

## NISHITH PRAKASH

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: India (US Permanent Resident)      Gender: Male

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, **University of Houston**, 2008

Dissertation Title: “*Essays on Effects of Affirmative Action: Evidence from Job and Political Reservation Policies in India*”

Advisors: Aimee Chin (Primary Advisor), Chinhui Juhn, Steven G. Craig

M.A. in Economics, **University of Houston**, 2005

M.A. in Economics, **Delhi School of Economics**, 2002

B.A. in Economics, **University of Delhi**, 2000

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

**Fields:** Development Economics, Labor Economics

**Topics:** Economics of Education, Public Policy, Program Evaluation, Field Experiments

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

**University of Connecticut**, Department of Economics and Human Rights Institute, Storrs, CT  
1/2012 – *Assistant Professor of Economics*

### PREVIOUS ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENTS

**Cornell University**, Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Ithaca, NY  
7/2010 – 12/2011: *Post Doctoral Research Associate*

**Dartmouth College**, Department of Economics, Hanover, NH  
9/2009 – 6/2010: *Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics*

**Ohio University**, Department of Economics, Athens, OH  
8/2008 – 8/2009: *Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics*

**University of Houston**, Department of Economics, Houston, TX  
8/2005 – 8/2008: *Teaching Fellow/Graduate Assistant*

### APPOINTMENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

**Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy (InCHIP)**  
10/2016 – *Faculty Affiliate*

**Economic and Social Rights Group (ESRG)**  
06/2016 – *Faculty Affiliate*

**Asian and Asian American Studies Institute**

4/2014 – *Faculty Affiliate*

**India Studies Program**

8/2012 – *Board Member & Faculty Advisor*

AFFILIATIONS

**IPA Network Researcher**, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), 2016–

**Research Affiliate**, Households in Conflict Network (HiCN), University of Sussex, 2014–

**Affiliate**, International Growth Center (IGC), London School of Economics, 2011–

**Research Fellow**, Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM), University College London, 2009–

**Research Fellow**, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany, 2009–

**Research Affiliate**, Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell University, 2011 – 2013

**Research Affiliate**, Cornell Population Program, Cornell University, 2011 – 2012

ACADEMIC VISITS

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Economics**, Cambridge, MA

1/10/2017 – 7/30/2017: *Visiting Assistant Professor*

**Indian Statistical Institute**, Delhi, India

6/25/2016 – 8/21/2016: *Academic Visitor*

**Microsoft Research New England**, Boston, MA

03/31/2015 – 04/03/2015: *Visitor*

**Yale University, School of Management**, New Haven, CT

12/15/2014 – 8/25/2015: *Visiting Fellow*

**Columbia University, Department of Economics**, New York, NY

1/1/2015 – 6/30/2015: *Academic Visitor*

**Aarhus University, Department of Economics**, Aarhus, Denmark

8/9/2014 – 8/15/2014: *Academic Visitor*

**Indian Statistical Institute**, Delhi, India

7/29/2013 – 8/11/2013: *Academic Visitor*

**Indian Statistical Institute**, Delhi, India

6/25/2013 – 7/7/2013: *Academic Visitor*

**University College London (CReAM)**, London, UK

9/27/2012 – 9/28/2012: *Academic Visitor*

**The London School of Economics & Political Science (STICERD)**, London, UK

6/18/2012 – 7/30/2012: *Academic Visitor*

**University College London (CReAM)**, London, UK  
6/25/2012 – 6/29/2012: *Academic Visitor*

**International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)**, Nairobi, Kenya  
9/26/2010 – 11/3/2010: *Visiting Scholar*

**University of Bristol, Department of Economics**, Bristol, UK  
3/25/2010: *Visiting Scholar*

**Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)**, Bonn, Germany  
6/2009 – 7/2009: *Visiting Scholar*

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Board of Editors**, *Economies*  
10/2012–present

#### PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

“The Role of Constitutions on Poverty: A Cross-National Investigation”, *with Lanse Minkler (University of Connecticut)*, **forthcoming in *Journal of Comparative Economics***

