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## Professional Positions

2020–present Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
2020–present Co-Founder & Coordinator, Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics (AMIE)  
2020–present Faculty Affiliate, Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
2023–present Research Fellow, IZA - Institute of Labor Economics, Bonn, Germany

## Past Positions

2015–2020 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, William & Mary  
2018–2019 Visiting Scholar, Institute for Economic Development, Boston University

## Education

2009-2015 Ph.D. & M.A., Cornell University, Economics  
2007-2009 M.Sc., London School of Economics & Political Science, Economics  
2004-2007 B.A.(hons.), Delhi University, Mathematics

## Editorial Positions

Co-editor for a Special Issue on "Education in Low Income Settings", Economics of Education Review, 2022

## Published and Forthcoming Papers

"Political Punishment and Financial Safety Nets: Evidence from India's Demonetization," (with G. Khanna), March 2023, Journal of Public Economics  
"Inputs, Monitoring, and Crowd-out in India's School-Based Health Interventions," (with J. Berry, S. Mehta, H. Ruebeck and K. Shastry), Volume 204, December 2021, 104552, Journal of Public Economics  
"How Does Democracy Cause Growth? Evidence from Firms During Indonesia's Democratic Transition," (with A. Abeberese, P. Barnwal and R. Chaurey), July 2021, Review of Economics and Statistics  
"Implementation and Effects of India's National School-Based Iron Supplementation Program," (with J. Berry, S. Mehta, H. Ruebeck and K. Shastry), Journal of Development Economics, Vol 144, May 2020, 102428  
"The Non-Democratic Roots of Elite Capture: Evidence from Soeharto Mayors in Indonesia," (with M. Martinez-Bravo and A. Stegmann), Econometrica, 85(6), November 2017, pp. 1991–2010  
"Taken with a Grain of Salt? Micronutrient Fortification in South Asia," (with J. Berry and K. Shastry), CESifo Economic Studies, 58(2), 2012, pp. 422-449  
"Turning the Wheels: The Cost Factor," (with M. Majumdar), Studies in Microeconomics, Vol 1, June 2013, pp. 81-90

**Working Papers**

“Lowering Barriers to Remote Education: Experimental Impacts on Parental Responses and Learning,” (with E. Beam and L. Navarro-Sola), September 2022, *Working Paper - Submitted*

“Women’s Political Representation and Intimate Partner Violence,” (with S. Anukriti and B. Erten), November 2022, *Working Paper - Submitted*

“Can Destigmatizing Mental Health Increase Willingness to Seek Help? Experimental Evidence from Nepal,” (with L. Buck, N. Mishra, N. Prakash, D. Quinn S. Sabharwal, D. Saraswat), December 2022, *Working Paper - Submitted*

“Engaging Parents in Learning: Experimental Evidence from Rural India,” (with S. Poonuganti), *Working Paper - under revision*

“The Effects of Social Identity on Aspirations and Learning Outcomes: A Field Experiment in Rural India,” *Working Paper - under revision*

“Policy Choices under Appointments and Elections: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Indonesia,” *Working Paper - under revision*

“Pricing Private Education in Urban India: Demand, Use, and Impact,” (with J. Berry), *Working Paper - under revision*

**Selected Works in Progress**

“The Persistent Effects of Private versus Colonial Rule: Evidence from 19th Century Indonesia,” (with T. Fetzer)

“Social Preferences and the Response to Government Transfers,” (with T. Fujiwara and M. Kanz)

“Building Support for Mental Health of Adolescents in Bangladesh,” (with E. Edmonds, N. Prakash, S. Sabharwal)

**Other Writing**

“The hidden costs of layered school-based interventions: Evidence from India,” VoxDev, February 2023

“How COVID-19 affected women and children: Evidence from Bangladesh,” International Growth Center, July 2022

“How democracy causes growth: Evidence from Indonesia,” VoxDev, January, 2021

“The Political Consequences of India’s Demonetization,” Ideas For India, February, 2020

“How to reduce elite capture: Watch out for local elites during democratic transitions,” VoxDev, August 2017

### Research Grants

- 2023 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Fall Research Award
- 2022 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Global Health Institute Seed Funding
- 2021 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Fall Research Award
- 2020 International Growth Center, “Strategies and resource gaps among vulnerable households,” with Emily Beam
- 2020 World Bank Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund, “Take-up, Use, and Effectiveness of Remote Learning Technologies: Lessons from the Covid-19 Pandemic,” with Emily Beam and Laia Navarro-Sola
- 2020 World Bank, “The Female Domestic Worker Market in India”, with S. Anukriti
- 2018 Department for International Development (U.K.), “Youth Education and Skills for Economic Growth”, with Emily Beam
- 2016 CAGE Grant (Warwick), “The Half-life of Colonial Institutions: Evidence from Indonesia”, with Thiemo Fetzer
- 2016 Summer Research Award, William & Mary
- 2014 International Growth Center, “Elucidating Avenues for Corruption: Micro-nutrient Fortification Strategies in India’s Midday Meal Program”, with Jim Berry, Saurabh Mehta, Kartini Shastry)
- 2013 International Growth Center, “Social Identity and Aspirations”
- 2013 International Growth Center, “Pricing of Education Services in Urban India: Demand, Use and Impacts”, Jim Berry)
- 2013 J-PAL Post Primary Education Initiative, “Pricing of Education Services in Urban India: Demand, Use and Impact”, with Jim Berry
- 2013 Russell Sage Small Grants in Behavioral Economics, “Social Identity and Aspirations”
- 2013 Institute for New Economic Thinking (Harvard), The History Project, “The Persistent Effects of Private versus Colonial Rule: Evidence from 19th Century Indonesia”, with Thiemo Fetzer

