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Education

The University of Chicago, 2011 to present
Ph.D. Candidate in Economics
Thesis Title: “Essays in Development Economics”
Expected Completion Date: June 2019
MA, Economics, University of Chicago, 2012
BA, Economics, Carleton College, *magna cum laude*, 2009

References:

Professor Anup Malani (Chair)
University of Chicago Law School
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Professor Alessandra Voena
University of Chicago
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Professor Michael Dinerstein
University of Chicago
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Teaching and Research Fields:

Primary fields: Health, Development

Secondary fields: Labor, Applied Microeconomics

Teaching Experience:

Spring 2019	Introductory Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Health Economics, Old Dominion University, Norfolk VA, Visiting Instructor
Spring 2016	Healthcare Analytics Lab, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Project Mentor
Fall 2015	Intermediate Microeconomics, University of Chicago, College Lecturer
Spring 2014	Intermediate Microeconomics, University of Chicago, Teaching Assistant for Professor Grace Tsiang
Spring 2013	Intermediate Microeconomics, University of Chicago, Teaching Assistant for Professor Alessandra Voena

Fall 2013 Introduction to Microeconomics, University of Chicago, Teaching Assistant for Professor Allen Sanderson
Winter 2013 Women, Work, and Property Rights, University of Chicago, Teaching Assistant for Professor Grace Tsiang

Research Experience and Other Employment:

Summer 2014 Innovations for Poverty Action, Zambia, Project Manager
2009-2011 Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Research Assistant

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

2016-2017 Immasche Economics Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Chicago
2011-2016 Social Sciences Division Fellowship, University of Chicago

Research Grants:

2015 GBP 31,324 from the International Growth Center, joint with Profs. Seema Jayachandran (Northwestern) and B. Kelsey Jack (UCSB)
2015 USD 74,565 from J-PAL Urban Services Initiative, joint with Profs. Seema Jayachandran (Northwestern) and B. Kelsey Jack (UCSB)
2014 USD 30,000 from the University of Chicago's Center in Delhi, joint with Professor Anup Malani

Professional Activities:

Conference and Seminar Presentations:

Spring 2018 APPAM DC Student Regional Conference, H2D2 Research Day – University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Language and Computer Skills:

Computer Skills:

STATA, Matlab, R Studio, Tableau, Microsoft Office

Languages:

English (Fluent), Hindi (Fluent), Tamil (Conversational), Mandarin (Conversational)

Research Papers: (Abstracts available on request)

“Road Access and the Utilization of Public Health Insurance: Evidence from RSBY in Karnataka” (Job Market Paper)

“Private Hospital Characteristics and the Choice to Accept Public Health Insurance: Evidence from RSBY in Karnataka”

“Environmental Externalities and Free-riding in the Household” (with Seema Jayachandran and B. Kelsey Jack) NBER Working Paper 24192; January 2018