2024	4 <sup>th</sup> Early Career Workshop in Quantitative Political Economy, 6 <sup>th</sup> QMUL Economics and Finance Workshop for PhD & Post-doctoral Students, Lewis Lab Graduate Student Workshop
2023	Pathways to Development Conference
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**

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- 2023      Weiss Fund, with Anton Reinicke and Yasuka Tateishi (\$10,000)  
              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**

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*World Bank Economic Review*

## **Skills**

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- Programming:    Python, R, SQL, HTML/CCS  
Software:       MATLAB, Stata, QGIS  
Tools:           Git/Github, BitBucket, Unix Shell, VS Code, Web APIs, Microsoft Office

## **Professional Activities**

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- 2020–2023    Northwestern University Economics Ph.D. Mentorship Program  
2021          Northwestern University Development Lunch Seminar Organizer