### Awards and Scholarships

- 2012 Cornell University, L.R. Wilson MA’67 Excellence in Economics Medal
- 2009-14 Cornell University, Sage Fellowship
- 2007-08 London School of Economics & Political Science, Economics Bursary Award
- 2007 Cambridge University, Cambridge Commonwealth Trust Scholarship (declined)

### Professional Service

- Program Committee for NEUDC, 2018, 2019; SREE Conference, 2019, 2020; Population Assoc. of America (PAA), 2020; MIEDC, 2022
- Co-organizer, 2nd Workshop in Applied Microeconomics for PhD Students, October 2022
- Co-organizer, 1st Workshop in Applied Microeconomics for PhD Students, March 2021
- Mentor, Research in Color Foundation, 2020, 2021
- Liaison for the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP), 2015-2020
- Faculty instructor, J-PAL Executive Training Course (India 2015)
- University service: Advisory Committee Member, Center For South Asia (University of Wisconsin-Madison), 2020-2022

Departmental service: Hiring Committee, William & Mary (2016-17, 2019-20); Sub-Committee on Diversity and Inclusion in Hiring, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2021); Undergraduate Committee, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2020-2021), Graduate Committee, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2021-present), Development Workshop Coordinator, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2021-22), Hiring Committee, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2022-23), Seminar Coordinator, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2022-23)

Undergraduate thesis advisor: Sraavya Poonuganti, 2019 (College of William and Mary)

Dissertation Committee (University of Wisconsin-Madison):

Ana Paula Melo (2021)

Mizuhiro Suzuki (2022)

Itzel De Haro Lopez (expected - 2023)

Osaretin Olurotimi (expected - 2023)

Varan Kitayaporn (expected - 2023)

Marcos Picchio (*Philosophy Dept.*; expected - 2023)

Sakina Shibuya (expected - 2024)

Monica (expected - 2024)

Vikas Gawai (expected - 2024)

Priyadarshi Amar (expected - 2024)

Sossou Simplicite Adjisse (expected - 2024)

Felipe Parra Escobar (expected - 2025)

Pedro Magana Saenz (expected - 2025)

Advising for Masters students (University of Wisconsin-Madison):

Bailie Neary

Refereeing: American Economic Review: Insights, Comparative Political Studies, *Economica*, Economic Development and Cultural Change, *Economics of Education Review*, *The Economic Journal*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *World Development*, National Science Foundation grants, AidData/USAID grants

### Other Work Experience

Summer 2012 Visiting Scholar, SMERU Research Institute (Jakarta, Indonesia)

Summer 2009 Research Intern, Planning Commission of India (New Delhi, India)

### Conference and Seminar Presentations

Conferences: MIEDC (2023), EEA (2021), PACDEV (UC Berkeley, 2020), American Economic Association Meeting (San Diego, 2020), Growth and Development Conference (ISI, Delhi, 2015, '16, '17, '18, '19), Northeast Universities Development Consortium (2014, '15, '16, '18, '19), ANU Conference on India (2019), RISE (CGD, 2019), RIDGE Public Econ (Medellin, 2019), Ashoka University Annual Conference (2018), NBER Education Fall Meeting (2018), *Advances with Field Experiments* (U. Chicago; 2016, '17), *Equity and Development* (World Bank, 2016), *PopPov* (Washington D.C., 2016), American Economic Association Meeting (San Francisco, 2016), *Econometric Society World Congress* (Montreal, 2015), LACEA Political Economy Group (Montevideo, 2015), Royal Economic Society Conference (Manchester, 2015), PACDEV (UCSD, 2015), Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NYU, 2014), Midwest Political Science Association Conference (2013)

Seminars: Cornell University (x2), National University of Singapore, William & Mary, Indian School of Business, University of Warwick, Boston University (Econ), Boston University (Pardee), Georgetown

University, Tufts University, UC San Diego (Political Economy workshop), UC Santa Cruz, University of New South Wales, Monash University, University of Wisconsin AAE, IFPRI, IADB, Williams College, Virginia Tech, Australian National University, IIT-Bombay, Shiv Nadar University, University of Wisconsin-Madison (CALs Global), University of Wisconsin-Madison (Center for South Asia), University of Maryland ARE, Northwestern University, University of Pennsylvania (CASI and Econ), University of Pittsburgh, University of Minnesota, Binghamton University (scheduled)

**Personal**

Citizenship: India

Languages: English, Hindi, Bengali