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Current Employment	Postdoctoral Researcher, Precision Development (PxD)	2021 –
Education	Ph.D., Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Berkeley M.Sc., Economics, London School of Economics M.A. (5 year integrated undergraduate) Economics, Indian Institute of Technology Madras	2020 2012 2011
Publications	“Relief from Usury: Impact of a Self-Help Group Intervention in Rural India,” with Vivian Hoffmann, Vijayendra Rao, Upamanyu Datta. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> , 2021, Vol 148. [Available Here]	
Working Papers	“Risk Sharing, Commitment Constraints, and Self-Help Groups,” with Orazio Attanasio, Anjini Kochar, Aprajit Mahajan. <i>NBER Working Paper No. 31245</i> . <i>Media: Ideas for India (blogpost)</i> “The Moneylender as Middleman: Formal Credit Supply and Informal Loans in Rural India” [Available Here] <i>Media: Ideas of India (podcast); Ideas for India (blogpost)</i> “Access to Finance, Empowerment and Women’s Employment: Experimental Evidence from Rural India”	
Research in Progress	“Probabilistic Weather Forecasts and Farmer Decision Making in Rural India,” with Shawn Cole, Tomoko Harigaya.	
Talks	2023 FNP Brown Bag Seminar, IFPRI, Workshop on Risk and Vulnerability, IIT Bombay 2022 ASSA Annual Meeting, PacDev (UC San Francisco), CSAE Conference (Oxford University), NEUDC (Yale University), SEA Annual Meeting 2021 PacDev (UC San Diego), NEUDC (Boston University), Webinar series in Finance and Development, SEA Annual Meeting 2020 Webinar series in Finance and Development, NEUDC (Dartmouth University), Center on Food Security and the Environment, Stanford University 2019 Summer School in Development Economics, Prato, Italy 2017 NEUDC (Fletcher School at Tufts University) PacDev (UC Riverside)	
Grants, Fellowships, and Awards	2022 King Climate Action Initiative Pilot Grant (with Shawn Cole, Tomoko Harigaya) 2019 The Jean O. Lanjouw Memorial Endowment Grant, UC Berkeley Conference Travel Grant 2018 ARE Travel Grant, IRLE Graduate Student Research Grant (with Manaswini Rao) 2017 The Dennis J. Aigner Endowed Graduate Support Fund, Maharaj Kaul Memorial Research Travel Grant 2016 UC Berkeley Graduate Division Summer Grant, Marjorie Deane Financial Journalism Foundation Studentship (LSE), MITACS Globalink Scholarship (University of British Columbia)	
Teaching	University of California, Berkeley (<i>Graduate Student Instructor/Teaching Assistant</i>) <i>Introduction to Economics</i> 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019 <i>Microeconomic Theory with Application to Natural Resources</i> 2016, 2017 <i>Environmental Economics</i> 2016	
Refereeing	<i>Journal of Development Economics</i> , <i>Journal of Human Resources</i> , <i>World Development</i> , <i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i> , <i>World Bank Economic Review</i> , <i>American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</i>	
Service and Activities	<i>Organizing Committee</i> , <i>Graduate Student Summit for Diversity in Economics</i> ; <i>Leadership Board</i> , <i>Women in Economics at Berkeley</i> ; <i>Intern Reporter</i> , <i>The Economic Times</i>	
Prior Employment	University of California, Berkeley, Postdoctoral Scholar The World Bank, Development Research Group, Consultant <i>Centre de Science Humaines</i> , Research Assistant	2020 - 2021 2015 - 2019 2012 - 2014
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