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CONTACT INFORMATION

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: India (US Permanent Resident)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, **Southern Methodist University** (SMU), USA, 2009

M.A. in Economics, **Southern Methodist University**, USA, 2007

M.A. in Economics, **Delhi School of Economics**, India, 2001

B.A. in Economics, **University of Delhi**, India 1999

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Oklahoma State University, Spears Business School, Department of Economics, OK, USA
08/2014 – : *Assistant Professor of Economics*
08/2012 – 05/2014: *Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics*

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENTS

The World Bank, Europe and Central Asia Human Development Unit, Washington DC, USA
05/2009 – 07/2012: *Extended Term Consultant*

University of Delhi, Z H College, India
10/2001 – 05/2005: *Lecturer in Economics*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany
11/2011 – Present: *Research Fellow*; 2/2009 – 11/2011: *Research Affiliate*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Poverty and Welfare

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

(Total Google Scholar Citations: 426)

[18] Intergenerational Educational Persistence among Daughters: Evidence from India, PDF , *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, forthcoming

[17] Assessing the impact of District Primary Education Program in India, with *Saing Chan (Oklahoma State University)* , *Review of Development Economics*, forthcoming 2016

[16] Income Inequality in India 2004-2012: Role of Alternative Income sources, *Economics Bulletin*, 36(2), 1160-1169, 2016

[15] Assessing Teacher Quality in India, with *Geeta Kingdon (University of London)*, *Journal of Development Economics*, 117, 74-83, 2015

- [14] Like Father, Like Son? Intergenerational Education Mobility in India, *with Vipul Bhatt (James Madison University)*, **Demography**, 52 (6), 1929-1959, 2015
- [13] Intergenerational Occupational Mobility among men in India, **Journal of Development Studies**, 51(10), 2015
- [12] Impact of Private Secondary Schooling on Cognitive Skills: Evidence from India, *with Kin Bing Wu (World Bank) and Geeta Kingdon (University of London)*, **Education Economics**, forthcoming 2015
- [11] Private Tutoring: Evidence from India, **Review of Development Economics**, DOI: 10.1111/rode.12196, 2015
- [10] A Distributional Analysis of Public Private Wage Differential in India, *with Nishith Prakash (University of Connecticut)*, **LABOUR: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations**, 29(4), 394-414, 2015
- [9] The Returns to English-Language Skills in India, *with Aimee Chin (University of Houston) and Nishith Prakash (University of Connecticut)*, **Economic Development and Cultural Change**, 61(2), 2013
- [8] Are Girls the Fairer Sex in India? Revisiting Intra-Household Allocation of Education Expenditure, *with Geeta Kingdon (University of London)*, **World Development**, 42 (C), 143-164, 2013
- [7] Can public works programs mitigate the impact of crises in Europe? The case of Latvia, *with Ihsan Ajwad (World Bank) and Céline Ferré (World Bank)*, **IZA Journal of European Labor Studies**, 2(10), 2013
- [6] Changes in Wage Structure in Urban India 1983-2004: A Quantile Regression Decomposition, **World Development**, 40(6), 1135-1150, 2012
- [5] A Distributional Analysis of Social Group Inequality in Rural India, **Journal of International Development**, 24(4), 415-432, 2012
- [4] Income Inequality in Rural India: Decomposing the Gini by Income Sources, *with Abusaleh Shariff (NCAER)*, **Economics Bulletin**, 31(1), 739-748, 2011
- [3] India's Rising Skill Premium: Role of Demand and Supply, **The Berkeley Electronic Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy**, 10(1), Article 94, 2010
- [2] Progress of Participation in Tertiary Education in India from 1993 to 2004, *with Andreas Blom (World Bank)*, **Journal of Educational Planning and Administration**, XXIII(2), 125-167, 2009

CHAPTER IN EDITED BOOK

- [1] Girls in India: Poverty, Location, and Social Disparities, *with Kin Bing Wu (World Bank), Pete Goldschmidt (University of California, LA), and Christy Kim Boscardin (University of California, SF)*, in M. Lewis and M. Lockheed (eds.), "Exclusion, Gender and Education: Case Studies from the Developing World," **Center for Global Development**, Washington, DC, 2007

WORKING PAPERS

- [1] The Impact of Indian Job Guarantee Scheme on Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from a Natural Experiment
- [2] Explaining Caste Differences in Private School Attendance, *under review*
- [3] Spatial Contribution to Income Inequality in India, 1993-2011: A District Level Decomposition, *with Vipul Bhat*
- [4] Returns to Controlling a Neglected Tropical Disease Schistosomiasis Control Program and Education Out-

comes in Nigeria, with *Francis Makamu* and *Harounan Kazianga*

[5] Does social health insurance reduce financial burden? Panel Data Evidence from India

