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EDUCATION University of Illinois Chicago

Chicago, Illinois, USA

2023

Ph.D. Economics

Dissertation: "Impacts of public policies on schooling in developing contexts"

Primary Fields: Development Economics, Economics of Education

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M.A Economics 2019

United Nations University - WIDER
Visiting PhD Fellow

Helsinki, Finland
April - June, 2022

University of Hyderabad Hyderabad, Telangana, India

M.A Economics

St.Stephen's College

B.A (Hons.) Economics

2013

Delhi, India
2010

TEACHING Alma College Alma, Michigan, USA

EXPERIENCE Instructor

Principles of Microeconomics (Undergraduate) Fall, 2023 Statistics for Economics (Undergraduate) Fall, 2023

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
	Research Assistant	2019 - 2021
	Oxford Policy Management	Delhi, India
	Research Assistant (Consultant)	2017
	International Food Policy Research Institute	Delhi, India
	Senior Research Assistant Delhi School of Economics	2016 Delhi, India
	Research Assistant	2014 - 2015
	IILM Institute for Higher Education	Delhi, India
	Faculty Associate	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) Economic Development and Cultural Change 71, no. 2 (2023)	
Working Papers	"Impact Of Vertical School Consolidation On School Choice, Dropouts, Exam Taking And Achievement"	
	"Impact Of Right To Education On School Enrollment Of Children With Disabilities: Evidence From India" $\mathit{UNU\text{-}WIDER}$ $\mathit{Working}$ $\mathit{Paper}$	
	"Elementary Education In India Versus China: Guidelines For NEP Implementation" (with Naveen Kumar) $\mathit{UNU\text{-}WIDER}$ $\mathit{Working}$ $\mathit{Paper}$	
LEADERSHIP &	Founder - Primary Education Needs & Community Initiated Learning (PF	ENCIL) India 2013 -

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 Assoication, Chicago.

2013: Crossland College, Brahmavar, Karnataka, India.

2011: Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India.

Referee Services Journal of Happiness Studies