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EDUCATION

2006 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
1999 M.A. in Economics, Delhi School Economics, University of Delhi
1997 B.A. in Economics (with Honors), Lady Sri Ram College for Women,
University of Delhi

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

2016- Associate Professor, Economics and Planning Unit, ISI (Delhi)
2011-2016 Assistant Professor, Economics and Planning Unit, ISI (Delhi)

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

2010-11 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics
University of Delhi
2006-09 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Syracuse University
2004-05 Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Michigan
2000-02 Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Michigan
1999-00 Research Assistant, National Council of Applied Economic Research

VISITING POSITIONS

2014-15 Visiting fellow, Centre for Finance and Development, The Graduate
Institute, Geneva
2009-10 Visiting faculty, Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

- 2019- Member, Editorial Advisory Board 'Sarvekshana', the official journal of the National Sample Survey Organization of India
- 2018- Academic Editor, PLOS One
- 2015- Member, Editorial Board, Ideas for India (IGC-India Central blog)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- 2020- Lead Academic, International Growth Center (India program)
- 2019-21 Member, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population's (IUSSP) Panel on Population, Poverty and Inequality (PoPovIn)
- 2018 Core committee member, Society for Economic Research in India (SERI)
- 2014-16 Member, Advisory Board, Educational Survey Division, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)
- 2012- Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labour (IZA), Bonn, Germany

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Improving Learning Outcomes through Information Provision: Experimental Evidence from Indian Villages (with Bidisha Barooah and Rohini Somanathan), *Journal of Development Economics*, 146, September 2020.

Using Social Connections and Financial Incentives to Solve Coordination Failure: A Quasi-field Experiment in India's Manufacturing Sector (with Amrita Dhillon, Sherry Xin Li and Swati Sharma) *Journal of Development Economics*, 144, May 2020.

Designing Effective Transfers: Lessons from India's School Meal Program (with Bidisha Barooah and Rohini Somanathan), *Review of Development Economics*, 24(1): 45-61, February 2020.

Why Are Fewer Married Women Working in Rural India? A Decomposition Analysis over Two Decades (with Taryn Dinkelman and Kanika Mahajan), *Journal of Population Economics*, 31(3): 783-818, July 2018.

Women Political Leaders, Corruption and Learning: Evidence from a Large Public Program in India (with Vegard Iversen and M.R. Sharan), *Economic Development and Cultural Change* (lead article), 66 (1): 1-30, October 2017.

Female Labour Force Participation and Child Education in India: Evidence from the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. (with Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay and

Soham Sahoo), *IZA Journal of Labor and Development*, April 2016.

Social Identity and Inequality: The Impact of China's Hukou System. (with Sherry Xin Li and Yufei Ren) , *Journal of Public Economics*, 123: 17-29, March 2015.

Social Networks and Labour Productivity: A Survey of Recent Theory and Evidence (with Amrita Dhillon and Swati Sharma), *Indian Economic Review*, 2015, Vol L (1).

Social audits and MGNREGA delivery: Lessons from Andhra Pradesh (with Vegard Iversen) *India Policy Forum*, 2014.

The Impact of School Meals on School Participation in Rural India. *Journal of Development Studies* (Special Section on Impact Evaluations), 47(11): 1636-1656, November 2011.

Child Welfare Programs and Child Nutrition: Evidence from a Mandated School Meal Program. *Journal of Development Economics*, 92(2):152-165, July 2010.
(Reprinted in Jha and Gaiha eds. 'The Economics of Food Security', The International Library of Critical Writings in Economics series Vol II, November 2016, Edward Elgar Publishing)

Women's Empowerment and the Goal of Parity Between the Sexes in Schooling in India. *Population Studies*, 64(2): 131-145, July 2010.

Can Community Monitoring Improve the Accountability of Public Officials?" *Economic and Political Weekly*, Mumbai, Vol. 43 (42), 2008.

Mid-day Meals in Two States: Comparing the Financial and Institutional Organization of the Program, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Mumbai, Vol. XL (15), 2005.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND REPORTS

Labor Market Impacts of Covid-19 (with Amrita Dhillon and Sanchari Roy) (provisional title) in-progress book chapter commissioned by UNU-WIDER, Oxford University Press, 2021.

Social Networks in the Labor Market (with Amrita Dhillon), in progress for Klaus Zimmerman ed. Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics, Springer-Nature, 2021.

Governance and Public Service Delivery in India. IGC research synthesis & IZA working paper No. 10856, 2017.

Educational Attainment and Learning in India, 2004-12 (with Bidisha Barooah) in Batabyal and Nijkamp ed. *Regional Growth and Sustainable Development in Asia*, Springer, January 2017.

Who Benefits from Public Sector Health Spending? Results of a Benefit Incidence Analysis for India, (with Ajay Mahal, Janmejay Singh, Vikram Lamba, V. Selvaraju and Anil Gumber) National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi & World Bank, Washington D.C. Report, 2002.

