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Professional Positions

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Virginia Fall, 2015- present
(with Tenure)

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Virginia Fall, 2008-Spring, 2015

Other Affiliations

IRC Professorial Fellow, University of Virginia 2015-2016

Fellow, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University 2012-2013

Faculty Affiliate, Asia Center, University of Virginia 2008-present

Fellow, International Growth Center, London School of Economics,
India Country Team 2010- present

Education

Ph.D., Economics, Brown University, Providence, RI 2003-2008

A.M., Economics, Brown University, Providence, RI 2003-2004

BS, Economics, Iowa State University (Summa cum Laude), Ames, IA 2000-2002

B.Sc., Non-Medical General Stream, Panjab University, India 1994-1997

Fields

Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Environmental and Natural Resource Economics

Publications

“The Impact of Climate Variability on Crimes against Women: Dowry Deaths in India” (with Adam Storeygard), *Journal of Development Economics*, November 2014, Vol. 111: 212-223

“Intergenerational Consequences of Early Age Marriages of Girls: Effect on Children's Human Capital” (with Sisir Debnath) *Journal of Development Studies*, December 2014, Vol. 50 (12):1670-1686

“Wells, Water, and Welfare: The Impact of Access to Groundwater on Rural Poverty and Conflict” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, July 2014, Vol. 6(3): 76-102

“Public Provision and Protection of Natural Resources: Groundwater Irrigation in Rural India” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, October 2011, Vol. 3(4): 29-55

“Plugging PDS Pilferage: A Study of an SMS-based Monitoring Project” (With Sriniketh

Nagavarapu), *Economic and Political Weekly*, March 29, 2014 Vol XIIX no 13, 61-65

“Caste-Based Clustering of Land Parcels in Two Villages in Uttar Pradesh” *Review of Rural Affairs, Economic and Political Weekly*, June 30, 2012, Vol - XLVII No. 26-27

“Sustaining Groundwater: Role of Policy Reforms in Promoting Conservation in India”, *India Policy Forum* 2012-13: Volume 9, *Editors* Shekhar Shah, Barry Bosworth, and Arvind Panagariya

Revise and Resubmit

Adoption of Water-Saving Infrastructure in Agriculture: The Case of Laser Levelers (with Nathan Larson and Rajinder Sidhu) (Water Resources and Economics)

Value-Added versus Positive Sorting In Higher Education: Evidence from General Education Sector in India (with Yona Rubinstein) (Economica)

Prestige Matters: Value of Connections Formed in Elite Colleges (American Economic Journal: Applied Economics)

Informal Monitoring Mechanisms in Public Service Delivery: Evidence from the Public Distribution System in India (with Sriniketh Nagavarapu) BREAD Working Paper (Journal of Development Economics) (2nd round) resubmitted

Caste based Academic Peer Effects (Journal of Development Studies)

Working Papers

Agricultural Trade and Depletion of Groundwater (with Paul Landefeld)

Female Literacy and Access to Drinking Water in Rural India

Missing Water: Agricultural Stress and Adaptation Strategies in Response to Groundwater Depletion among Farmers in India

Politics off the Grid: Political Competition, Regulatory Control, and Allocation of Natural Resources (with Sriniketh Nagavarapu)

The Unintended Consequences of Employment Based Safety Net Programs (with Tianshu Li)

Manuscripts in preparation for submission

Affirmative Action and Statistical Discrimination in Career Progression: Caste and Careers in India

Nefarious Empowering Institutions: Inheritance Rights and Suttee Deaths in British India

Impact of Groundwater Scarcity on Performance of Firms

Work in Progress

Adaptation to Climate Change: Role of Irrigation (with Sisir Debnath)

Agricultural Trade and Nutrition

Short term Service Delivery Improvements and Mobilization for Reforms (with Sriniketh Nagavarapu)

Effects of Power Outages on Industrial Outcomes

Foreign Direct Investment and Crimes against Women (with Sonal Pandya)

Fuel Subsidies, Intra-household Bargaining, and Women's Health (with Sriniketh Nagavarapu)

Green Revolution Babies: Early Life Shocks and Adult Health and Prosperity

Role of ICT Technologies in Combating Malnutrition (with Sisir Debnath)

Projects in the Field

Markets for Drinking Water – How they Function and Consequences for Welfare (Lead PI) with (Sriniketh Nagavarapu, Pinar Keskin, and David Glick)