“Effect of Political Decentralization and Female Leadership on Institutional Births and Child Mortality in Bihar, India”, *with Santosh Kumar (Sam Houston State University)*, **in *Social Science & Medicine***, Vol. 185, July 2017, pp. 171-178

“Cycling to School: Increasing Secondary School Enrollment for Girls in India”, *with Karthik Muralidharan (University of California-San Diego)*, **in *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics***, Vol. 9 (3), July 2017, pp. 321-350

“Can Elected Minority Representatives Affect Health Worker Visits? Evidence from Rural India”, *with Elizabeth Kaletski (Ithaca College)*, **in *Review of Development Economics***, Vol. 21 (1), 2017, pp. 67-102

“Does Constitutionalizing Economic and Social Rights Promote their Fulfillment?”, *with Elizabeth Kaletski (Ithaca College), Lanse Minkler (University of Connecticut) and Susan Randolph (University of Connecticut)*, **in *Journal of Human Rights***, Vol. 15 (4), 2016, pp. 433-453

“Does Political Reservation for Minorities affect Child Labor? Evidence from India”, *with Elizabeth Kaletski (Ithaca College)*, **in *World Development***, Vol. 87, November 2016, pp. 50-69

“A Distributional Analysis of Public Private Wage Differential in India”, *with Mehtabul Azam (Oklahoma State University)*, **in *LABOUR: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations***, Vol. 29 (4), December 2015, pp. 394-414

“The Returns to English-Language Skills in India”, *with Mehtabul Azam (Oklahoma State University) and Aimee Chin (University of Houston)*, **in *Economic Development and Cultural Change***, Vol. 61 (2), January 2013, pp. 335-367

“Consumption and Social Identity: Evidence from India”, *with Melanie Khamis (Wesleyan University) and Zahra Siddique (University of Reading)*, **in *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization***, Vol. 83 (3), August 2012, pp. 353-371

“Do School Lunch Subsidies Change the Dietary Patterns of Children from Low-Income Households?”, *with Larry Howard (CSU-Fullerton)*, **in *Contemporary Economic Policy***, Vol. 30 (3),

July 2012, pp. 362–381

“Does Employment Quota Explain Occupational Choice Among Disadvantaged Groups? A Natural Experiment from India”, with *Larry Howard (CSU-Fullerton)*, in *International Review of Applied Economics*, Vol. 26 (4), July 2012, pp. 489–513

“The Redistributive Effects of Political Reservation for Minorities: Evidence from India”, with *Aimee Chin (University of Houston)*, in *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 96 (2), November 2011, pp. 265–277

“Skill Mapping and Skill Development for Employability: The Case of Cuttack”, with *Satpathy, Anoop K.; Mishra, Jimuta*, in *Indian Journal of Labor Economics*, Vol. 45 (4), 2002

#### OTHER-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

“Affirmative Action Policy in Developing Countries: Lessons Learned and Way Forward”, with *Elizabeth Kaletski (Ithaca College)*, in *UNU-WIDER Working Paper 52/2016*

“Bihar’s Alcohol Ban: Good Intentions, Impractical Policy”, with *Sanjeev Kumar (Yale University)*, in *Economic & Political Weekly*, Vol. 51 (1), January 2016

“The Impact of Change in Primary Completion Rate on Learning Outcomes in India”, with *Bhanu Gupta (University of Michigan)*, in *UNESCO Global Monitoring Report*, 2015

“Impact of the Village Health and Sanitation Committee on Health-Care Utilization: Findings from Propensity Score Matching in India”, with *Santosh Kumar (Sam Houston State University)*, in *The Lancet*, Vol. 381 (2), 17–19 June 2013, pp. S77

#### WORKING PAPERS

“Do Criminally Accused Politicians Affect Economic Outcomes? Evidence from India”, with *Yogesh Uppal (Youngstown State University)* and *Marc Rockmore (Clark University)*, **revision requested from *Journal of Development Economics***

