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## EMPLOYMENT

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- 2014 - Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Georgia
- 2014 - Assistant Professor, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia

## EDUCATION

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- 2014 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Michigan  
*Dissertation Title: Why Guarantee Employment? Three Essays on the World's Largest Public-Works Program*
- 2010 M.A. in Economics, University of Michigan
- 2008 B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Oxford

Fields Development Economics, Labor Economics, Political Economy

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- The Dynamic Electoral Returns of a Large Anti-Poverty Program, accepted at *Review of Economics and Statistics*
- Remember When It Rained: Schooling Responses to Shocks in India, *World Development*, 126, 2020
- It's a Boy! Women and Non-Monetary Benefits from a Son in India, *World Development*, 104: 326-335, 2018
- Guns and Butter? Fighting Violence with the Promise of Development (with Gaurav Khanna), *Journal of Development Economics*, 124: 120-141, 2017
- Fighting Maoist Violence with Promises: Evidence from India's Employment Guarantee Scheme, *Economics of Peace and Security Journal*, 9(1): 30-36, 2014 (with Gaurav Khanna)
- Public-Works Programs in Developing Countries Have the Potential to Reduce Poverty, *IZA World of Labor*, 2014
- Reconsidering Gender Bias in Intra-Household Allocation in India, *Journal of Development Studies*, 48(1): 151-163, 2012
- Human Capital and Ethnic Self-Identification of Migrants, *Economics Letters*, 98(3): 235-239, 2008 (with Amelie Constant, Liliya Gataullina, Klaus F. Zimmermann)
- Ethnic Self-Identification of First-Generation Immigrants, *International Migration Review*, 41(3): 769-781, 2007 (with Amelie Constant, Klaus F. Zimmermann)

## WORKING PAPERS

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- Why Guarantee Employment? Evidence from a Large Indian Public-Works Program
- Is Corruption Compensation? Evidence from Local Public Office in India (with Dahjeon Jeong, Ajay Shenoy)
- The Power of Lakshmi: Monetary Incentives for Raising a Girl (with Nabaneeta Biswas, Christopher Cornwell)

Production Responses and Tax Evasion with Limited State Capacity - Evidence from Major Reform in India (with David Agrawal)

Political Organizations and Persistent Policy Distortions (with Ajay Shenoy)

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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Inside the Black Box of Early-Life Shocks on Later-Life Outcomes - Evidence from Indonesia

Procurement and Market Prices in India

## PERMANENT WORKING PAPERS

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Demographic Challenges Facing the Elderly in Sub-Saharan Africa (with David Lam and Rebecca Thornton)

Clash of Cultures: Muslims and Christians in the Ethnosing Process (with Amelie Constant, Liliya Gataullina, Klaus F. Zimmermann), IZA Discussion Paper No. 2350

## AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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### Awards

World Bank Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award 2015-2016

Swift Award for Outstanding Teaching in Undergraduate Economics, University of Georgia (2018)

Terry College of Business Outstanding Teacher, University of Georgia (2019)

University of Georgia Career Center Career Development Recognition: identified by at least one graduate in the Class of a given year as a person who has had a significant positive impact on their career development and success (2016, 2018, 2020)

University of Georgia Thank-a-Teacher Program Recognition: allows students and alumni to express appreciation for teachers who have impacted their lives in profound and meaningful ways

### Grants and Fellowships

International Growth Centre (IGC) Grant, PI for Project *Production Responses and Tax Evasion with Limited State Capacity - Evidence from Major Reform in India* (with David Agrawal) (2016-2019)

University of Georgia Teaching Academy Fellows Program (TAFP) (2018-2019)

University of Georgia Terry-Sanford and Bonbright Center Research Award (2018, 2019, 2020)

University of Georgia Bonbright Center Seed Grant (2019)

Rackham One-Term Fellowship (Fall 2013)

Rackham Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (2012-2013)

Marshall Weinberg Research Fellowship (2012)

Small Grant Program for Ph.D. Students, Department of Economics, University of Michigan (2011)

Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop Grant for the Informal Development Seminar (2011-2012, 2012-2013)

Rackham Conference Travel Grant (2010, 2011, 2012, 2014)

International Institute Conference Travel Award (2012, 2013, 2014)

## TEACHING

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### University of Georgia

*Politics of Development* (INTL 4320) (Fall 2014, Spring/Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring/Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

*Development Economics* (ECON 4200) (Spring/Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Spring/Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Spring/Fall 2019, Spring/Fall 2020)

Ph.D. Students with graduation year and initial placement: Nabaneeta Biswas (Economics, 2017, Marshall University, committee member), Sanjukta Das (Economics, 2017, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), Delhi, co-chair), Walker DePuy (Integrative Conservation & Anthropology, ongoing, committee member), Sameera Talati Gujarathi (Integrative Conservation & Ecology/Agricultural Economics, ongoing, committee member), Jeff Auerbach (International Affairs, ongoing, committee member), Keshob Sharma (Economics, ongoing, committee member)

### University of Michigan

Graduate Student Instructor for *Government Regulation of Industry* (undergraduate) (2012)

Graduate Student Instructor for *Introduction to Macroeconomics* (undergraduate) (2010)

Graduate Student Instructor for *European Economy* (undergraduate) (2009)