Fair Fortune: Caste, Commerce, and Women's Aspirations

Teaching

University of Virginia

Environmental Economics (Undergraduate) Fall 2008, 2009, 2010

Spring 2009, 2010, 2014

Seminar on Economic Development (Undergraduate) Spring 2011, 2012

Economic Development (Graduate) (Co-taught) Spring 2009

Economics of Underdeveloped Areas (Graduate) Spring 2010, 2011, 2012, Fall 2013

Brown University

Instructor: Environmental Economics (Undergraduate) Spring 2008

Fellowships and Grants

International Growth Centre, Firm Capabilities 2015

International Growth Centre, India Country Program	2013
Quantitative Collaborative Institute, University of Virginia	2013, 2015
Center For International Studies, University of Virginia	2012
International Growth Centre, India Country Program	2012
International Growth Centre, India Country Program	2011
Deepening Global Education, University of Virginia	2011
International Growth Centre, Environment and Climate Change Program	2010-2011
Vice President of Research and Graduate Studies and the College of Arts and Sciences Research Support, University of Virginia	2009, 2010, 2015
<i>Bankard Fund</i> , University of Virginia	2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2012-2013, 2014-2015
<i>Giorgio Ruffolo</i> Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Sustainability Science, Center for International Development, Harvard University	2008-2009 (Declined)
<i>Ford Foundation</i> Grant for pre-dissertation data collection	Summer, 2006
<i>Beckwith Foundation</i> Research Fellowship	Summer 2004, 2005
Brown University Graduate Fellowship	2003-2004

Professional Affiliations and Honors

<i>Fellow</i> , Spatial Structures in Social Sciences, Brown University	2007- 2008
<i>Fellow</i> , Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University	2005- 2008
<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i> , <i>American Economic Association</i>	

Conferences and Presentations

2008-2010

American Economic Association, Annual Meeting (2008), Claremont McKenna College (2008), Cleveland State University (2008), BU Geography (2008), University of Virginia (2008), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (2008), NBER Higher Education Working Group Spring Meeting (2009), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (2009), Water Center, Earth Institute, Columbia University (2010), Pacific Development Conference (2010), Indian School of Business, India (2010)

2012

Curry School of Education (March), Wellesley College (April), IGC-ISI Development Policy Conference (July), India Policy Forum (July), Tufts University (September), Boston University (October), University of Virginia (November), Iowa State University (November)

2013

Boston University Development group (May), Dartmouth (May), Kennedy School (May), Stanford Institute of Theoretical Economics (June SITE Session – Governance and Development), International Growth Week, LSE (September), SAIS Johns Hopkins (November), 4th IGC-ISI India Development Policy Conference (December), World Bank (December)

2014

Bocconi University (March), Stockholm (March), University of Michigan Ann Arbor (April), WADES Conference Washington D.C. (April), George Washington University (May), Yale Environmental Economics (October), NEUDC (November), Stanford Short Term Visitor (December), AREC University of Maryland (December)

2015

Quantitative Collaborative Workshop, University of Virginia (February), Eastern Economic Association Meetings (February), Paris School of Economics (June), Namur University, Belgium (June), IGC-ISI India Development Policy Conference (July), American University (October), Michigan State University (November)

Professional Service and Development Activities

Referee: American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Asia Pacific Education Review, Economic Journal, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Indian Growth and Development Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Growth, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Environmental Planning and Management, Environment and Development, Economics of Transition, Journal of Public Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Quarterly Journal of Economics, World Bank Economic Review, World Development, Water Economics and Policy, Water Resources and Economics

Taught two Lectures at the BREAD-IGC Summer School, New Delhi, India July, 2012

Co-organized University of Virginia Environmental and Development Conference May, 2013

Discussant, Gender Session at American Economic Association Meetings organized by Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession 2014

External Reviewer AidData Grants Program 2015

University and Public Service

Center for South Asian Studies- Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship Committee

Guest lecture on `Sustainability in Asia' delivered at Massanutten Governor's School, Mt. Jackson, Virginia organized by the *Asia Institute*

Junior Hiring Committee, Development Economics, Batten School of Public Policy

Practice Interviews for Rhodes and Marshall Applicants, Center for Undergraduate Excellence

Guest Lecture on Groundwater Irrigation in India at the Conversazione Series Dinner,
International Residential College, University of Virginia

Aigrain Committee(Undergraduate Economic Development Research),University of Virginia

Graduate Program Committee, University of Virginia

Center for Global Inquiry and Innovations Grants Committee

Speaker, Global Research Faculty Confab: Knowledge, Networks and Human Flourishing in the
21st Century, University of Virginia

Media Coverage

Wall Street Journal India Time Blog, Wall Street Journal --Live Mint (2 papers), Calcutta
Telegraph, Water Blog –Earth Institute, Columbia University, Phys.org BLOG, KCBS Radio,
San Francisco, UVA today