

# VIKAS PD GAWAI

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## EDUCATION

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**University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Ph.D., Agricultural and Applied Economics (AAE) *Expected 2024*  
**University of Wisconsin-Madison**, M.S. Economics *2016-18*  
**University of Mumbai, India**, Bachelor of Technology, Civil Engineering *2004-08*

## ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS AND COMPETITIVE SELECTION

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-American University Summer Diversity Academy Fellow (Dept. of Public Administration & Policy) *2023*  
-Junior Scholar, Retirement and Disability Research Center (**RDRC**) Center for Financial Security (CFS), Social Security Administration (**SSA**) *2022–Current*  
-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–*

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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

## WORKING PAPERS

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-Wage Gap between US and Foreign-Born Land Grant Scientists *with Jeremy Foltz* (presented at AAEA)-**submitted**  
-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*- **submitted**  
-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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- Early Life Exposure to Agriculture Shock (Green Revolution) on Later Life Cognitive Health of Older Adults *with Valentina Duque, Jinkook, Lee, Lauren Schmitz* (presented at APPAM)  
- Early Life Exposure to Green Revolution and Next Generation's 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)

## GRANTS AND RESEARCH FUNDING

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American University Summer Diversity Academy Fellow **Competitive** *2023*  
RDRC - Junior Scholar **Research Competition** Award- \$5,000 *2022-23*  
Deborah and David Penn Fund - **Research Presentation** Award- \$500 *2022*  
UW-Madison Graduate School - **Research Presentation** Award- \$2,500 *2022*  
UW-Madison CDE **Research Presentation** Award- \$950 *2022*  
UW-Madison Traisman Agribusiness **Graduate Fellowship**- \$750 *2021*  
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

Full Bright equivalent a State Government Scholarship for Masters- \$100,000

2016-18

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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

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## LEADERSHIP, MENTORSHIP

UW-Madison, <i>Mentor for two undergrad students on a class project under Prof. Foltz</i>	Spring 2022
UW-Madison First Generation ( <b>FirstGen</b> ), <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 ( <b>FirstGen</b> ), <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–

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## ACADEMIC SERVICES

Journal- Economics of Education Review, <i>Reviewer</i>	2022–
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 Handle Manager</i>	2022

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## 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)

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## 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

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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

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## REFERENCES

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