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EDUCATION

University of Illinois Chicago Chicago, Illinois, USA
Ph.D. Candidate, Economics 2017 - May, 2023 (expected)
Dissertation: “Impacts of public policies on schooling in developing contexts”
Primary Fields: Development Economics, Economics of Education
Dissertation Committee and References:
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M.A Economics 2019
United Nations University - WIDER Helsinki, Finland
Visiting PhD Fellow April - June, 2022
University of Hyderabad Hyderabad, Telangana, India
M.A Economics 2013
St.Stephen’s College Delhi, India
B.A (Hons.) Economics 2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois Chicago Chicago, Illinois, USA
Instructor (Evaluation score: 4.72/5)
Econometrics (Undergraduate) Spring, 2022
Statistics for Economics (Undergraduate) Summer, 2019

Teaching Assistant
Introductory Macroeconomics (Undergraduate) Spring, 2023 and Fall, 2022
Econometrics (Undergraduate) Fall, 2021
Econometrics II (Ph.D) and Behavioral Economics (Undergraduate) Spring, 2019
Econometrics I (Ph.D) and Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate) Fall, 2018
Statistics for Economics (Undergraduate) Summer, 2018
Introductory Microeconomics (Undergraduate) Spring, 2018 and Fall, 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	School of Public Health, University of Illinois Chicago	Chicago, Illinois, USA
	<i>Research Assistant</i>	2019 - 2021
	Oxford Policy Management	Delhi, India
	<i>Research Assistant (Consultant)</i>	2017
	International Food Policy Research Institute	Delhi, India
	<i>Senior Research Assistant</i>	2016
	Delhi School of Economics	Delhi, India
	<i>Research Assistant</i>	2014 - 2015
	IILM Institute for Higher Education	Delhi, India
	<i>Faculty Associate</i>	2010 - 2011
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS	Mitch Krask Award for excellent performance in coursework and comprehensive exams, Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2019	
	Graduate Winifred Geldard Memorial Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching, Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2018	
	National eligibility test for lectureship of the University Grants Commission, India, 2013	
PUBLICATION	“The Impact Of An Adult Education Program On Mothers: Evidence From India” (with Ashwini Deshpande, Christopher Ksoll and Annemie Maertens) <i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i> , 2023.	
WORKING PAPERS	“Impact Of School Consolidation: Evidence From India” (Job Market Paper)	
	“Impact Of Right To Education On School Enrollment Of Children With Disabilities: Evidence From India” <i>UNU-WIDER Working Paper</i>	
	“Elementary Education In India Versus China: Guidelines For NEP Implementation” (with Naveen Kumar) <i>UNU-WIDER Working Paper</i>	
LEADERSHIP & SERVICE	Founder - Primary Education Needs & Community Initiated Learning (PENCIL), India	2013 -
	Co-organizer of PhD - Economics Virtual Seminar (PhD-EVS) Series	2021 - 2022
	Economics department representative at UIC Graduate Student Council	2019 - 2021
	Co-organizer of UIC Economics Department Graduate Student Seminars	2019 - 2020
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	2022: AEFP; APPAM; Midwest Economics Association; Helsinki GSE; Canadian Economics Association; Aalto University, Helsinki; UNU-WIDER, Helsinki; Missouri Valley Economic Association Annual Conference; Economic Graduate Students’ Conference, Washington University at St.Louis; Illinois Economics Association, Chicago; Global Labor Organization Conference	
	2021: Bavarian Young Economists’ Meeting; Illinois Economics Association, Chicago; Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, India	
	2020: H2D2 at University of Michigan; AEFP; Western Illinois University	
	2019: Illinois Economics Association, Chicago	
	2018: Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, India; Economic Graduate Students’ Conference, Washington University at St.Louis; Illinois Economics Association, Chicago.	
	2013: Crossland College, Brahmavar, Karnataka, India.	
	2011: Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India.	