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Education

- Ph.D. Economics, University of Connecticut, 2017–2022
- M.Sc. Economics, University of Texas at Austin, 2015–2017
- M.Sc. Economics, University of Essex, UK, 2010–2011
- B.A. (Hons.) Economics, University of Delhi, India, 2006–2009

Employment

- **Amazon**, Economist, Prime Video Personalization & Discovery, *April 2025–present*
- **Meta Platforms, Inc.**, Research Scientist, Demography and Survey Science Team, *Aug 2022–April 2025*
- **University of Connecticut, Dept. of Economics**, Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant, and Instructor of Record, *Aug 2017–May 2022*
- **World Bank**, Short-term Consultant, *July 2019–Aug 2019 & Sept 2020–Dec 2020*
- **Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), South Asia**, Research Manager, *June 2014–July 2015*; Research Associate, *Nov 2011–May 2014*
- **Centre for Microfinance, IFMR Research**, Research Consultant, *Aug 2009–July 2010*

Research Interests

- Labor Economics, Development Economics, Urban Economics, Health Economics, Economics of Education, Behavioral Economics, Program Evaluation, Social Media Technology

Teaching Interests

Primary

- Labor Economics, Urban Economics, Development Economics, Econometrics/Quantitative Methods

Secondary

- Health Economics, Public Economics, Economics of Education, Macroeconomics

Publications and Accepted Papers

- *Can Destigmatizing Mental Health Increase Willingness to Seek Help? Experimental Evidence from Nepal.. Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2025, Volume 44 (97-124) (with Lindsey Lacey, Nishith Mishra, Priya Mukherjee, Nikhilesh Prakash, Nishith Prakash, Diane Quinn & Shwetlena Sabarwal)

- *All Pain and No Gain: When goal setting leads to more effort but no gains in test scores.* **Economics of Education Review**, 2024, Volume 103, 102594 (with Asad Islam, Sungoh Kwon, Eema Masood, Nishith Prakash & Shwetlena Sabarwal)
- *Gender Composition of Children and Sanitation Behavior in India.* **Journal of Environmental Economics and Management**, 2024, Volume 125, 102962
- *When Criminality Begets Crime: The Role of Elected Politicians in India.* **Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization**, 2024, ewae021 (with Nishith Prakash, Soham Sahoo and Reetika Sindhi)

Working Papers

- *Can Technology Mitigate the Impact of Heat and Humidity on Productivity? Experimental Evidence from India* (R&R at Economics and Human Biology)
- *Labor Market Impacts of Exposure to Affordable Housing Supply: Evidence from the LIHTC Program*
- *Minimum Scholastic Standards and Student Outcomes: Role of Support Services in the U.S.* (with Nishith Prakash and Stephen L. Ross)

Work in Progress

- *Job Loss and Marital Dissolution in the US: The Role of Outside Option and Gender* (with Patralekha Ukil)
- *Shaping Future Success: Evidence from an Early Childhood Human Capital Formation Intervention* (with Shwetlena Sabarwal, Lindsey Lacey, Natasha Jha, Nishith Prakash & Rachel Cohen)
- *The Impact of Affordable Housing in the US on Peer Exposure: The Role of Changes in Neighborhoods* (with Patralekha Ukil)

Policy Writing

- *Educator Knowledge of Early Childhood Development: Evidence from Eastern Nepal.* Policy Research Working Paper No. 9381, World Bank (with Lindsey Buck, Nathan Fiala, Nishith Prakash, Shwetlena Sabarwal & Deepika Shrestha)

Teaching Experience

Instructor

- Econometrics-I (University of Connecticut) [Syllabus](#) [Student Evaluation](#) Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant

- Principles of Macroeconomics (University of Connecticut) Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019
- Principles of Microeconomics (University of Connecticut) Spring 2018
- Contemporary Problems in Economics (*writing-intensive*) (University of Connecticut) Fall 2021
- Development Economics (University of Texas at Austin) Fall 2015, Fall 2016

Guest Lecturer

- PhD Development Economics (University of Connecticut) Spring 2022

- Sustainable Economic Development (University of Connecticut)
- Statistical Methods for Impact Evaluation (IFMR Research)
- Economic Development (University of Connecticut)

Spring 2021
Fall 2020
Fall 2019

Conferences and Invited Presentations

- **2025:** Sacred Heart University (Department of Economics), SEA 95th Annual Meeting (*scheduled*)
- **2024:** 99th Annual Conference of the Western Economic Association International; Urban Economics Association's 18th North American Meeting; SEA 94th Annual Meeting
- **2023:** University of California–San Diego (invited seminar); SEA 93rd Annual Meeting
- **2022:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (invited seminar); Newcastle University, UK; Meta Platforms, Inc.; Analysis Group; Syracuse University; Sarojini Naidu College for Women, Kolkata, India
- **2021:** Asia Impact Evaluation Conference; KDI School–World Bank DIME Conference; Southern Economic Association's 91st Annual Meeting (Session Organizer); Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries; Economic Development in Africa (CSAE), University of Oxford; University of Connecticut
- **2020:** SEA 90th Annual Meeting; NEUDC, Dartmouth College; University of Connecticut; Advances in Field Experiments, University of Chicago; 17th Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Purdue University; World Bank, Washington DC (invited seminar)
- **2019:** ISI Delhi; Norms and Behavioral Change (NoBeC) Conference, UPenn; NEUDC, Northwestern University; IIM Bangalore; Jindal Global University (invited seminar); University of Connecticut
- **2018:** SEA 88th Annual Meeting; Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut (invited seminar)

Professional Service

- Mentor, *Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics (AMIE)* (2024-25, 2025-26)
- Organizer, PhD Student Seminar Series, Department of Economics, University of Connecticut (2020–21)
- Volunteer Data Analyst for the *Healthy Minds Study*, as part of the Wellness Coalition Academic Affairs Partnership Committee, University of Connecticut (2020-21)
- Member of the Organizing Committee, *New Frontiers in Development Economics Conference*, University of Connecticut (2017-18)

Peer Reviewer for Academic Journals: *Journal of Development Economics* (x2), *Journal of Development Studies* (x2), *Economics of Education Review*, *Empirical Economics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economic Modelling*, *Science Advances*, *PLOS ONE* (x2), *Applied Spatial Analysis & Policy*, *One Health*, *Feminist Economics*, *Journal of International Development*, *Economia Politica*, *MARGIN: The Indian Journal of Applied Economics*.

Conference Paper Reviewer: North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), 2024 Conference.

Honors & Awards

- **2020:** Best Third Year Paper Award, Department of Economics, University of Connecticut
- **2019:** Travel Award, Health Economics and Policy Education Lab, University of Connecticut

- **2017–2018:** Teaching Excellence Letters, Office of the Provost, University of Connecticut
- **2010–2011:** Postgraduate Scholarship, University of Essex, UK
- **2010:** Travel Grant for Postgraduate Studies, Sir Ratan Tata Trust

Skills

- **Software:** Stata, R, Python, PySpark, SQL, \LaTeX , ArcGIS
- **Cloud Tools:** AWS (S3, Athena, EMR, SageMaker, Redshift, Glue)
- **Other:** Certified to teach “W” (writing-intensive) courses at the University of Connecticut

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