WORKING PAPERS

Gendering Technological Change: Evidence from Agricultural Mechanization (with Monisankar Bishnu and Kanika Mahajan) 2020

A Breath of Fresh Air: Raising Awareness for Clean Fuel Adoption (with Sisir Debnath and E. Somanathan), 2019
Pre-results (Stage 1) accepted at the *Journal of Development Economics*.

The Ties that Bind Us: Social Networks and Productivity in the Factory (with Amrita Dhillon and Swati Sharma) CEPR working paper 14687

What Determines Women's Labor Supply? The Role of Home productivity and Social Norms (with Monisankar Bishnu and Kanika Mahajan) IZA Discussion Paper 12666

Electoral Competition and Corruption: Theory and Evidence from India (with Sourav Bhattacharya, Amrita Dhillon and Eilon Solan)
Previously titled "Exposing Corruption: Can Electoral Competition Discipline Politicians?" IZA Discussion Paper 10396

Hunger and Performance in the Classroom (with Bidisha Barooah and Rohini Somanathan) IZA Discussion Paper 12627

WORK IN PROGRESS

Home Production Technology and Women's Time Allocation in Rural India (with Sisir Debnath and Taryn Dinkelman)

Responding to Rainfall Shocks: Agricultural Production Decisions under Uncertainty (with Kanika Mahajan and Nikita Sangwan)

Votebuying (with Shabana Mitra and Sujata Visaria)

Electoral Cycles and Public Goods Provision in India (with Ahana Basistha, Amrita Dhillon and Arka Roy Choudhuri)

Social Networks, Social Norms and Women's Labor Supply (with Amrita Dhillon and Sanchari Roy)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Networks, Livelihoods and Well-being During a Pandemic: A Panel Study Using Matched Husband-Wife-Friends Data in Urban India (with Amrita Dhillon and Sanchari Roy)
IGC Covid-19 Research Grant (2020)

Centralised vs. Decentralised Monitoring to Reduce Corruption (with Amrita Dhillon and Eilon Solan)
DFID-Anti Corruption Evidence (2019-20)

Identifying and Alleviating Constraints to Women's Economic Empowerment
IWWAGE-IFMR - Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation initiative (2018-21)

Identity, Social Networks and Labor Productivity (with Amrita Dhillon and Sherry Xin Li)
Planning Commission, PPRU Grant, ISI, Delhi (2015-16)
CAGE, Warwick University (2015-16)

A Field Experiment on Labour Productivity in an Indian Garment Factory (with Amrita Dhillon and Vegard Iversen)
Planning Commission, PPRU Grant, ISI, Delhi (2014-15)

Women and Work in Rural India (with Taryn Dinkelman, Kanika Mahajan and Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay)
International Growth Centre (IGC), (2014-16)
Planning Commission, PPRU Grant, ISI, Delhi (2013-15)

Political Economy of Implementation of Public Programs in India
EU-NOPOOR Grant (2012-14)

Does Female Leadership Impact on Governance? Evidence from a Public Poverty Alleviation Programme in Andhra Pradesh, India (with Vegard Iversen)
International Growth Centre (IGC), (2011-12)
Planning Commission, PPRU Grant, ISI, Delhi (2010-12)

Health and Cognitive Effects of Supplementary School Feeding Programs (with Bidisha Barooah and Rohini Somanathan)
International Growth Centre (IGC), (2011-12)
Department of Education, Government of Delhi (2009-10)

Impact Evaluation of School Meals in Rural India
Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Population Council (2003-04)
Marshall Weinberg International Research Fellowship, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan (2005)

OTHER GRANTS / FELLOWSHIPS

Centre for Policy Research, Grant for Summer Research Assistance, Syracuse University (2008) (with Perry Singleton)

Appleby-Mosher Faculty Research Grant, Syracuse University (2007-08)

Moynihan Institute, Syracuse University, Faculty Research Grant (Fall, 2007)

Rackham Dissertation Fellowship (Fall, 2005)

Hewlett Foundation Fellowship, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan (2002-03)

Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Michigan (2002)

Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, India (1999)

TEACHING

THE GRADUATE INSTITUTE, GENEVA:

Population and Development (M.A.)

ISI, DELHI:

Econometric Methods (M.A./Ph.D. level)

Econometric Applications: Household Behavior (M.A./Ph.D. level)

Labour Economics (M.A./Ph.D. level)

DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS:

Population and Development (M.A./Ph.D. level)

Structural Modeling for Policy Analysis (M.A./Ph.D. level)

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY:

Topics in Development Economics (Ph.D. level)

Development Economics (undergraduate level)

Microeconomic Theory (intermediate level)

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR:

Introductory Microeconomics (undergraduate level)

PH.D. THESIS SUPERVISION

Bidisha Barooah, Delhi School of Economics, 2016.