“Girls for Sale? Child Sex Ratio and Girls Trafficking in India”, with *Krishna C. Vadlamannati (University College Dublin)*, IZA Discussion Paper No. 8293, **revision requested from *Feminist Economics***

“Dowry: Household Responses to Expected Marriage Payments”, with *S Anukriti (Boston College)* and *Sungoh Kwon (University of Connecticut)*

“Improving the Labor Market Outcomes of Minorities: The Role of Employment Quota”, IZA Discussion Paper No. 4386

“Education Policies and Practices: What have we Learnt so Far and the Road Ahead?”, with *Priya Ranjan (University of California–Irvine)*, IZA Discussion Paper No. 6614

#### SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Ending the Jungle Raj: Political Change and Crime Reduction in India”, with *Oliver Vanden Eynde (Paris School of Economics)*, *Chinmaya Kumar (University of Chicago)* and *Clement Imbert (University of Warwick)*

“Goal Setting and Student Effort”, with *Asadul Islam (Monash University)*, *Sungoh Kwon (University of Connecticut)* and *Shwetlena Sabarwal (The World Bank)*

“Does High School Stream Choice Matter for Economic Returns? Evidence from India”, with *Tarun Jain (Indian School of Business)*, *Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay (Indian Statistical Institute)* and *Raghav Rakesh*

“Understanding Career Choice in a Developing Country: Reading the Mind of High School Students in Cities of India?”, with *Tarun Jain (Indian School of Business)*, *Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay (Indian Statistical Institute)* and *Raghav Rakesh*

“Social Ties and Bureaucratic Corruption”, with *Ray Fisman (Boston University)*

“Measurement Error in Land Area and Tests of Intrahousehold Efficiency”, with *Alex Cohen (Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation)* and *Mahesh Dahal (University of Connecticut)*

“Habit Formation and Self-Control in Study Effort”, with *Gautam Rao (Harvard University)* and *Anett John (CREST)*

#### ONGOING/COMPLETED PROJECTS IN THE FIELD

##### India

- “Understanding Career Choice in a Developing Country: Reading the Mind of High School Students in Cities of India?”, with *Tarun Jain (Indian School of Business)* and *Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay (Indian Statistical Institute)*
- “Political Change and Crime Reduction in Bihar”, with *Oliver Vanden Eynde (Paris School of Economics)*, *Chinmaya Kumar (International Growth Center)* and *Clement Imbert (University of Warwick)*
- “Social Ties and Bureaucratic Corruption in India”, with *Ray Fisman (Boston University)*

##### Zanzibar

- “Zanzibar Improving Students Prospects Project (ZISP)”, with *Asadul Islam (Monash University)*, *Sungoh Kwon (University of Connecticut)* and *Shwetlena Sabarwal (The World Bank)*

##### Zambia

- “Wheels of Change: Impact of Cycles on Female Education and Empowerment in Zambia”, with *Nathan Fiala (University of Connecticut)* and *Kritika Narula (Yale University)*

##### Kenya

- “Index Based Livestock Insurance”, with *several co-authors*

#### INVITED COLUMNS

“Criminally Accused Politicians and Economic Outcomes”, with *Tasneem Ahmed (University of Connecticut)*, *Marc Rockmore (Clark University)* and *Yogesh Uppal (Youngstown State University)*, *Ideas for India*, January 15, 2016

“Bihar’s Alcohol Ban: Prudent Policy or Tail-Chasing?”, with *Sanjeev Kumar (Yale University)*, *Ideas for India*, December 21, 2015

“The Economic Consequences of Accused Politicians in India”, with *Marc Rockmore (Clark University)* and *Yogesh Uppal (Youngstown State University)*, *VoxEU.org*, December 17, 2015

“Blanket Alcohol Ban in Bihar won’t stop Violence against Women”, with *Sanjeev Kumar (Yale University)*, *The Economic Times*, December 8, 2015

“Does it pay to speak English in India?”, *Ideas for India*, September 20, 2013

“Political Reservation in India: The Effect on Poverty”, *Ideas for India*, December 10, 2012

