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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ph.D., Ag and Applied Economics	<i>Expected 2024</i>
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Masters of Economics	<i>2016-18</i>
University of Mumbai, India, Bachelor of Technology, Civil Engineering	<i>2004-08</i>

RESEARCH INTEREST

Health, Aging, Social Security, Public Policy, Human Capital, Caste (Race), Gender, Agriculture, Broadband

WORKING PAPERS

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- Discrimination in Science: Salaries of Foreign and US Born Land-Grant University Scientists *with Jeremy Foltz (under review)*
 - Early-Life Economic Conditions and Old-Age Mortality: Evidence from Historical County-Level Bank Deposit Data, *with Valentina Duque, Jason Fletcher, Hamid Noghanibehambari, Lauren Schmitz- (under review)*
 - Spillover Effects of a Bicycle Policy on Girls' Enrollment in Middle Schools (*Award under Best Paper Scholarship, UW-Madison, 2018*)

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

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- The Effect of Early Life Exposures to the Green Revolution on Aging Outcomes *with Valentina Duque, Jinkook, Lee, Lauren Schmitz (presented at APPAM)*
 - The Intergenerational Effect of Early Life Exposures to the Green Revolution on Human Capital *with Valentina Duque, Lauren Schmitz (presented at PAA)*
 - Does Exposure to Broadband Technology Affect Health of Older Adults in the US (*presented at MEA*)

HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Diversity Academy Fellow, School of Public Affairs, American University *2023*
 - Junior Fellow, Retirement and Disability Research Center (**RDRC**) Center for Financial Security (CFS), Social Security Administration (**SSA**) *2022*

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

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- Graduate Student, Center for Demography of Health and Aging (**CDHA**), and Center for Demography and Ecology(**CDE**) *2019-Current*
 - Graduate Student, Institute of Research on Poverty (**IRP**) *2021-2022*
 - Graduate Student, Center for South Asia, (**CSA**) *2020-*

GRANTS, RESEARCH FUNDING

RDRC - Junior Scholar Research Competition Award- \$5,000	<i>2022-23</i>
Deborah and David Penn Fund - Research Presentation Award- \$500	<i>2022</i>
UW-Madison Graduate School - Research Presentation Award- \$2,500	<i>2022</i>
UW-Madison CDE Research Presentation Award- \$950	<i>2022</i>
UW-Madison Traisman Agribusiness Graduate Fellowship - \$750	<i>2021</i>

American Society of Health Economics (ASHEcon) DEI- Diversity Scholarship	2021
UW-Madison Student Research Grants Competition Research Travel- \$1,500	2020
UW Madison Graduate Student Summer Fieldwork Award- \$3,000	2019
UW Madison Best Research Paper Scholarship- \$350	2018
Indian State Government Scholarship for Masters in Economics- \$100,000	2016-18

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Midwest Economics Association (MEA)	2023
Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)	2022
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)	2022
Population Association of America (PAA)	2022

LEADERSHIP, MENTORSHIP

UW-Madison, <i>Mentor for two undergrad students on a class project under Prof. Foltz</i>	Spring 2022
UW-Madison First Generation (FirstGen), <i>Mentor for one FirstGen undergrad student</i>	2022
UW-Madison, Agriculture and Applied Economics (AAE) <i>Mentor for one FirstGen undergrad student</i>	2022
UW-Madison First Generation (FirstGen), <i>Member</i>	2021–
UW-Madison CHDA NextGen Population, <i>Mentor for 18 students on research development</i>	Summer 2022
UW-Madison Agriculture and Applied Economics (AAE) Faculty Hiring Committee, <i>Student Representative</i>	2022
UW-Madison Agriculture and Applied Economics (AAE) Ph.D. Admission Committee, <i>Student Representative</i>	2021
Taylor-Hibbard Club, <i>Athletic Chair</i>	2020–2022
UW-Madison AAE Economic Development Lab Group, <i>Member</i>	2019–

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM), <i>Abstract Reviewer</i>	2023
Journal- Economics of Education Review, <i>Reviewer</i>	2022-23
American Society for Health Economists (AshEcon), <i>Abstract Reviewer</i>	2022
Agriculture and Applied Economics (AAEA), <i>Abstract Reviewer</i>	2022, 2023
AAEA-Health Economics Section (Chair- Prof. Di Fang) <i>Official Twitter Manager (with Lei Pan)</i>	2022-23

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Prof. Lauren Schmitz (UW Madison, School of Public Affairs) and Prof. Valentina Duque (University of Sydney, Princeton University, American University)	2020–
Research Assistant to Prof. Jeremy Foltz and Prof. Bradford Barham (UW Madison, AAE)	2018-2020
Research Assistant to Prof. Andra Ghent (UW Madison, Wisconsin School of Business,)	May-Sept (2018)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest Lecturer: Agricultural & Economic Development of Africa (Health) , (Instructor- Osaretin Olurotimi) UW-Madison, AAE 477	Spring 2022
Guest Lecturer: International Studies (Gender Gap in Developing Countries) , (Instructor- Prof. Jeremy Foltz) UW-Madison, AAE 374	Spring 2022
Guest Lecturer: DEI-focused course- The Economics of Race and Gender (Gender Gap in Developing Countries), (Instructor- Prof. Meghan I. Esson) Bentley University, EC 298	Spring 2022

TECHNICAL SKILLS

STATA, R(basic), Python(basic), Latex

REFERENCES

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