Swati Sharma, ISI, Delhi (2014 -)

Ahana Basistha, ISI, Delhi (2016 -)

Nikita Sangwan, ISI, Delhi (2019-)

M.A. THESIS SUPERVISION

Lalit Sethia (2015-16)

Resem Makan (2017-18)

INVITED LECTURES, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES (*SCHEDULED)

- 2020 IGC Panel on “Covid-19 and informal employment in India”, CASI (UPenn), *UT-Austin
- 2019 South Asia workshop (Monash-IIPS, Colombo), Jadavpur University, Women in the Economy workshop (ISI), Workshop on Community Networks and Institutions (Ashoka University), IWWAGE-IFMR, Sustainable Development Conference (Prato, Monash University), IUSSP Conference (Ann Arbor), IGC at 10 (Delhi), St. Stephen’s College, United Nations General Assembly (UN-Women-ILO, New York), IGC-Bihar (Patna), Conference on Network Economics (IIM Ahmedabad)
- 2018 IIM Kolkata, ICAS workshop on political economy (Kolkata), Shiv Nadar University, Miranda House, Dyal Singh College (Econclave), IIM Bangalore, Summer School for Women in Mathematics and Statistics (TIFR, Bangalore), ABCDE Conference (Washington DC), Human Capital workshop (ISB), IIPS workshop (Mumbai), Workshop on Empirical and Computational Social Sciences (TCPD, Ashoka University)
- 2017 Lady Sri Ram College Annual Economics Symposium Panel, IEG, DSE-ISI-Gothenburg conference (Delhi), IGC-EPoD Regional Dialogue on Women’s Empowerment – Panel discussant (Kathmandu), Delhi School of Economics, Australian Development Economics Workshop (UNSW, Sydney), RISE conference (Washington D.C.), IGC conference (Delhi), Human Capital Workshop (ISB), CASI conference on Early Childhood Development (University of Pennsylvania), UT-Dallas, Mumbai School of Economics, Australia-India workshop (Delhi)
- 2016 CSSS (Kolkata), NOPOOR conference (Delhi), Institute for Economic Growth (invited workshop lecture), SERI, IFPRI (Delhi), Janki Devi Memorial College annual lecture series, JNU (CITD), Ashoka University, IGC-ISI-Jadavpur conference
- 2015 IFPRI (Delhi)
- 2014 3ie (Delhi), ISI-Warwick workshop (Delhi), IGC-South Asia conference (Lahore), Lady Sri Ram College – Academic Congress on Gender, Cornell-IFPRI-IGIDR conference on NREGA (Mumbai), ISI (Delhi), The Graduate Institute, Geneva
- 2013 Young Lives Conference (Oxford University), NCAER-Brookings India Policy Forum (Delhi), Indian Econometric Society’s Golden Jubilee Conference (DSE), NEUDC (Harvard University)
- 2012 CSSS (Kolkata), Asian Development Bank, Manila (Economic Research Unit), International Growth Centre-ISI Conference, IIM-Bangalore (Centre for Public Policy), Indian School of Business (ISB), International Growth Week (LSE), IZA-World Bank Conference (Delhi), World Bank seminar (Delhi), ISI (Delhi), Journal of Public Economic Theory workshop on governance and political economy (Mysore)

- 2011 University of New South Wales (Development Economics Workshop),
International Growth Centre-ISI Conference
- 2010 Delhi School of Economics, International Growth Centre-ISI Conference
- 2009 Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Delhi
- 2008 Syracuse University (Moynihan Institute), International Economic
Development Conference (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
- 2007 Syracuse University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Population
Association of America Annual Meeting, Mid-West Economics Association
Annual Meeting, Minnesota International Economic Development Conference,
Delhi School of Economics, NEUDC (Harvard)
- 2006 Far-Eastern Econometrics Conference (Tsinghua University, Beijing), Michigan
State University, Syracuse University, University of California-Riverside
- 2005 University of Michigan Economic Development and Transition Seminar,
University of Michigan Public Finance Seminar, Population Association of
America Annual Meeting, Mid-West Economics Association Annual Meeting
- 2004 University of Michigan Public Finance Seminar

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

ISI, DELHI:

- 2017- Member, Policy Committee, CECFEE.
- 2016 - 20 JConvener, Policy and Planning Research Unit
- 2016 Convener, Admission Committee for Doctoral Program in Economics
- 2012-16 Coordinator, Department Seminar
- 2012-14 Chair, Research Fellows' Advisory Committee
- 2011-12 Member, Computer Committee; Member, Library Committee

DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS:

- 2010-11 Coordinator, Placement Cell.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY:

- 2006-08 Member, Junior Faculty Recruiting Committee
- 2007 Member, Senior Faculty Search Committee
- 2006-08 Co-organizer, International Trade and Development Seminar
- 2006-08 Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Economics Club

WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- Annual SEI conference (Executive Committee, 2020; Selection Committee 2018)
- Women in the Economy Workshop (2019 and 2020)
- Program Committee, ACGDE (EPU Annual Conference, 2016-19)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ad-hoc referee for: *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Asian Population Studies, Demography, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics and Politics, Economics of Transition, Education Economics, Economic Inquiry, Economics of Education Review, European Economic Review, Experimental Economics, Feminist Economics, Food Policy, Indian Economic Review, Indian Growth and Development Review, IZA Journal of Development and Migration, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Studies, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Letters in Spatial and Resource Sciences, Oxford Economic Papers, Population and Development Review, Population Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Social Science Research, World Development*

External Reviewer for: *National Science Foundation; International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie); GLM-LIC program, IZA*