[6] Income mobility of Indian households 1993-2012: Caste Differences

WORK IN PROGRESS

[1] The Impacts of Family Size on Investment in Child in India

POLICY PAPERS

[1] Simulating Poverty in Europe: The Potential Contributions of Employment and Education to Reducing Poverty and Social Exclusion by 2020, with Ihsan Ajwad, Kenneth Simler, Basab Dasgupta, Misha Bonch-Osmolovskiy, and Irena Topinska, **World Bank Policy Research Paper**, 6660

[2] The Employment and Welfare Impact of the Financial Crisis in Latvia, with *Ihsan Ajwad (World Bank)* and *Francisco Haimovich (IADB)*, **World Bank Policy Research Paper**, 5960

[3] A Methodology Note on the Employment and Welfare Impacts of the 2007-08 Financial Crisis, with *Jesko Hentschel (World Bank)*, *Ihsan Ajwad (World Bank)*, and *Meltem Aran (Oxford University)*, **Economist Forum** 2010, The World Bank

[4] Technical Note on Recent Trends in Poverty in Romania, with *Aylin Dikmelik (World Bank)*, Mimeo, ECSHD, The World Bank, 2010

[5] Labor Market Impacts of Financial Crisis in ECA Countries: Evidence from Crisis Response Surveys, with *Ihsan Ajwad*, Knowledge Brief, ECA, The World Bank, 2010

[6] Impact of Financial Crisis on Households, How Households Coped with the Crisis: Evidence from Eastern European Countries, Paper prepared for “*The Jobs Crisis: Household and Government Responses to the Great Recession in Eastern Europe and Central Asia*” Report, The World bank, 2011

[7] The Private School Boom in India: How Much And How Unequal?, with *Tara Bêteille (World Bank)* and *Tonusree Basu*, Paper prepared for *Inequality in South Asia: Implications for shared prosperity Report*, The World Bank, 2013

REPORTS

[1] Food Aid Transition in India’s Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Program in Care Supported Areas, with *Akhter Ahmed*, *Michelle Adato*, *Shahidur Rashid*, *Ch Srinivas*, *Josephine Mooij*, *Prabir Ghosh*, *Kavery Ganguly*, and *Terence Roopnaraine*, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), 2005

[2] Economic Empowerment of Muslims in India, with *Abusaleh Shariff*, Institute of Objective Studies (New Delhi, India)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

[1] Assessing Teacher Quality in India, with *Geeta Kingdon (University of London)*, Ideas for India, February, 2015

[2] English skills raise wages for some, not all, in India, with *Nishith Prakash (University of Connecticut)* and *Aimee Chin (University of Houston)*, **VoxEU.org**, May 26, 2010

[3] Does it pay to speak English in India?”, with *Nishith Prakash (University of Connecticut)* and *Aimee Chin (University of Houston)*, Ideas for India, September 20, 2013

CONTRIBUTIONS IN PUBLISHED REPORTS (CORE TEAM MEMBER)

- [1] Inequality in South Asia: Implications for shared prosperity, The World Bank, 2013, forthcoming
- [2] BULGARIA: Household Welfare during the 2010 Recession and Recovery, The World Bank, 2012 (*co-authored with Emil Tesliuc & others*)
- [3] The Job Crisis: Household and Government Responses to the Great Recession in Europe and Central Asia, The World Bank, 2011 (*co-authored with Ihsan Ajwad & others*)
- [4] Secondary Education in India: Universalizing Opportunity, World Bank, 2009
- [5] Social, Economic and Educational Status of the Muslim Community of India, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, November, 2006
- [6] Attaining the Millennium Development Goals in India: Role of Public Policy and Service Delivery, The World Bank, 2004 (*led by Prof. Anil Deolalikar*)

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

INSTRUCTOR, **Oklahoma State University**, Department of Economics

- **Undergraduate:** Money and Banking (×12); Introduction to Macroeconomics (×2); Econometric Methods (×2); International Economic Development (×1)
- **Graduate:** Economic Development (×1)

INSTRUCTOR, **Southern Methodist University**, Department of Economics

- Principles of Microeconomics: Summer 2008

INSTRUCTOR, **Z H College, University of Delhi**, Department of Economics

- Intermediate Microeconomics (× 3); Intermediate Macroeconomics (× 2); Statistics (× 1); Monetary Economics (× 2); Indian Economy (× 1)

TEACHING ASSISTANT, **Southern Methodist University**, Department of Economics

- **Graduate:** Statistics, Econometrics, Labor Economics, Microeconometrics, Advanced Macroeconomics
- **Undergraduate:** Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Strategic Behavior, Labor Economics

ADVISING

Ph.D, Oklahoma State University

- [1] Chan Hang Saing (in progress)
- [2] Zhengyu Cai (member; completed)
- [3] James M. Bishop (member; completed)

Master

- [1] Zaira Gonzalez (member; completed), Universidad Autónoma Chapingo, Mexico

SUMMARY OF SELECTED WORKS WITH THE WORLD BANK

Contributed in 2013 World Development Report on Jobs

Co-authored Poverty Assessment Reports for Armenia, Georgia, Romania; Job Crisis Report for ECA Region, Crisis Report for Bulgaria.

