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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Development Economics, Trade , Industrial Organization, Labor Economics	
EDUCATION	University of Michigan , Ann Arbor, MI Ph.D., Economics & Public Policy	Expected 2028
	London School of Economics , London, UK M.S., Economics (Fulbright Scholar)	2021
	Duke University , Durham, NC B.S., Economics	2020
WORKING PAPERS	“Immigrant Entrepreneurship: New Estimates & A Research Agenda” (with Sari Pekkala Kerr, William Kerr, and Louis Maiden) NBER Working Paper 32400, 2024	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	“Who Benefits from Million Dollar Plants? The Missing Local Beneficiaries” (with Rahul Gupta, William Kerr, and Stephen Ross) “Artificial Intelligence and Innovation Rates” “Start-Up Employee Business Expenses and Innovation” “Networks, Social Perception, and Technology Adoption” “Educational Resource Allocation in Equilibrium” “Industrial Growth and Health: Disentangling Pollution and Development” “Killing For Votes: Political Intimidation and Electoral Outcomes”	
HONORS AND 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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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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