“Education in Bihar: Still a Long Road Ahead”, *Ideas for India*, September 7, 2012

“The Redistributive Effects of Political Reservation for Minorities in India”, with *Aimee Chin (University of Houston)*, *VoxEU.org*, July 21, 2012

“English Skills Raise Wages for some, not all, in India”, with *Mehtabul Azam (Oklahoma State University)* and *Aimee Chin (University of Houston)*, *VoxEU.org*, May 26, 2010

#### RESEARCH GRANTS RECEIVED

Research Excellence Program (REP-Storrs), “Wheels of Change: Impact of Cycles on Female Education and Empowerment in Zambia”, (*PI: Nathan Fiala, University of Connecticut; Co-PI: Nishith Prakash*), 2017-2018 (\$43,819.46)

World Bicycle Relief/UBS-Optimus Foundation, “Wheels of Change: Impact of Cycles on Female Education and Empowerment in Zambia”, (*PI: Nishith Prakash; Co-PI's: Nathan Fiala, University of Connecticut & Kritika Narula, Yale University*), 2016-2018 (\$380,000)

University of Connecticut – Scholarship Facilitation Fund, 2016–2017 (\$2,000)

International Growth Center – IGC Cities Commissioning Board, “Understanding Career Choice in a Developing Country: Reading the Mind of High School Students in Cities of India?”, (*PI: Tarun Jain, Indian School of Business; Co-PI's: Nishith Prakash & Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, Indian Statistical Institute*), 2016–2017 (£54,923)

International Growth Center – India, Bihar Country Programme, “Political Change and Crime Reduction in Bihar”, (*PI: Oliver Vanden Eynde, Paris School of Economics; Co-PI's: Nishith Prakash & Clement Imbert, University of Warwick*), 2015–2016 (£13,436)

The World Bank, “Zanzibar Improving Students Prospects Project (ZISP)”, (*PI: Shwetlena Sabarwal, The World Bank*), 2015–2017 (\$200,000)

NITI Aayog – India, “What Drives Career Choice in Urban India?”, (*PI: Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, Indian Statistical Institute; Co-PI's: Nishith Prakash & Tarun Jain, Indian School of Business*), 2015–2016 [INR 630,000 (≈ \$10,000)]

University of Connecticut – Scholarship Facilitation Fund, 2015–2016 (\$2,000)

International Growth Centre, “He is a Criminal But He is Our Criminal: Criminally Accused Politicians in India”, (*PI: Nishith Prakash; Co-PI's: Marc Rockmore, Clark University & Yogesh Uppal, Youngstown State University*), 2015–2016 (£18,443)

International Growth Center – India, Bihar Country Programme, “Political Change and Crime Reduction in Bihar”, (*PI: Oliver Vanden Eynde, Paris School of Economics; Co-PI's: Nishith Prakash & Clement Imbert, University of Warwick*), 2013–2014 (£41,473)

The Danish Council for Independent Research | Social Sciences – “The Economic and Behavioral Impacts of Anti-Discrimination Policies in the Context of Caste: Learning from Household Surveys, Lab Experiments and Randomized Controlled Trials”, (*PI: Nabanita Datta Gupta, Aarhus University*), 08/2013–07/2017 [KKK 3,478,625 (≈ \$600,000)]

Planning Commission – India, “The Quantity-Quality Trade-off in Educational Outcomes: Evidence from The Right to Education Act in India”, (*PI: Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, Indian Statistical Institute; Co-PI: Nishith Prakash*), 2013–2015 [INR 531,300 (≈ \$9,300)]

Faculty Large Grant, University of Connecticut, January 1, 2013–December 31, 2013 (\$18,000)

Economic and Social Rights Group (ESRG) Summer Funding Award, University of Connecticut, May, 2012 (\$2,000)

University of Connecticut New Faculty Research Grant, 2012

International Growth Center – India, Bihar Country Programme (CPR-INB-HUM-2011-CPP-34005), “Women Reservation in Bihar and Children’s Health Outcomes”, (PI: Santosh Kumar, University of Washington; Co-PI: Nishith Prakash), 2011–2012 (£10,000)

