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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Virginia Expected May 2026  
Committee:  
1. Sheetal Sekhri: ssekhri@virginia.edu, 434-982-4286  
2. Sandip Sukhtankar: srs8yk@virginia.edu, 434-924-3692  
3. Kerem Coşar: kerem.cosar@virginia.edu, 434-924-6754

Visiting Research Student, London School of Economics and Political Science Fall 2023, Spring 2024  
M.A. in Economics, University of Virginia December 2021  
B.A. in Economics and Mathematics, University of Virginia May 2017

**FIELDS OF INTEREST** Development, Political Economy, Environmental Economics, Economic History

**JOB MARKET PAPER** “Economic Ideas and Policy Implementation: Evidence from Malthusian Training in British Indian Bureaucracy”

## WORKING PAPERS

“The Salt Shock: Scarcity, Substitution, and Surprising Health Spillovers” with Sheetal Sekhri, Ramiro Burga, and Sisir Debnath  
“Consequences of Elevated Fluoride Exposure for Cognitive Development” with Sheetal Sekhri, Ryan Brown, Amzad Hossain, Emily Gonzalez, and Rajiv Gupta

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant for Sheetal Sekhri, *Environmental Economics (ECON 4430)*  
Teaching Assistant for William Shobe, *Economics of the Environment and Sustainability (ECON 3430)*  
Teaching Assistant for Edwin Burton, *Behavioral Finance (ECON 4370)*  
Teaching Assistant for Edwin Burton, *Theory of Financial Markets (ECON 4340)*

## PRESENTATIONS

Washington Area Development Economics Symposium, Washington, DC April 2025  
LSE Graduate Economic History Seminar, London, UK May 2024

## SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

Bankard Fund for Political Economy Pre-Doctoral Fellowship 2025  
Quantitative Collaborative Bynum Grant 2024  
Dumas Malone Graduate Research Fellowship 2023

## SELECTED RESEARCH AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Research Assistant to Professor Sandip Sukhtankar, University of Virginia 2019-2020  
Research Assistant to Professor Sheetal Sekhri, University of Virginia 2017-2019