Provided technical assistance to Armenia Ministry of Statistics to revise poverty line to account for changed consumption pattern; provided assistance for Georgia LSMS 2011.

Developed a micro-simulation model for the European Commission. The model uses EU-SILC data base to simulate poverty and inequality outcomes based on changes in EU employment and education targets. It also simulates the impact of changes in various policy variables such as different social transfers.

Team member for Development Policy Loan 100 million Euro in Latvia, carried out the required poverty and social impact analysis (PSIA) for various reforms discussed.

Core team member of Eastern Europe and Central Asia crisis monitoring team.

Designed an instrument for Proxy Mean Testing (PMT) for Ndhima Program in Albania; pre-tested the instrument in field.

Core-team member for the preparation of the Millennium Development Goals Report in India; contributed to the assessment of India's progress towards MDGs by performing various policy simulations to see the impact on various MDG outcomes. In addition, contributed in many World Bank reports on education, health, and labor markets in India.

Travel to the following countries for World Bank operational and research work: Albania, Bulgaria, Latvia, and India.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

International Labor Organization (ILO), Switzerland, Consultant

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), New Delhi Office, India
10/2004 – 07/2005: Collaborator

The World Bank, South Asia Human Development Unit, India
11/2002 – 05/2005: Consultant

The World Bank, South Asia Human Development Unit, Washington DC
Winter, 2005; Summer- 2006, 2007, 2008: Consultant

Government of India, High-level committee to prepare a report on the social, economic, and educational status of Muslims in India
2005: Consultant

National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), India
07/2001 – 10/2001: Research Associate

FIELD WORK AND SURVEY EXPERIENCE

Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Beneficiary Survey, 2005, for IFPRI funded by USAID

Latvia Public Works Impact Evaluation Survey, 2010, for the World Bank

Proxy Mean Testing (PMT) for Ndhima program in Albania, 2011 for the World Bank

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Human Capital and Growth Conference at United Nation University-WIDER, Helsinki, Finland, June 6-8, 2016

Southern Economic Association 85th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 2015

Missouri Valley Economic Association 52nd Annual Meeting, Kansas City, October 2015

10th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, ISI, Delhi, Dec 18-20, 2014

Northeastern Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC), Boston University, Nov 2014

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 2014

Human Development in India: Evidence from IHDS, Delhi, July 19 2014, jointly organized by NCAER and University of Maryland

5th International Growth Center-Indian Institute of Statistics (IGC-ISI) India Development Policy Conference, July 17-18 2014

Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Conference, Washington DC, May 2-3, 2014

9th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, ISI, Delhi, Dec 19-21, 2013

European Job Monitor (EJM) on Global Changes in Structure of Employment, Brussels, Dec 5-6, 2013 (*invited by Eurofound, European Union*)

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Tampa, Nov 23-25, 2013

Northeastern Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC), Harvard University, Nov 2-3, 2013

12th IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economists, Buch/Ammersee, Germany, June 20-23, 2013 (*funded*)

European Job Monitor (EJM) on Global Changes in Structure of Employment, Dublin, May 17, 2013 (*invited by Eurofound, European Union*)

Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, New York, May 2013

10th Midwest International Economic Development Conference, April 2013, University of Wisconsin- Madison

Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, March 2013, Columbus, Ohio

Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev) 2013, San Francisco, CA

Northeastern Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC), Dartmouth College, Nov 2012

Northeastern Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC), Boston University, Nov 2008

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, November 2008

SEMINARS

Oklahoma State University, March 2013, October, 2013

University of Reading, May 2012

Fordham University, February 2012

University of Latvia-Riga, November 2011

ECA HDE, World Bank, October 2010, October 2011

Southern Methodist University, March 2008

RESEARCH GRANTS

International Growth Center, London School of Economics “Defining Teacher Quality in India,” £10,000 (PI: Mehtabul Azam; Co-PI: Geeta Kingdon), 2013-14

FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

Vice Presidential Unit team award (core team member), ECA Region, World Bank, 2010

Graduate Student Research Day, 1st Place, Southern Methodist University, 2008

Full Tuition Fellowship, Southern Methodist University, 2005-09

Teaching Assistantship, Southern Methodist University, 2005-09

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

President, Graduate Economics Club, Dept. of Economics, Southern Methodist University, 2008-09

INVITED REFEREE FOR:

Applied Economics (×2)
Applied Economics Letters
Asian Development Review
Economic Development and Cultural Change
Economics of Education Review (×2)
Education Economics (×2)
Growth and Change
Journal of Economic Inequality
Journal of Development Economics (×2)
Journal of Development Studies
Journal of Human Resources
Journal of International Development
Journal of Labor Research
Labour Economics
Population Research and Policy Review
Review of Development Economics
Social Science and Medicine
The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy
World Development (×6)
IZA/DFID: Growth and Labor Markets in Low Income Countries Programme Grant (×3)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Stata, R, S-PLUS, Eviews, L^AT_EX; Working knowledge of SPSS, SAS, MATLAB