International Growth Center – India, Bihar Country Programme (CPR-INB-HUM-2011-CPP-34006), “Cycling to School: Increasing High School Enrollment for Girls in Bihar”, (PI: Nishith Prakash; Co-PI: Karthik Muralidharan, University of California – San Diego), 2011–2012 (£24,856)

International Growth Center – India, Bihar Country Programme (CPR-INB-HUM-2011-CPP-34007), “Education Policies and Practices: What have we Learnt so Far and the Road Ahead?”, (PI: Priya Ranjan, University of California – Irvine; Co-PI: Nishith Prakash), 2011–2012 (£12,700)

Cornell University Research Grant, 2009–2010

Henry Graham Fund for data collection trip to India, Summer 2006

#### MEDIA APPEARANCES: INTERVIEWS AND RESEARCH COVERAGE

Achieving Gender Equality In India: What Works, And What Doesn’t, *Huffington Post*, November 8, 2016

Political reservations and child labour—is there a link?, *The Wire*, September 28, 2016

How Criminal Politicians Actually Take The Lights Out of A Town, *Swarajya*, September 14, 2016

Szabadsag ket kereken (Freedom on two wheels), *Nepszabadsag, Hungarian Daily Newspaper*, April 23, 2016

The Economics of Political Change, *UConn Today*, April 12, 2016

The Economics of Political Change, *College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Newsletter, Inside CLAS, University of Connecticut*, March 18, 2016

How do we keep girls in school?, *World Economic Forum*, October 7, 2015

What works to keep adolescent girls in school? Part 2, *World Bank Development Impact Blog*, September 28, 2015

Positive bias: A deep impact, *The Statesman*, September 17, 2015

Do reservations help? Through kneejerk extensions of quotas politicians achieve the opposite of stated aims, *The Times of India*, September 3, 2015

The Questionable Benefits of Quota Politics, *Livemint*, July 19, 2015

Affirmative Action in India: Is Backward the new Forward?, *Development in Action*, June 16, 2015

Triple Differencing Bikes in India, *Marginal Revolution*, May 23, 2015

The Role of Constitutions on Poverty: A Cross-National Investigation, *National Affairs*, March 16, 2015

Echoes from the European Summer Symposium in Labor Economics, *An Economist’s Journey*, January 26, 2015

Girls On Bicycles Flying Towards A Better Life In Bihar, *GIRL YOU CAN BLOG*, January, 2015

Give girls a bicycle, *Economic Logic*, October 29, 2013

Give the girl a bike, *The Feminist*, October 9, 2013

It works better in kind, *The Hindu*, September 30, 2013

London School of Economics hails Bihar’s bicycle policy, *The Times of India*, September 24, 2013

Biking to more education in India, *World Bank Development Impact Blog*, September 5, 2013

Giving Kids Bikes Can Reduce Drop-Out Rates, *The Atlantic*, August 29, 2013

Free Bikes and Girls’ Education - Update, *Greg Mankiw’s Blog*, August 25, 2013

English speaking courses a hit with the masses; training institutes see huge opportunities, *The Economic Times*, July 28, 2013

English to the rescue of Indians, *Business Standard*, July 20, 2013

Affirmative Action: Indian reservations, *The Economist*, June 29, 2013

Can Free Bikes Close the Education Gender Gap in India?, *India at LSE*, August 10, 2012

Provide Incentives to Improve Education Quality in Bihar, *India at LSE*, June 26, 2012

Give Incentives to Improve Education Quality in State: Report, *The Times of India*, June 25, 2012

The Bike Path to Secondary Education, *UConn Today*, May 14, 2012

A Tool to Educate Girls in Poor Countries: BICYCLES, *Xavier Sala-i-Martin's Blog*, March 23, 2012

Free Bikes and Girls' Education, *Greg Mankiw's Blog*, March 20, 2012

Cycling to School: Increasing High School Enrollment for Girls in Bihar, *International Growth Center Newsletter*, March, 2012

