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EDUCATION

- 2028 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Oklahoma (expected)
Committee: [Tyler Ransom](#) (chair), [Joan Hamory](#), [Myongjin Kim](#), [Loretta Bass](#)
- 2025 M.A. in Applied Economics, University of Oklahoma
- 2023 M.A. in Economics, Rabindra Bharati University
- 2021 B.Sc. in Economics, University of Calcutta

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor Economics, Economics of Migration, Development Economics

WORKING PAPERS

- 2026 “Racial Match in One-Shot State Encounters: Evidence from Traffic Stops”
(with [Myongjin Kim](#), [Suman Basuroy](#) and [Minhae Kim](#))
- 2025 “Communal Violence, Bargaining Power, and Reproductive Autonomy:
Evidence from the 2002 Gujarat Riots” (Sole Author)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Oklahoma, Department of Economics

Teaching Assistant

- ECON 2843 – Elements of Statistics Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025
- ECON 1123 – Principles of Economics: Micro (Honors) Fall 2025
- ECON 1123 – Principles of Economics: Micro Spring 2026
- ECON 3113 – Intermediate Microeconomics Spring 2026
- ECON 3513 – Labor Economics Spring 2026

Instructor of Record

- ECON 1123 – Principles of Economics: Micro Summer 2025
- ECON 1113 – Principles of Economics: Macro Winter 2025, Fall 2026

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 University of Oklahoma - Oklahoma State University Ph.D. Economics Conference (May)
Annual Meetings of Missouri Valley Economic Association (October)
Southern Economic Association (SEA) - 95th Annual SEA Meeting (November)

- 2026 University of Oklahoma - Oklahoma State University Ph.D. Economics Conference (May)

REFeree SERVICE

- 2026 International Review of Economics and Finance; Economics of Education Review

SERVICE

- 2025 **Economics Graduate Student Association (EGSA), University of Oklahoma**
Founder and President (2025–Present)

SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2024 Robert E. and Mary B. Sturgis Endowed Scholarship
- 2025 Leo & Virginia Cade Scholarship
- 2026 Frances E. & A. Earl Ziegler Sooner Heritage Scholarship
Arthur Edward Weinrich & Jocelyn Weinrich Memorial Graduate Fellowship Scholarship
Joe W. Shary Economics Endowed Scholarship

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