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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2024 – Occidental College, Assistant Professor of Economics

2020 – Ashoka Univeristy, Assistant Professor of Economics (on leave in 2024-25)

## EDUCATION

Institution	Degree	Field of Study	Year
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA – BERKELEY	PhD	Agricultural and Resource Economics	2017
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA – BERKELEY	M.S.	Agricultural and Resource Economics	2013
GRINNELL COLLEGE	B.A. (Honors)	Economics	2009

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2012 – 2017 Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study; University of California - Berkeley

2009 Phi Beta Kappa

2009 Best Undergraduate Research Paper; Department of Economics, Grinnell College

## PUBLICATIONS

“Unearthing Zombies” (with Nirupama Kulkarni, Siddharth Vij and Kate Waldo) *Accepted, Management Science*.

“Cash Is King: The Role of Financial Infrastructure in Digital Adoption ” (with Bhavya Agarwal and Nirupama Kulkarni) - *Review of Corporate Finance Studies*, 2023 12(4): 867-905.

“Can political parties improve minority wellbeing? Evidence from India’s “Silent Revolution” (with Abhay Aneja) - *Journal of Development Economics* 2022, 158 102931

“Minority Political Parties and Minority Criminal Victimization: Evidence from India” (with Abhay Aneja) - 2022 *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, 2022 38 (3): 675-720.

“Consumption Tax Reform and the Real Economy: Evidence from India’s Adoption of a Value-Added Tax” with Abhay Aneja and Nirupama Kulkarni. *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, 2021, 18(3): 569-602.

“How Marginal Tax Rates Affect Families at Various Levels of Poverty” with Elaine Maag, C. Eugene Steuerle, and Calen Quakenbush. *National Tax Journal*, 2012, 65(4): 759-782.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Bank Branch Expansions and Capital Investment by Credit Constrained Firms” (with Kanika Mahajan and Nirupama Kulkarni)

“Equilibrium Effects of Financial Affirmative Action: Evidence from India” (with Muhammad Yasir Khan)

“Financial Deepening, Household Balance Sheets and Micro-Entrepreneurship” (with Prabhat Barnwal, Ritam Chaurey, and Reajul Alam Chowdhury)

“Political Consequences of Trade Liberalization: Evidence from India’s Tariff Reforms” (with Abhay Aneja and Pavel Chakraborty)

“Electoral Consequences of Bank Clean-Ups” (with Vidhya Soundarajan)

“Political Alignment and Household Balance-Sheets” (with Abhay Aneja and Jayati Gupta)

“Do Lenders Respond to Import Competition? Evidence from Bank-Firm Loan Level Data” (with Pavel Chakraborty)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Occidental College

ECON 251 *Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory*

ECON 272 *Applied Econometrics*

### Ashoka University

ECO 3205 (FIN 3040) *Finance and the Economy* (undergraduate)

ECO 2400 *Econometrics* (undergraduate)

ECO 6402 *Econometrics II* (graduate)

### University of California - Berkeley

*Teaching Assistant*

Fall 2015 – 2016 International Economic Development Policy: Theory, Methods and Case Studies (graduate)

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

December 2024	19th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi
March 2024	Pacific Development Conference, Stanford King Center on Global Development
December 2023	18th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi
December 2023	ISB-NBER Conference, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad
November 2023	North East Universities Development Consortium, Cambridge
March 2023	20th Midwest International Economic Development Conference
December 2022	17th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi
November 2022	Midwest Macroeconomics Meeting
January 2022	American Economic Association (Poster Session)
April 2021	Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, Bank for International Settlements
January 2021	American Economic Association (Poster Session)
August 2020	World Econometric Society, Milan
March 2020	Pacific Conference for Development Economics, Berkeley
January 2020	American Finance Association, San Diego
October 2019	North-East Universities Development Consortium, Evanston
August 2019	European Economic Association, Manchester
July 2019	Economics of IT and Digitization Workshop (Poster Session), National Bureau of Economic Research
June 2019	Annual International Conference of German Economic Association, Berlin
May 2019	Conference on the Value Added of Value-Added Taxes, World Bank, Washington D.C.
December 2018	14th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi
March 2018	Workshop on Jobless Growth in South Asia, World Bank and Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi
December 2017	13th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi
November 2016	North East Universities Development Consortium, Cambridge

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

December 2020 - June 2021	Short-Term Consultant, The World Bank, Washington D.C.
2017-2020	Research Economist, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai
July 2015	Short-Term Consultant, The World Bank, Washington D.C.
August 2014 - December 2014	Short-Term Consultant, The World Bank, Washington D.C.
2009-2012	Research Assistant, The Urban Institute, Washington D.C.

## SERVICE

Referee: *Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Management Science, Journal of Asian Economics*

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Languages:** Bengali (native), English (native), Hindi (fluent)