Cycling to School: Increasing High School Enrollment for Girls in Bihar, *Hindustan Times*, December 15, 2011

Cycling to School: Increasing High School Enrollment for Girls in Bihar, *Prabhat Khabar*, December 15, 2011

Cycling to School: Increasing High School Enrollment for Girls in Bihar, *The Times of India*, December 15, 2011

Cycling to School: Increasing High School Enrollment for Girls in Bihar, *Patna Daily*, December 15, 2011

Education Policies and Practices: What have we Learnt so Far and the Road Ahead?, *Hindustan Times*, December 15, 2011

Education Policies and Practices: What have we Learnt so Far and the Road Ahead?, *Prabhat Khabar*, December 15, 2011

Education Policies and Practices: What have we Learnt so Far and the Road Ahead?, *The Times of India*, December 15, 2011

Education Policies and Practices: What have we Learnt so Far and the Road Ahead?, *Patna Daily*, December 15, 2011

English & India, *Business Standard*, August 15, 2011, by Sanjaya Baru

In India, it pays—literally—to speak English, *Daily News & Analysis*, August 21, 2010

Interview with Daily News & Analysis, a leading Indian newspaper, August 6, 2010, by Venkatesan Vembu

It Pays To Speak English, *Forbes Blog*, May 28, 2010

Indian? Want to prosper? Learn English, *Financial Times Blog*, March 30, 2010

The Returns to English-Language Skills in India, cited at *Nation Affairs Quarterly Journal*

Are school lunch subsidies useful?, *Economic Logic*, November 12, 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCES: UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Ph.D. Level Classes:

- Economic Development: Microeconomic Issues

Undergraduate Classes:

- Economic Development
- Foundations of Gender Inequality
- Economic Development and Human Rights: Microeconomic Issues

PREVIOUS TEACHING EXPERIENCES: UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, OHIO UNIVERSITY AND DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

M.A. Level Classes:

- Development Economics: Microeconomic Issues

Undergraduate Classes:

- Econometrics
- Microeconomic Theory
- Intermediate Microeconomics
- Development Economics
- Principles of Microeconomics
- Principles of Macroeconomics

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING AT UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT (WITH INITIAL PLACEMENT)

Sungoh Kwon, *in progress*

Jeremy L. Jelliffe, *in progress*

Robert Szarka, 2017

Zheng Xu, PhD, 2015 (*Post Doctoral Fellow, Harvard Center for Green Buildings and Cities, Harvard University*)

Elizabeth Kaletski, PhD, 2014 (*Ithaca College*)

Archita Banik, PhD, 2013 (*Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania*)

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING AT UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Tasneem Ahmed, 2017 (*Accenture*)

Lilian Cheung, 2014 (*PhD Program, Department of Economics, North Carolina State University*)

Gregory D. Keiser, 2013 (*Melissa & Doug*)

EXTERNAL ADVISOR

Esther Mumbi Kimani, PhD, 2016 (University of Cape Town)

Shreyasee Das, PhD, 2012 (University of Houston)

Satadru Mukherjee, PhD, 2012 (University of Houston)

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS PLACEMENT

Maxwell Aliapoulios, 2016 (*MS, Tandon School of Engineering, New York University*)

Bhanu Gupta, 2014 (*PhD Program, Department of Economics, University of Michigan*)

Alejandro Perez-Segura, 2014 (*Research Assistant, Federal Reserve Board*)

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS: 2017

William & Mary; Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS: 2016

University of Goettingen, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi; University of Georgia; Brigham Young University; Lehigh University; Delhi School of Economics; Jindal School of Government and Public Policy; South Asian University; Vancouver School of Economics

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS: 2015

City College of New York; Wellesley College; Penn State Harrisburg; Yale University (Leitner Political Economy Seminar); Yale University (SOM); Dartmouth College; Yale University (MacMillan-CSAP Workshop on Quantitative Research Methods); Yale University (Economics, Development Lunch)

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS: 2014

Texas A & M University; Sam Houston State University; Indian School of Business, Hyderabad; Aarhus University; University of Connecticut-ESRG; University of Connecticut-Economics

