

Vikas PD Gawai

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EMPLOYMENT	Prevention Effectiveness (PE) Fellow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 2024-
EDUCATION	University of Wisconsin-Madison PhD, Agriculture and Applied Economics 2018-24 Dissertation: “Technology in the Aging World: The Role of Broadband and Green Revolution” MS, Economics 2016-18 Mumbai University B.Tech, Civil Engineering 2004-08
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Health Economics, Economics of Aging, Public Policy, Agricultural Economics and Development Economics
PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Vikas Gawai and Steven Deller, 2024. “Is there a link between access to broadband and health outcomes?” <i>American Journal of Economics and Sociology</i>2. Hamid Noghanibehambari, Jason Fletcher, Lauren Schmitz, Valentina Duque and Vikas Gawai, 2024. “Early-Life Economic Conditions and Old-Age Mortality: Evidence from Historical County-Level Bank Deposit Data” <i>Journal of Population Economics</i>1. Jeremy Foltz and Vikas Gawai, 2024. “Discrimination in Science: Salaries of Foreign and US Born Land-Grant University Scientists” <i>American Journal of Agricultural Economics</i> (Conditionally Accepted)
WORKING PAPERS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Vikas Gawai. “Does High-Speed Internet (Broadband) Technology Affect the Mental Health of Older Adults?”3. Vikas Gawai, Lauren Schmitz, Valentina Duque, Jinkook Lee, Hunter Green. “Effect of Early Life Exposure to the Green Revolution on Aging Outcomes in India”2. Vikas Gawai. “Does Broadband Technology Affect Social Security Applications?”1. Vikas Gawai. “Spillover Effects of a Bicycle Policy on Girls’ Enrollment in Middle Schools”
RESEARCH AT CDC	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Vikas Gawai, Sergey Sotnikov and Nancy Habarta. “Effect of Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant on the Performance of the State Public Health Departments”1. Vikas Gawai, Sergey Sotnikov and Nancy Habarta. “Systematic Review of the Literature on the Effects of Public Infrastructure Investments and Health Outcomes”

WORK IN PROGRESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Kanika Arora, Vikas Gawai, Shubhashrita Basu and Lauren Schmitz. “Spatially Varying Gender and Caste Inequalities in Cognition and the Contribution of Individual and State-level Characteristics Across India ” 2. Vikas Gawai. “Effects of Teacher Hiring Policy on Students’ Learning in Rural India: A Multi-Cutoff Regression Discontinuity Design Approach” 1. Vikas Gawai, Lauren Schmitz and Valentina Duque. “Effect of Green Revolution on the Intergenerational Human Capital”
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	Prof. Lauren Schmitz (UW Madison, School of Public Affairs) 2020-24 Prof. Jeremy Foltz (UW Madison, Agriculture and Applied Economics) 2018-20 Prof. Andra Ghent (UW Madison, Wisconsin School of Business) 2018 (Summer)
TEACHING	<i>Guest Lecturer at UW-Madison</i> World Hunger and Malnutrition 2024 Agricultural & Economic Development of Africa (Health) 2022 Gender Gap and Economics Development in Developing Countries 2022-23 The Economics of Race and Gender (Bentley University) 2022 Research Supervision Undergraduate Research Scholars (2 students) 2022
MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS	Internet and Mental Health , GROW Magazine Cover Story Broadband and Social Security Applications , The Financial Findings Podcast
TECHNICAL SKILLS	STATA, L ^A T _E X, R, Python
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS	Diversity Fellow, School of Public Affairs, American University 2023-24 Research Fellow, Retirement and Disability Research Center (RDRC) 2022-24 DEI- Diversity Scholarship, American Society of Health Economics (ASHEcon) 2021 Best Research Scholarship (Honorable mention), UW-Madison Department of Economics 2018
GRANTS	Center for Demography of Health and Aging Research Travel Award (\$2,000) 2023 RDRC - Junior Scholar Research Competition Award (\$5,000) 2022 Research Travel Award UW-Madison (\$1,100) 2022 Deborah and David Penn Fund (\$1,500) 2022-23 UW-Madison Graduate School Award (\$4,000) 2022-23 UW-Madison Center for Demography and Ecology (\$950) 2022 UW-Madison- Traisman Agribusiness Graduate Fellowship (\$750) 2021 UW-Madison Student Research Grants Competition (\$1,500) 2020 UW-Madison IRIS Graduate Student Summer Fieldwork Award (\$3,000) 2019 Indian State Government Scholarship for MS Economics (\$100,000) 2016-18
SERVICE	<i>Referee/Reviewer</i> Agriculture and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) 2022-24 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management 2023 Economics of Education Review, Reviewer 2022-23 American Society for Health Economists (AshEcon) 2022 AAEA-Health Economics Section Official Twitter Manager 2022-23

	<i>Department</i>	
	UW-Madison, AAE, Faculty Hiring Committee,	2022
	UW-Madison, AAE, Ph.D. Admission Committee	2021
	Taylor-Hibbard Club, Athletic Chair	2020-2022
	UW-Madison AAE, Development Lab Group	2019
LEADERSHIP AND MENTORING	CDC Preventive Effectiveness Fellowship Hiring Committee	2025
	UW-Madison CDHA Research Mentor for 18 students	2022
	Mentor, First generation undergraduate students	2022
CONFERENCES	ASHEcon	2024
	Social Security Administration (SSA) Annual Meeting	2024
	Data-Intensive Research Conference, University of Minnesota	2024
	Midwest Economics Association	2023
	Southern Economics Association	2023
	Agricultural and Applied Economics Association	2022
	Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management	2022-24
	Population Association of America	2022
	American Education Finance and Policy Conference	2020
REFERENCES		
	Jeremy Foltz (Ph.D. Advisor) Agriculture and Applied Economics University of Wisconsin-Madison jdfoltz@wisc.edu	Nancy Habarta (CDC, Supervisor) Director, Office of Data Reporting Public Health Infrastructure Center Centers for Disease Control and Prevention eqq1@cdc.gov
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	Valentina Duque Department of Public Administration and Policy American University vduque@american.edu	John Mullahy Population Health Sciences University of Wisconsin-Madison jmullahy@wisc.edu
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