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WORK EXPERIENCE

- Steven M. Teutsch Prevention Effectiveness (PE) Fellow at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 2024-

EDUCATION

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| University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ph.D., Ag and Applied Economics (AAE) | 2018-2024 |
| University of Wisconsin-Madison, Masters of Economics | 2016-18 |
| University of Mumbai, India, Bachelor of Technology, Civil Engineering | 2004-08 |

PUBLICATIONS

- 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 (Journal of Population Economics, January 2024)*
- Discrimination in Science: Salaries of Foreign and US Born Land-Grant University Scientists *with Jeremy Foltz (Conditionally Accepted at American Journal of Agricultural Economics (AJAE), July 2024)*
- Is there a Link between Access to Broadband and Health Outcomes? *with Steven Deller (American Journal of Economics and Sociology, November 2024)*

WORKING PAPERS

- Does High-Speed Internet (Broadband) Technology Affect the Mental Health of Older Adults? (*Presentations - MEA '23, American University '23, SEA '23, APPAM '23*); *Media Highlight: GROW MAGAZINE cover story*
- Effect of Early Life Exposure to the Green Revolution on Aging Outcomes in India *with Lauren Schmitz, Valentina Duque, Jinkook Lee, Hunter Green (presented at APPAM '22)*
- Does Broadband Technology Affect Social Security Applications? (*Award from Retirement and Disability Research Center (RDRC) Center for Financial Security (CFS), Social Security Administration (SSA)*)
- Spillover Effects of a Bicycle Policy on Girls' Enrollment in Middle Schools (*Recognition under Best Paper Scholarship (Honorable mention), Dept. of Economics, UW-Madison, 2018*)

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Spatially Varying Gender and Caste Inequalities in Cognition and the Contribution of Individual and State-level Characteristics Across India *with Lauren Schmitz, Kanika Arora, and Shubhashrita Basu (selected at a Workshop on Determinants of Adult Mortality, Morbidity, and Healthy Aging in LMICs at UC, Berkeley)*

Effects of Teacher Hiring Policy on Students' Learning in Rural India: A Multiple Regression Discontinuity Design Approach (*selected at American Education Finance and Policy conference (AEFP)*)

Effect of Green Revolution on the Intergenerational Human Capital *with Valentina Duque, Lauren Schmitz (presented at PAA '22)*

MEDIA HIGHLIGHT

- Internent and Mental Health GROW MAGAZINE cover story
- Broadband and Social Security Applications -Podcast interview

COMPETITIVE HONORS

- Diversity Fellow**, School of Public Affairs, American University 2023-2024
- Research Fellow**, Retirement and Disability Research Center (**RDRC**) Center for Financial Security (**CFS**), Social Security Administration (**SSA**) 2022-2024
- DEI- Diversity Scholarship** American Society of Health Economics (**ASHEcon**) 2021
- Best Research Paper Scholarship (Honorable mention)** Dept. of Economics, UW Madison 2018

COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Center for Demography of Health and Aging **Research Travel** Award- \$2,000 2023
- RDRC - Junior Scholar **Research Competition** Award- \$5,000 2022-23
- Prof. Jeremy Foltz **Research Travel** Award- \$1,100 2023
- Deborah and David Penn Fund - **Research Presentation** Award- \$500, \$1000 2022, 23
- UW-Madison- Graduate School - **Research Presentation** Award- \$2,500, \$1,500 2022, 23
- UW-Madison- CDE **Research Presentation** Award- \$950 2022
- UW-Madison- Traisman Agribusiness **Graduate Fellowship**- \$750 2021
- UW-Madison Student Research Grants Competition **Research Travel**- \$1,500 2020
- UW Madison Graduate Student **Summer Fieldwork** Award- \$3,000 2019
- Indian State Government Scholarship for Masters in Economics- \$100,000 2016-18

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

- Graduate Student, Center for Demography of Health and Aging (**CDHA**), and Center for Demography and Ecology(**CDE**) 2019-2024
- Graduate Student, Institute of Research on Poverty (**IRP**) 2021-2022
- Graduate Student, Center for South Asia, (**CSA**) 2020-2024

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Midwest Economics Association (MEA) 2023
- Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) 2022
- Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) 2022, 23, 24
- Population Association of America (PAA) 2022
- Southern Economics Association (SEA) 2023

CONFERENCE SELECTED (COULD NOT ATTEND)

- Social Security Administration (SSA) Annual Meeting 2024
- Data-Intensive Research Conference, University of Minnesota 2024
- American Education Finance and Policy Conference (AEFP)) 2020

LEADERSHIP, MENTORSHIP

- Mentor for two undergrad students on a class project under Prof. Foltz* 2022
- Mentor for three FirstGen undergrad student* 2022
- UW-Madison First Generation (**FirstGen**), *Member* 2021–
- UW-Madison CHDA NextGen Population, *Mentor for 18 students on research development* 2022
- UW-Madison, AAE, Faculty Hiring Committee, *Student Representative* 2022
- UW-Madison, AAE, Ph.D. Admission Committee, *Student Representative* 2021
- Taylor-Hibbard Club, *Athletic Chair* 2020–2022
- UW-Madison AAE, Development Lab Group, *Member* 2019–

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Agriculture and Applied Economics (AAEA), *Abstract Reviewer* 2022, 2023, 2024
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM), *Abstract Reviewer* 2023
Journal- Economics of Education Review, *Reviewer* 2022-23
American Society for Health Economists (AshEcon), *Abstract Reviewer* 2022
AAEA-Health Economics Section (Chair- Prof. Di Fang) *Official Twitter Manager (with Lei Pan)*
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 and Economics Development in Developing Countries)**, (Instructor- Prof. Jeremy Foltz) UW-Madison, AAE 374 Spring 2022, 2023
Guest Lecturer: **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

Jeremy Foltz (advisor)

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