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS: 2013

World Bank (Development Research Group (DECRG)); University of Arizona; Vassar College; University of Connecticut (Ag-Econ); Boston University; Brandeis University; Colgate University; Deakin University; Monash University; University of New South Wales; The Australian National University; University of Sydney; World Bank (South Asia); International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI); Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi; Delhi School of Economics; Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur; Education Department (Government of Bihar), Patna

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS: 2012

University of Houston; University College London (CReAM); Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna, India; Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi, India; University of Connecticut (Brownbag)

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS: 2011

Fordham University; University of Connecticut; Cornell University; Binghamton University; University of Memphis

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS: 2010

Cornell University; University of Auckland; The University of Aberdeen; Indian Institute of Technology-Patna; Cornell University; Paris School of Economics; Toulouse School of Economics; Katholieke Universiteit Leuven; International Institute of Social Studies; DIW Berlin

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS: 2009

Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna; Delhi School of Economics; Rutgers University; Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS: 2008, 2007

Delhi School of Economics; Ohio University Micro Seminar Series; Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, New York University; Ohio University; University of New South Wales; Federal Reserve Bank-Dallas (2007)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: 2018

North American Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society, Philadelphia (*scheduled*); AEA/ASSA Conference, Philadelphia (*scheduled*)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: 2017

AEA/ASSA Conference, Chicago; 10th Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop, FED-Atlanta; 6th Navarra Center for International Development Research Workshop, Madrid

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: 2016

7th IGC-ISI India Development Policy Conference, Delhi; Southern Economics Association, Washington DC

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: 2015

North American Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, Boston; ‘Scapes of Power’ Conference, Doha; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference–Brown University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: 2014

11th Midwest International Economic Development Conference, University of Minnesota; Bihar Growth Conference–International Growth Center, Patna; 16th CEPR/IZA European Summer Symposium in Labour Economics, Ammersee; PEGNet 2014 Conference on ‘Employment Creation Strategies in the Developing World - How to create sufficient, productive and decent jobs’, Zambia; BIGD International Conference on Political Economy, Accountability and Governance, Dhaka; 2014 Winter School Conference, Delhi; 10th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Delhi

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: 2013

Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PACDEV), San Francisco; 2nd IGC South Asia Growth Conference, Delhi; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference–Harvard University (and Discussant); NBER’s Education Program Meeting, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: 2012

International Growth Center–Growth Week Conference, London

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: 2011

WSH Evaluation Workshop (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation), Center of Evaluation for Global Action, UC Berkeley; IZA/CEPR European Summer Symposium in Labour Economics, Ammersee; International Growth Center–Growth Week Conference, London; Bihar Growth Conference–International Growth Center, Patna

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: 2010

Royal Economic Society, Surrey, UK (and Chair); AIEFS–ASSA, Atlanta; Bihar Growth Conference–International Growth Center, Patna

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: 2009

Conference on “Institutions, Behavior and the Escape from Persistent Poverty”, Cornell University; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference–Tufts University (and Discussant); IZA Migration Group Mini Workshop, Bonn; Inaugural Conference of Courant Research Center “Poverty, Equity, and Growth in Developing and Transition Countries: Statistical Methods, Empirical Analysis, and Policy Issues”, University of Gottingen; First AMID Summer School, University of Namur; North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society–Boston University; Midwest Economic Association, Cleveland (and Chair)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: 2008

International Conference on Development, Freedom and Welfare (In honor of Prof. Amartya Sen), Delhi; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference–Boston University; 8th Annual Missouri Economics Conference, Columbia

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: 2007

Southern Economic Association 77th Annual Meetings, New Orleans; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference–Harvard University (and Discussant); XIIth Texas Econometrics Camp, League City

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS PARTICIPATION: 2017

NBER Education Program and Childrens Program Meetings, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; NBER's Summer Institute workshop on the Economics of Education; NBER's 2017 Summer Institute Development Economics Workshop, NBER's 2017 Summer Institute Economics of Education Workshop

