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| RESEARCH<br>INTERESTS   | Development Economics, Trade,<br>Industrial Organization, Labor Economics  |   |
| EDUCATION               | <b>University of Michigan</b> , Ann Arbor, MI<br>Ph.D., Economics & Public Policy  | Expected 2028   |
|                         | <b>London School of Economics</b> , London, UK<br>M.S., Economics (Fulbright Scholar)  | 2021  |
|                         | <b>Duke University</b> , Durham, NC<br>B.S., Economics   | 2020  |
| WORKING<br>PAPERS       | <a href="#">“Immigrant Entrepreneurship: New Estimates &amp; A Research Agenda”</a><br>(with Sari Pekkala Kerr, William Kerr, and Louis Maiden)<br><a href="#">NBER Working Paper 32400, 2024</a>  |   |
| WORKS IN<br>PROGRESS    | “Who Benefits from Million Dollar Plants? The Missing Local Beneficiaries”<br>(with Rahul Gupta, William Kerr, and Stephen Ross)<br><br>“The Labor Market Effects of Technology Innovation Clusters”<br>(with William Kerr)<br><br>“Long-Term Effects of Colonial Forced Labor Institutions”<br>(with Dean Yang)<br><br>“Artificial Intelligence and Innovation Rates”<br><br>“Start-Up Employee Business Expenses and Innovation”<br><br>“Networks, Social Perception, and Technology Adoption”<br><br>“Educational Resource Allocation in Equilibrium” |   |
| HONORS<br>AND<br>AWARDS | Sarri Family Fellow (University of Michigan)   | 2025-2026   |
|                         | Population Studies Center Fellow (University of Michigan)  | 2024-2028   |
|                         | Fulbright Scholar (London School of Economics)   | 2020-2021   |
|                         | Best Thesis Finalist (Duke University)   | 2020  |
|                         | Rhodes Scholarship Finalist (Rhodes Trust)   | 2020  |
|                         | Marshall Scholarship Finalist (Marshall Scholarships)  | 2020  |

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| SMALL GRANTS               | Center for Political Studies (University of Michigan) (\$6,000)<br><i>Educational Resource Allocation in Equilibrium</i>  | 2025      |
|                            | Population Studies Center (University of Michigan) (\$750)<br><i>Start-Up Employee Business Expenses and Innovation</i>   | 2025      |
|                            | International Policy Center (University of Michigan) (\$3,000)<br><i>Networks, Social Perception, and Technology Adoption</i>   | 2024      |
|                            | International Policy Center (University of Michigan) (\$2,000)<br><i>Nepal Research Exploratory Grant</i>   | 2024      |
| PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS  | (Scheduled) Decentralization Conference (NBER/CEME)<br><i>Artificial Intelligence and Innovation Rates</i> (Poster)   | 2025      |
|                            | Development Economics Seminar (Tribhuvan University)<br><i>Networks, Social Perception, and Technology Adoption</i>   | 2024      |
|                            | Dissertation Workshop (London School of Economics)<br><i>Differential Smoothing of Urban-Rural Violent Shocks</i>   | 2021      |
|                            | Thesis Workshop (Duke University)<br><i>Intra-Household Allocation and Children's Human Capital</i>   | 2020      |
| PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE    | <b>University of Michigan</b> , Ann Arbor, MI   |           |
|                            | Research Associate for Dr. Dean Yang  | 2024      |
|                            | <b>Harvard Business School</b> , Boston, MA   |           |
|                            | Research Associate for Dr. William Kerr   | 2021–2023 |
|                            | <b>London School of Economics</b> , London, UK  |           |
|                            | Research Associate for Dr. Oriana Bandiera  | 2020–2021 |
|                            | <b>Center for Global Development</b> , Washington, D.C.   |           |
|                            | Research Associate for Dr. Michael Clemens  | 2020      |
| INVITED WORKSHOPS          | (Scheduled) Entrepreneurship Research Boot Camp (NBER)  | 2025      |
|                            | (Scheduled) Economics of Transformative AI Workshop (Stanford University)   | 2025      |
| SERVICE                    | Economics & Public Policy (University of Michigan)<br><i>Ph.D. Admissions Committee Member</i>  | 2024-2025 |
|                            | WASH Economics Conference (Oberlin College)<br><i>Discussant</i>  | 2025      |
| NON-ECONOMICS PUBLICATIONS | <a href="#">“Ethical Guidelines for DNA Testing in Migrant Family Reunification”</a><br>(with Nita Farahany and Sara H. Katsanis)<br><a href="#">American Journal of Bioethics</a> , 2019 |           |

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Citizenship: U.S.

Clearance: Special Sworn Status

Affiliations: Population Studies Center, Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics

Languages: English (Native), Gujarati (Native), Hindi (Expert), Spanish (Expert)

Software: STATA (Advanced), MATLAB (Advanced), LaTeX (Advanced),  
Python (Intermediate), R (Intermediate), ArcGIS (Intermediate)

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