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<b>Current Employment</b>	Postdoctoral Researcher, <a href="#">Precision Development (PxD)</a>	2021 –
<b>Education</b>	Ph.D., Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Berkeley	2020
	M.Sc., Economics, London School of Economics	2012
	M.A. (5 year integrated undergraduate) Economics, Indian Institute of Technology Madras	2011
<b>Publications</b>	“Relief from Usury: Impact of a Self-Help Group Intervention in Rural India,” with Vivian Hoffmann, Vijayendra Rao, Upamanyu Datta. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> , 2021, Vol 148. <a href="#">[Available Here]</a>	
<b>Working Papers</b>	“Risk Sharing, Commitment Constraints, and Self-Help Groups,” with Orazio Attanasio, Anjini Kochar, Aprajit Mahajan. <a href="#">NBER Working Paper No. 31245</a> . <i>Media: <a href="#">Ideas for India (blogpost)</a></i>  “The Moneylender as Middleman: Formal Credit Supply and Informal Loans in Rural India” <a href="#">[Available Here]</a> <i>Media: <a href="#">Ideas of India (podcast)</a>; <a href="#">Ideas for India (blogpost)</a></i>  “Access to Finance, Empowerment and Women’s Employment: Experimental Evidence from Rural India”	
<b>Research in Progress</b>	“Weather Forecasts, Beliefs and Agricultural Decision Making in Karnataka,” with Shawn Cole, Tomoko Harigaya.	
<b>Talks</b> (including scheduled*)	2023	Workshop on Risk and Vulnerability, IIT Bombay
	2022	ASSA Annual Meeting, PacDev (UC San Francisco), CSAE Conference (Oxford University), NEUDC (Yale University), SEA Annual Meeting
	2021	PacDev (UC San Diego), NEUDC (Boston University), Webinar series in Finance and Development, SEA Annual Meeting
	2020	Webinar series in Finance and Development, NEUDC (Dartmouth University), Center on Food Security and the Environment, Stanford University
	2019	Summer School in Development Economics, Prato, Italy
	2017	NEUDC (Fletcher School at Tufts University) PacDev (UC Riverside)
<b>Grants, Fellowships, and Awards</b>	2022	King Climate Action Initiative Pilot Grant (with Shawn Cole, Tomoko Harigaya)
	2019	The Jean O. Lanjouw Memorial Endowment Grant, UC Berkeley Conference Travel Grant
	2018	ARE Travel Grant, IRLE Graduate Student Research Grant (with Manaswini Rao)
	2017	The Dennis J. Aigner Endowed Graduate Support Fund, Maharaj Kaul Memorial Research Travel Grant
	2016	UC Berkeley Graduate Division Summer Grant, Marjorie Deane Financial Journalism Foundation Studentship (LSE), MITACS Globalink Scholarship (University of British Columbia)
<b>Teaching</b>	University of California, Berkeley ( <i>Graduate Student Instructor/Teaching Assistant</i> ) <i>Introduction to Economics</i> 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019 <i>Microeconomic Theory with Application to Natural Resources</i> 2016, 2017 <i>Environmental Economics</i> 2016	
<b>Refereeing</b>	<i>Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Human Resources, World Development, Economic Development and Cultural Change, World Bank Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</i>	
<b>Service and Activities</b>	<i>Organizing Committee, <a href="#">Graduate Student Summit for Diversity in Economics</a>; Leadership Board, <a href="#">Women in Economics at Berkeley</a>; Intern Reporter, <a href="#">The Economic Times</a></i>	
<b>Prior Employment</b>	University of California, Berkeley, Postdoctoral Scholar	2020 - 2021
	The World Bank, Development Research Group, Consultant	2015 - 2019
	Centre de Science Humaines, Research Assistant	2012 - 2014
<b>Languages</b>	English (fluent), Hindi (fluent), Tamil (native), Telugu (basic), R (proficient), Stata (proficient)	