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS PARTICIPATION: 2016

NBER Education Program and Childrens Program Meetings, Washington DC; Researcher Gathering on Financial Inclusion - IPA, Yale University; NBER 2016 Summer Institute (Development Economics, Education, and Children), Cambridge; NBER's Development Program Meeting, Cambridge

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS PARTICIPATION: 2015

NBER's Education Program and Childrens Program Joint Meetings, Boston; Researcher Gathering on Financial Inclusion - IPA, Yale University; 29th BREAD Conference on Development Economics, Columbia University; NBER Economics of Education Program Meeting, Boston

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS PARTICIPATION: 2014

NBER's Education Program Meeting, Washington D.C

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS PARTICIPATION: 2013

NBER's Insurance Project Workshop; NBER's Universities Research Conference on "Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy"

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS PARTICIPATION: 2012

Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference–Dartmouth College; NBER's Universities Research Conference on "Insurance Markets and Catastrophe Risk"

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS PARTICIPATION: 2004–2010

Conference on Gender, Health and Economic Development, University of Houston (2010); Course on Microeconometrics (Jeffrey Wooldridge) at IZA, Bonn, Germany (2009); XIth Texas Econometrics Camp, Huntsville, TX (2006); Xth Texas Econometrics Camp, Lake Conroe, TX (2005); Texas Monetary Camp, University of Texas–Austin (2005); International Financial Integration and Risk Sharing Conference, Federal Reserve Bank–Dallas, Houston Branch, Houston, TX (2004)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

Grillo Family Faculty Award for Excellence in Research, 2017

Grillo Family Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2016

Human Rights Institute Faculty Fellowship, 2016

Sandra and Evan Roklen Fund Award, 2015, 2016

University of Connecticut Provost's Teaching Commendation, Fall 2014

Selected with fellowship to attend First AMID Summer School "An Introduction to Field Surveys in LDCs", organized by CRED, BREAD, CEPR, and EUDN, University of Namur, 2009

Selected with fellowship to attend International Conference on Freedom, Development and Welfare (In honor of Prof. Amartya Sen), Delhi, 2008

Primeaux Scholarship Endowment, University of Houston, Spring 2008

Selected with fellowship to participate in University of Chicago Price Theory Summer Camp, June 2007

Jhamandas Watulmull Fund Scholarship, University of Houston, Spring 2004

Cullen Supplemental Fellowship, University of Houston, Fall 2003–Summer 2005

Graduate Assistant Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston, Fall 2003–Summer 2008

#### REFEREEING EXPERIENCE

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC), European Economic Review, Economics of Education Review, International Review of Applied Economics, IZA/DFID Growth and Labour Markets in Low Income Countries Programme (GLM—LIC), Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of European Economic Association, Journal of Globalization and Development, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Margin: The Journal of Applied Economic Research, Population Research and Policy Review, Public Choice, Research Council KU Leuven, Review of Economics of the Household, Review of Income and Wealth, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Southern Economic Journal, The Quarterly Journal of Economics, The Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, The Review of Economics and Statistics, The World Bank Economic Review, World Development

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economics Association, The Econometric Society

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Third Year Paper Coordinator, 2013–present

*Member*, Gladstein Committee, Human Rights Institute, 2012–present

*Member*, Development Recruiting Committee, 2012–2013

*Member*, Health Recruiting Committee, 2012–2013

*Member* Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Economics

*Member*, Human Rights Fellowship Committee–Spring 2012, 2014

*Organizer*, Human Rights Institute's Monday Seminar Series–Spring 2013, Fall 2013

*Co-organizer*, Department of Economics Seminar Series, 2011–2012

*Co-organizer*, Department of Economics Brownbag Seminar Series–Spring 2012, Fall 2012

*Co-organizer*, Department of Economics Graduate Workshop–Fall 2012

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: OHIO UNIVERSITY

*Co-organizer*, Ohio University, Department of Economics Seminar Series, 2008–2009

*Judge*, Student Research Expo, Ohio University, 2009

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE  
Research Associate  
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