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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics, University of Virginia May 2025 (Expected)
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M.A. Economics, Boston University May 2011

B.A. (Honors) Economics, University of Delhi, New Delhi Jul 2010

FIELDS OF INTEREST:

Development, Institutions, Applied Microeconomics

WORKING PAPERS:

[Divine Intervention? Religious Organizations and Public Service Delivery in India](#)

(with Kartikeya Batra)

(Job Market Paper)

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

Women's Decision-making in Local Governance

(with Diwakar Kishore)

The Debt Relief Project: Low-Cost Access to Bankruptcy

(with Stephanie Ben-Ishai, Zachary Irving, Sheisha Kulkarni, Jessica Montgomery)

What are the Benefits of Consumption Smoothing Around Payday?

(with Stephanie Ben-Ishai, Menaka Hampole, Zachary Irving, Sheisha Kulkarni, Jessica Montgomery)

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Research Assistant for Professor Sheisha Kulkarni, University of Virginia 2023 – Present
Research Assistant for Professor Shan Aman-Rana, University of Virginia 2023
Research Assistant for Professor William Shobe, University of Virginia 2023
Research Manager, Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), South Asia, India 2016 - 2019
Senior Research Associate, Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), South Asia, India 2016
Consultant, Social Protection and Labor, The World Bank Group, New Delhi, India 2014 – 2015
Research Associate, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi, India 2012 – 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia
Econ 4610, Economic Development Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Fall 2021
Econ 3430, Economics of Sustainability, and the Environment Fall 2023, Fall 2022
Econ 3020, Intermediate Macroeconomics Summer 2023
Econ 2020, Principles of Macroeconomics Spring 2021
Econ 2010, Principles of Microeconomics Fall 2020

PRESENTATIONS:

Southern Economic Association 94th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (*scheduled*) Nov 2024
North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Boston, Massachusetts Nov 2024
Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (*accepted, but did not present*) Sep 2024
Economics Research Colloquium, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia May 2024
24th International Input-Output Conference, Seoul, South Korea July 2016
22nd International Input-Output Conference, Lisbon, Portugal July 2014
Economic Modelling for National Strategies for Sustainable Development, Canberra, Australia Sep 2013

AWARDS:

Brain Institute Seed Funding Grant, University of Virginia 2024
Bankard Doctoral Fellowship, University of Virginia 2024-2025
Department of Economics Research Funding, University of Virginia 2023-2024
Graduate Global Research Grant, University of Virginia 2023

SERVICE:

Co-President, Graduate Women in Economics Club, University of Virginia 2022-23, 2021-22

SKILLS:

STATA, R, LaTeX, QGIS, Python