### Other

Teaching Assistant for *Analysis of Census and Survey Data for Social Science Research*, taught for university faculty and government research staff in Ghana (2011)

## VISITING SCHOLAR

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London School of Economics, South Asia Centre, September-November 2016

Cornell University, Dyson School, July 2015

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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2020: 17th Midwest International Economic Development Conference, NBER Junior Development Pre-Conference, Indian Institute of Management Lucknow, Comparative Political Economy Workshop (Southeastern Region)

2019: 12th Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop, 16th Midwest International Economic Development Conference, IFPRI, Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, University of California Merced

2018: 14th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (Delhi), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Southern Economic Association, University of Georgia (Agricultural Economics), Sustainability and Development Conference, University of Georgia (International Affairs Brownbag)

2017: 13th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (Delhi), American Economic Association Annual Meeting (Poster), Georgia State University, Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), Southern Economic Association

2016: London School of Economics (South Asia Centre) (x2), London School of Economics (STICERD), Delhi School of Economics Winter School (Delhi)

2015: American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference (Oxford), Cornell University (Dyson School), 10th IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Ninth Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop, United States Institute of Peace (USIP) and

the Empirical Studies of Conflict Project (ESOC) Policy Meeting, University of Georgia (Agricultural Economics)

2014: 10th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (Delhi), College of William and Mary, Denison University, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, The MGNREGA in India: Taking Stock, Looking Ahead (Mumbai), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Eighth Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop, University of Cambridge, University of Georgia, University of Illinois at Chicago, Uppsala University, Workshop on India's Maoist Insurgency (Princeton), World Bank

2013: Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference (Oxford), Economic Development Seminar (University of Michigan), Informal Development Seminar (University of Michigan), Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting

2012: 8th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (Delhi), Informal Development Seminar (University of Michigan), Informal Labor Lunch (University of Michigan), Midwest Economic Association Conference, Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2x)

2011: 7th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (Delhi), Sixth African Population Conference (Ouagadougou), 6th IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development (Mexico City), Delhi School of Economics, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (Delhi), Indian Statistical Institute (Delhi), Institute for the Study of Labor Brownbag Seminar (Bonn), Midwest Economic Association Conference, Population Association of America Annual Meeting

2010: Informal Development Seminar (University of Michigan), Midwest Economic Association Conference

2007: European Society for Population Economics XXI Annual Conference

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS**

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### **Professional Experience**

Research Assistant for David Lam, University of Michigan (Summer 2010, September 2010 - August 2011)

Research Assistant for Raj Arunachalam, University of Michigan (Summer 2009)

Intern, IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor), Bonn; assigned to the migration program, and member of a working group in the research program on 'The Economics and Persistence of Migrant Ethnicity' (Summer 2006)

### **Service**

Referee for: *Agricultural Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Review*, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, *Child and Society*, *Economics Bulletin*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economic Journal*, *Economic Systems*, *Empirical Economics*, *Environment and Development Economics*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *Health Economics*, *International Journal of Manpower*, *International Journal of Social Economics*, *International Studies Review*, *IZA Journal of Labor and Development*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of European Economic Association*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*, *Labour Economics*, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, *Population Studies*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Review of Development Economics*, *Review of*

*Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, World Bank Economic Review, World Development*

Reviewer for: *South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE)*

Faculty Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics, University of Georgia (2020-2021)

Teaching Award Review Committee, Terry School of Business, University of Georgia (2020)

Diversity and Inclusion Learning Community, Terry School of Business, University of Georgia (2020-2021)

Program Committee Member for Visions in Methodology (ViM) Conference, University of Georgia (2019)

Program Committee Member for Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop (SIDEW) (2019, 2020, 2021)

Co-Student Organizer of Informal Development Seminar, University of Michigan (January 2011 - June 2012)

### **Affiliations**

GLO (Global Labor Organization) Fellow

IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor) Research Fellow

IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor) Research Affiliate (December 2006 - July 2015)

Population Studies Center Trainee (University of Michigan) (February 2011 - July 2014)

### **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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*Are Transparency and Accountability Enough? Open Corruption and Why It Exists*, blog post on Ideas for India Blog (with Dahyeon Jeong, Ajay Shenoy) (April 2019)

*India's Commodity Tax System Is Complex and Varies Substantially by State*, blog post on International Growth Centre (IGC) Blog (with David Agrawal) (October 2017)

*Development for Peace: The Decline of Naxalite Violence in India*, blog post on Sustainable Security Blog (with Gaurav Khanna) (September 2017)

*MNREGA's Impact on Rural Labor Markets*, lead blog post on Ideas for India Blog's e-Symposium 10 years of MNREGA and the Way Forward (March 2016)

Guest Post on Ideas for India Blog on paper *Guns and Butter? Fighting Violence with the Promise of Development* (with Gaurav Khanna) (April 2015)

Guest Post on Development Impact Blog on paper *Why Guarantee Employment? Evidence from a Large Indian Public-Works Program* (December 2013)

Paper *Why Guarantee Employment? Evidence from a Large Indian Public-Works Program* featured in *IZA Compact* (December 2012)

Paper *Why Guarantee Employment? Evidence from a Large Indian Public-Works Program* featured in *ADAPT International Bulletin 33/2012* (November 2012)

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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Citizenship: Germany (Permanent Resident - Green Card)

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), French (intermediate), Hindi (basic)