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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Development Economics, Trade, Industrial Organization, Labor Economics	
EDUCATION	University of Michigan , Ann Arbor, MI Ph.D., Economics & Public Policy	Expected 2028
	London School of Economics , London, UK M.S., Economics (Fulbright Scholar)	2021
	Duke University , Durham, NC B.S., Economics	2020
WORKING PAPERS	“Immigrant Entrepreneurship: New Estimates & A Research Agenda” (with Sari Pekkala Kerr, William Kerr, and Louis Maiden) NBER Working Paper 32400 , 2024	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	“Who Benefits from Million Dollar Plants? The Missing Local Beneficiaries” (with Rahul Gupta, William Kerr, and Stephen Ross) “Artificial Intelligence and Innovation Rates” “Start-Up Employee Business Expenses and Innovation” “Networks, Social Perception, and Technology Adoption” “Educational Resource Allocation in Equilibrium” “Industrial Growth and Health: Disentangling Pollution and Development” “Killing For Votes: Political Intimidation and Electoral Outcomes”	
HONORS AND AWARDS	Sarri Family Fellow (University of Michigan)	2025-2026
	Population Studies Center Fellow (University of Michigan)	2024-2028
	Fulbright Scholar (London School of Economics)	2020-2021
	Best Thesis Finalist (Duke University)	2020
	Rhodes Scholarship Finalist (Rhodes Trust)	2020
	Marshall Scholarship Finalist (Marshall Scholarships)	2020

SMALL GRANTS	Rackham Graduate School (University of Michigan) (\$900) <i>Artificial Intelligence and Innovation Rates</i>	2025
	Center for Political Studies (University of Michigan) (\$6,000) <i>Educational Resource Allocation in Equilibrium</i>	2025
	Population Studies Center (University of Michigan) (\$750) <i>Start-Up Employee Business Expenses and Innovation</i>	2025
	International Policy Center (University of Michigan) (\$3,000) <i>Networks, Social Perception, and Technology Adoption</i>	2024
	International Policy Center (University of Michigan) (\$2,000) <i>Nepal Research Exploratory Grant</i>	2024
PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS	(Scheduled) Decentralization Conference (NBER/CEME) <i>Artificial Intelligence and Innovation Rates</i> (Poster)	2025
	Development Economics Seminar (Tribhuvan University) <i>Networks, Social Perception, and Technology Adoption</i>	2024
	Dissertation Workshop (London School of Economics) <i>Differential Smoothing of Urban-Rural Violent Shocks</i>	2021
	Thesis Workshop (Duke University) <i>Intra-Household Allocation and Children's Human Capital</i>	2020
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	University of Michigan , Ann Arbor, MI Research Associate for Dr. Dean Yang	2024
	Harvard Business School , Boston, MA Research Associate for Dr. William Kerr	2021–2023
	London School of Economics , London, UK Research Associate for Dr. Oriana Bandiera	2020–2021
	Center for Global Development , Washington, D.C. Research Associate for Dr. Michael Clemens	2020
INVITED WORKSHOPS	(Scheduled) Entrepreneurship Research Boot Camp (NBER)	2025
	(Scheduled) Economics of Transformative AI Workshop (Stanford University)	2025
SERVICE	Economics & Public Policy (University of Michigan) <i>Ph.D. Admissions Committee Member</i>	2024-2025
	WASH Economics Conference (Oberlin College) <i>Discussant</i>	2025
NON-ECONOMICS PUBLICATIONS	“Ethical Guidelines for DNA Testing in Migrant Family Reunification” (with Nita Farahany and Sara H. Katsanis) American Journal of Bioethics , 2019	

MISCELLANEOUS

Citizenship: U.S.

Clearance: Special Sworn Status

Affiliations: Population Studies Center, Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics

Languages: English (Native), Gujarati (Native), Hindi (Expert), Spanish (Expert)

Software: STATA (Advanced), MATLAB (Advanced), LaTeX (Advanced),
Python (Intermediate), R (Intermediate), ArcGIS (Intermediate)

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