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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>	

Working Papers

Political (Mis)selection: The Role of Historical Institutions (with Shubhro Bhattacharya and Utsav Manjeer)

Work in Progress

Harnessing Satellite Data to Improve Social Assistance Targeting in the Eastern Caribbean (with Sophia Chen, Flavien Moreau, and Joana Pereira)

Populism and Public Services Delivery

Trade Reform and Political Power: Connections between Firms and Politicians in India (with Sebastian Jäverall and Roza Khoban)

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)

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	

Grants, Scholarship, & Awards

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

Presentations

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

Refereeing

World Bank Economic Review

Professional Activities

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