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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Department of Political Science   expected 2020
M.A., Department of Political Science   2014

Bowdoin College

B.A., Government and Economics   2012

PUBLICATIONS

Research

Voter information campaigns and political accountability: Cumulative findings from a pre-registered meta-analysis of coordinated trials (with Thad Dunning, Guy Grossman, Macartan Humphreys, Susan Hyde, Craig McIntosh, Gareth Nellis, Claire L. Adida, Eric Arias, Clara Bicalho, Taylor C. Boas, Mark T. Buntaine, Simon Chauchard, Jessica Gottlieb, F. Daniel Hidalgo, Marcus Holmlund, Ryan Jablonski, Eric Kramon, Horacio Larreguy, Malte Lierl, John Marshall, Gwyneth McClendon, Marcus A. Melo, Daniel L. Nielson, Paula M. Pickering, Melina R. Platas, Pablo Querubin, Pia Raffler, and Neelanjan Sircar). Forthcoming. *Science Advances*

ACADEMIC
EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley

Graduate Student Researcher
- Professor Thad Dunning   2017

Graduate Student Instructor
- Math camp for incoming PhD students   2018
- Introduction to Empirical Methods, Professor Laura Stoker   2016
  Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, AY 2016-17

Georgetown University

Research Assistant
- Professor Andrew Zeitlin, Professor Shareen Joshi   2012-14

Teaching Assistant
- Advanced Regression/Program Evaluation Methods, Professor Jean Mitchell   2014

PUBLICATIONS
JOURNAL ARTICLES Voter information campaigns and political accountability: Cumulative findings from a pre-registered meta-analysis of coordinated trials (with Thad Dunning, Guy Grossman, Macartan Humphreys, Susan Hyde, Craig McIntosh, Gareth Nellis, Claire L. Adida, Eric Arias, Clara Bicalho, Taylor C. Boas, Mark T. Buntaine, Simon Chauchard, Jessica Gottlieb, F. Daniel Hidalgo, Marcus Holmlund, Ryan Jablonski, Eric Kramon, Horacio Larreguy, Malte Lierl, John Marshall, Gwyneth McClendon, Marcus A. Melo, Daniel L. Nielson, Paula M.

	Pickering, Melina R. Platas, Pablo Querubin, Pia Raffler, and Neelanjan Sircar). Forthcoming. *Science Advances*
BOOK CHAPTERS	Meta-Analysis (with Thad Dunning, Clara Bicalho, Guy Grossman, Macartan Humphreys, Susan Hyde, Craig Mcintosh and Gareth Nellis) in *Information, Accountability and Cumulative Learning: Lessons from Metaketa I*. Forthcoming. Cambridge University Press
	Do Gram Panchayats Get Their Money? A Case Study of Gram Panchayat Fund Flows in Birbhum District, West Bengal (with Ambrish Dongre and Yamini Aiyar) in *Decentralisation, Governance and Development: An Indian Perspective*. 2017. Orient Black Swan.

WORKING PAPERS/BOOK CHAPTERS	Partisan vs Policy Bias: An Experiment on News Credibility in India
	Party Alignment and Fiscal Transfers: Evidence from West Bengal, India (with Anustubh Agnihotri)
	Poverty Alleviation or Political Calculation? Implementing India's Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

WORK-IN-PROGRESS	The Colonial Origins of Hindu-Muslim Violence in India (with Aaditya Dar and Rahul Verma)
	Single Party Dominance in Democratic Settings: Evidence from West Bengal, India (with Anustubh Agnihotri)
	A Political Campaign Field Experiment on the Women's Vote in India (with Saad Gulzar and Durgesh Pathak)

POLICY REPORTS	Unpacking School Finances (with Ambrish Dongre and Yamini Aiyar) 2012. Background Note, Human Development Unit, South Asia Region, World Bank, Washington, DC.
	Budget Briefs: How does the Indian Government Spend its Money? (with Avani Kapur) 2011, 2012. Accountability Initiative, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi.
	PAISA 2011: Do Schools Get Their Money? (with Accountability Initiative team) 2012. Accountability Initiative, Centre for Policy Research and ASER, Pratham.
	PAISA District Studies (Rural) (with Accountability Initiative team) 2011. Accountability Initiative, Centre for Policy Research; ASER, Pratham; and National Institute of Public Finance and Policy.

CONFERENCES/PRESENTATIONS	2019: Yale EGEN, APSA annual meeting (scheduled)
	2018: MPSA annual meeting, APSA annual meeting, ISI Delhi ACEGD
	2014: Boston University NEUDC

FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS	Breslauer Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Political Science, UC Berkeley	2018-19
	Exploratory Research Grant, Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics	2018
	Travel Grant, JPAL Governance Initiative	2018
	Travel Grant, American Political Science Association	2018
	Bhattacharya Conference Travel Grant, Institute of South Asia Studies, UC Berkeley	2018
	Formal Theory Award, Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley	2017-18
	Bhattacharya Research Grant, Institute of South Asia Studies, UC Berkeley	2017
	Graduate Travel Grant, Centre for British Studies, UC Berkeley (declined)	2017
	Distinguished Graduate Fellow, UC Berkeley	2016-17
	Travel grant, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley	2016
	Department fellowship, Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley	2015-16

	Outstanding Thesis Prize, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University	2014
	Merit scholarship, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University	2012-14
	J.N. Tata Endowment Scholarship for Public Policy	2012
	J.N. Tata Endowment Scholarship for Economics (declined)	2010
	Merit scholarship, Madras School of Economics	2008-10

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington DC, USA
Senior Research Assistant, Development Strategy and Governance Division 2014-15

The World Bank, Washington DC, USA
Consultant/Research Assistant, DEC-PI & Gender Innovation Lab 2013-14

Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, India
Research Analyst, Accountability Initiative 2010-12

Thirteenth Finance Commission, Government of India, New Delhi, India
Intern 2009

Feedback Infra (formerly Feedback Ventures) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, India
Associate 2007-08

REFEREE

Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties; Journal of South Asian Development; The World Bank Economic Review

SERVICE

Taught a workshop on integrating quantitative methods in research to university faculty from Bangladesh at the Institute of South Asian Studies, UC Berkeley 2016, 2017

MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association

COMPUTER SKILLS R, Stata, Python, ArcGIS, LaTeX

LANGUAGES

English, Hindi, Bengali

FIELD WORK

India, Uganda