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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### Global Research Institute, William & Mary

Postdoctoral Fellow in Digital Technology and Development, July 2020-

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., Political Science**, University of California, Berkeley, 2020

**M.A., Political Science**, University of California, Berkeley, 2014

**B.A., Government and Economics**, Bowdoin College, 2012

## RESEARCH

### Peer-reviewed Publications

**Kumar, T.**, Post, A., and Ray, I. “Flows, Leaks, and Blockages in Informational Interventions: A Field Experimental Study of Bangalore’s Water Sector.” *World Development* 106: 149-160, 2018.

### Under Review

“Home-price subsidies increase local-level political participation in urban India”

“The human capital effects of subsidizing government constructed housing”

“From public service access to service quality: The distributive politics of piped water in Bangalore” with Alison Post, Megan Otsuka, Francesc Pardo-Bosch, and Isha Ray

### Working Papers

“Forbearance limits the political power of homeowners in India”

“When welfare decreases turnout: the effects of NREGS on state-level elections”

### Invited Pieces

“Engineering Predictable Water? How to understand the humans that make tech innovations work.” Hyun, C. Kumar, T., Post, A. and Ray, I. Forthcoming. In *An Introduction to Development Engineering*, eds. Madon, T., and Gadgil, A. Springer.

“The General Transit Feed Specification Makes Trip-Planning Easier – Especially During a Pandemic – Yet its Use by California Agencies is Uneven.” Trapenberg Frick, K. Kumar, T., Li, R., Patil, A., and Post, A. 2020. University of California. (Policy Brief, Paper)

“Subsidizing homeownership builds wealth and motivates participation in urban politics: evidence from India.” 2020. In “Cities and Urban Politics,” eds. Finkel, E., Lawrence, A., and Mertha, A. *Newsletter of the Organized Section in Comparative Politics of the American Political Science Association*, 30(1).

## Other Writing

Review of *India Moving: A History of Migration* by Chinmay Tumbe. (2018, Penguin Viking). July 28, 2020. UC Berkeley Institute for South Asia Studies.

“Household-level effects of affordable housing: Evidence from Mumbai” September 4, 2019. *Ideas for India*. (English and Hindi, syndicated in *The Print*)

“Here’s what Gavin Newsom, Elizabeth Warren and Microsoft should know if they want to end the affordable housing crisis” January 31, 2019. *The Monkey Cage*

Review of *Contesting the Indian City: Global Visions and the Politics of the Local*, ed. Gavin Shatkin (2014, Wiley-Blackwell). *Governance* 29 (4): 589-590, 2016.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

APSA Centennial Center, \$2,300, 2019

Weiss Family Fund for Development Economics, Harvard University, \$28,077, 2016-2017

Governance Initiative, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (MIT), \$8,700, 2016

Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley, \$15,000, 2017-2018

## TEACHING

### University of California, Berkeley

#### Graduate

Quantitative Analysis in Political Research - Graduate Student Instructor for Professor Joel Middleton, Fall 2018

#### Undergraduate

Writing and Research in South Asian Politics - Teaching Assistant for Professor Pradeep Chhibber responsible for instructing students in R programming, Spring 2016, 2019

Understanding Political Developments in India (online course) - Graduate Student Instructor for Professor Pradeep Chhibber, Summer 2017, 2018

Introduction to Empirical Analysis in Political Science - Graduate Student Instructor for Professor Laura Stoker, Fall 2014

## PRESENTATIONS

### Workshops and Invited Presentations

**2020:** Pacific Conference for Development Economics (UC Berkeley), Economics of Cities and Development (Johns Hopkins University), PLAN 101: Cities and Urban Life guest lecture (UNC Chapel Hill), Comparative Politics and Political Economy Seminar (UC Santa Barbara)

**2019:** Comparative Urban Politics Workshop (UC Berkeley), Experimental Political Science Graduate Student Conference (Harvard), Development and Political Economics Graduate Student Conference (Stanford), Visions in Methodology Conference (University of Georgia), Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics (UCLA), Conference on South Asian Politics (World Bank)

**2018:** California Workshop in Empirical Political Science

### **Annual Meetings**

Midwest Political Science Association, 2018

American Political Science Association, 2016-2020

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Referee service: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*

Affiliations: Visions in Methodology, Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences, American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, American Economics Association