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Fields of Interest

Development Economics and Political Economy

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Notre Dame	May 2027 (exp.)
M.A. Economics, University of Notre Dame	July 2023
M.S. Economics and Applied Econometrics, University of Delaware	May 2022
H.B.S. Mathematics and Economics, University of Delaware	May 2022
<i>Magna cum laude</i> , Minors – Political Science and Theatre Studies	

Publications

“Education, Marriage, and Banning Female Genital Cutting: Evidence from Benin”
Journal of Population Economics, 39: 28, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00148-026-01172-0>

“The Colonial Legacy in India: How Persistent Are the Effects of Historical Institutions?” with Lakshmi Iyer
Journal of Development Economics, 177: 103576, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jdeveco.2025.103576>

Working Papers

“Redrawing the Lines: Did Political Incumbents Influence Electoral Redistricting in India?”
with Lakshmi Iyer and Susan Ostermann.

“Gender Quotas, Public Goods Provision, and Public Opinion: Does the Type of Quota Matter?”

“Political Incumbents and India’s Electoral Redistricting: Evidence from Two States”
with Lakshmi Iyer and Susan Ostermann.

Pre-PhD Research Publication

“Markov Chains, CAT(0) Cube Complexes, and Enumeration: Monotone Paths in a Strip Mix Slowly.” with Federico Ardila-Mantilla and Naya Banerjee. *International Mathematics Research Notices*, 2026 (4): rnag004, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.1093/imrn/rnag004>

Policy Publication

“Retirement Investments: Agencies Can Better Oversee Conflicts of Interest Between Fiduciaries and Investors”
(US GAO Report 24-104632)

Research Experience

Research Assistant to Lakshmi Iyer, University of Notre Dame	2023 – 2024
Research Assistant to Naya Banerjee, University of Delaware	2018 – 2020

Teaching Experience

University of Notre Dame

Instructor, Introduction to Linear Regression	Spring 2025, Fall 2025
Instructor, Economics PhD Math Camp	Summer 2024 – 2025
Instructor, Principles of Microeconomics	Summer 2025
Instructor, Development Data Bootcamp	Spring 2025

University of Delaware

Tutor, Econometric Methods and Models I	Fall 2021, Spring 2021
Tutor, Introduction to Econometrics	Spring 2020 – Spring 2021, Spring 2022
Tutor, Quantitative Macroeconomic Theory	Fall 2021, Spring 2022
Tutor, Introduction to Microeconomics	Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Presentations

2026	Gender and Representation Workshop (Representation of Women Lab ND)
2025	Midwest International Economic Development Conference (Univ of Illinois Urbana-Champaign), Notre Dame Interdisciplinary Research Symposium
2024	NEUDC (Northeastern Univ), Workshop on Historical Institutions and Their Legacies (Norwegian Univ of Science and Technology)
2023	International Atlantic Economic Conference
	*Scheduled

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

University of Notre Dame

Graduate Student Affiliate, Building Inclusive Growth Lab	2023 – present
PhD Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies	2022 – present
2 nd place – Best Oral Presentation, Interdisciplinary Research Symposium	2025
Kellogg Institute Conference Travel Grant	2024
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University of Delaware

Sally Latham Graduate Research Award, Department of Economics	2022
The Economics Graduate Scholar Award, Department of Economics	2022
Bertram F. Levin Memorial Award, Department of Economics	2022
Hutchinson Scholar, Department of Economics	2021 – 2022
Carl J. Rees Scholar, Department of Mathematical Sciences	2020 – 2021
Charles N. Lanier Scholar, Department of Economics	2020 – 2022
General Honors Award, Honors College	2020
Telkes Distinguished Scholar, Honors College	2018 – 2022

Service

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of Development Economics (x2), Economic Modelling*

University of Notre Dame

Graduate Student Conference Resource, Kellogg Institute for International Studies	2025 – present
Graduate Representative, Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention	2024 – 2026
Treasurer, Graduate Student Government	2024 – 2026
Member, Conference Presentation Grant Review Committee	2024 – 2026
Economics Department Representative, Graduate Student Government	2024 – 2025

Computational Skills

Stata, R, ArcGIS, Mathematica, MATLAB, LaTeX

Other Work Experience

Program and Management Analyst Intern, U.S. Government Accountability Office Education, Workforce, and Income Security	2021
Research Intern, Wasmer, Schroeder & Company Credit Research Department	2020
Resident Assistant and Office Manager, University of Delaware Residence Life and Housing	2019 – 2022