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Appointments

Claremont Graduate University

Assistant Professor

July 2022-

William & Mary

Postdoctoral Researcher, Global Research Institute

2020-2022

Faculty Affiliate, Government

2020-2022

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

Peer-reviewed Articles

Kumar, T., “Home-price subsidies increase local-level political participation in urban India” Forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*

–Coverage: *The Washington Post*, Ideas of India Podcast, Phenomenal World by the Jain Family Institute, the *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter*, and the JOP Blog

Haas, N., Haenschen K., **Kumar, T.**, Panagopoulos, C., Peyton, K., Ravanilla, N., and Sierra-Arévalo, M. “Organizational identity and positionality in randomized control trials: considerations and advice for collaborative research teams.” Accepted, *PS: Political Science and Politics*

Kumar, T., Post A., Ray, I., Otsuka, M., and Pardo-Bosch, F. “From public service access to service quality: The distributive politics of piped water in Bangalore” *World Development* 151: 105736, 2022.

Kumar, T., “The housing quality, income, and human capital effects of subsidized homes in urban India” *Journal of Development Economics* 153: 102738, 2021.

–Coverage: *Ideas for India* (English and Hindi), *ThePrint*, *The Hindustan Times*, *India Housing Report*, and *The Times of India*

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.

–Coverage: *USAID Impact blog*

Book

Housing as welfare: how government-supported homeownership redistributes wealth, creates dignity, and forms local-level interest groups in urban India. Manuscript in preparation.

Working Papers	<p>“Why we should study smaller cities” (with Matthew Stenberg). Submitted.</p> <p>“How the content of complaints shapes government responsiveness: theory and evidence from Mumbai”</p>
Book Chapter	<p>“Hyun, C., Kumar, T., Post, A. and Ray, I. “Engineering predictable water? How to understand the humans that make tech innovations work.” In <i>An Introduction to Development Engineering</i>, eds. Madon, T., and Gadgil, A. Springer. Forthcoming.</p>
Other Writing	<p>Trapenberg Frick, K., Kumar, T., Mendonça Abreu, G., and Post, A. “Benchmarking ‘Smart City’ adoption in California: Developing and piloting a data collection approach.” University of California. 2021.</p> <p>Kumar, T. Review of <i>India Moving: A History of Migration</i> by Chinmay Tumbe (2018, Penguin Viking). UC Berkeley Institute for South Asia Studies. July 28, 2020.</p> <p>Kumar, T. Review of <i>Contesting the Indian City: Global Visions and the Politics of the Local</i>, ed. Gavin Shatkin (2014, Wiley-Blackwell). <i>Governance</i> 29 (4): 589-590, 2016.</p>
Honors	<p>Susan Clarke Young Scholar – APSA Urban and Local Politics Section, 2021</p> <p>Best Dissertation (Honorable Mention) – APSA Urban and Local Politics Section, 2021</p>
Grants	<p>Women’s Economic Empowerment and Digital Finance Initiative, BRAC (with Peter Carroll, Boniface Dulani, Philip Roessler, and Daniel Nielson) – 46,337.59 USD, 2021</p> <p>Program on Governance and Local Development, University of Gothenburg (with Adam Auerbach) – 29,619 SEK, 2021</p> <p>Alma Ostrom and Leah Hopkins Awan Civic Education Fund, APSA – 2,300 USD, 2019</p> <p>Weiss Family Fund for Development Economics, Harvard University – 21,577 USD, 2017</p> <p>Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley – 15,000 USD, 2017</p> <p>Weiss Family Fund for Development Economics, Harvard University – 6,500 USD, 2016</p> <p>Governance Initiative, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, MIT – 8,700 USD, 2016</p>
Teaching	<p>William & Mary</p> <p>Political Behavior in Developing Democracies, Fall 2021</p> <p>University of California, Berkeley</p> <p>Quantitative Analysis in Political Research (PhD level) - GSI for Professor Joel Middleton, Fall 2018</p>

Writing and Research in South Asian Politics - TA for Professor Pradeep Chhibber, Spring 2016, 2019

Political Developments in India - GSI for Professor Pradeep Chhibber, Summer 2017, 2018

Introduction to Empirical Analysis in Political Science - GSI for Professor Laura Stoker, Fall 2014

Presentations

2022: Complex Governance Seminar (American University), Housing Politics and Policy Conference (Princeton University)

2021: The Politics Forum (The College of New Jersey), Inequality and Policy Research Center (Claremont Graduate University), Program on Governance and Local Development (University of Gothenburg), Visions in Methodology, Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science

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

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, Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics (UCLA), Conference on South Asian Politics (World Bank)

2018: California Workshop in Empirical Political Science

Service

Excellence in Mentoring Award Committee, APSA Public Policy Section, 2022

Journal referee service: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *PLOS ONE*, *PS: Political Science*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *World Politics*