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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Macroeconomics, Heterogenous agent model, Labor Economics

## EDUCATION

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PhD Economics, McMaster University	2020 – 2025
MA Economics, McMaster University	2019 – 2020
BSc. (Honors) Economics and Mathematics, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)	2006 – 2010

## JOB MARKET PAPER

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### “Impact of Preference heterogeneity on entrepreneurship”

This paper combines survey data with a quantitative model to study the wide variation in entrepreneurial hours worked, firm size, and asset accumulation. By introducing heterogeneity in leisure preferences alongside productivity, the model replicates key empirical patterns and shows that preference heterogeneity is important to explaining entrepreneurial outcomes.

## Working Papers

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“How durable are durables?”, with Zachary L. Mahone, 2025  
“Gender disparities in entrepreneurial Time allocation”, 2025

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Instructor		
International Monetary Economics	McMaster University	2024
Research Assistant		
Professor Gajendran Raveendranathan	McMaster University	Spring 2022 – Winter 2024
Professor Michael Veall	McMaster University	Fall 2021 – Winter 2022
Professor Zachary Mahone	McMaster University	Summer 2021
Teaching Assistant		
Econ Health Policy	McMaster University	Spring 2025
Introductory Microeconomics	McMaster University	Winter 2025 & Fall 2024
Economics of Professional Sports	McMaster University	Winter 2024 & Spring 2024
Intermediate Macroeconomics 2	McMaster University	Winter 2021
Econometrics 1	McMaster University	Fall 2020
Introduction to Statistics	McMaster University	Fall 2020
Introduction to Game Theory	McMaster University	Summer 2020
Economics of Labour Market Issues	McMaster University	Winter 2020
Economics of Professional Sports	McMaster University	Fall 2019
International Trade	Lahore University of Management Sciences	2009

## ACADEMIC HONOURS AND AWARDS

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Graduate Scholarship, McMaster University	2025 – 2026
Graduate Scholarship, McMaster University	2024 – 2025
Tri Agency Award, Ontario Graduate Scholarship	2023 – 2024
Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Ontario	2022 – 2023
Graduate Scholarship, McMaster University	2022 – 2023
David S. Daly Academic Grant, McMaster University	2021 – 2022
Graduate Scholarship, McMaster University	2021 – 2022

## CONFERENCE AND PRESENTATIONS

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59th CEA meeting, Montreal, Canada	2025
58th CEA meeting, Toronto, Canada	2024
57th CEA meeting, Winnipeg, Canada	2023

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Economic Analyst, Indonesian Consulate in Karachi, Pakistan	Mar 2012–Nov 2013
Financial Analyst, GEO Networks	Apr 2011 – Mar 2012

## SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

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Programming: Fortran, MATLAB, R, Stata, Latex

## REFERENCES

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