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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Development Economics, Economics of Institutions	
EDUCATION	University of California, Berkeley PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics, 2014 - present London School of Economics and Political Science MSc in Economics, 2012 Indian Institute of Technology Madras Five-year Integrated MA (Undergrad) in Economics, Minor in Operations Research, 2011	
WORKING PAPERS	“Relief from Usury: Impact of a Self-Help Group Intervention in Rural India,” with Vivian Hoffmann, Vijayendra Rao, Upamanyu Datta, 2017.	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	“Employment Guarantees, Wages, and Rural Credit Markets in India.” “Persistence of the Gender-Wage Gap in Rural Agricultural Employment in India,” with Manaswini Rao.	
AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS	The Dennis J. Aigner Endowed Graduate Support Fund (UC Berkeley) 2017 Maharaj Kaul Memorial Research Travel Grant (UC Berkeley) 2017 Graduate Division Summer Grant (UC Berkeley) 2016 Marjorie Deane Financial Journalism Foundation Studentship (LSE) 2012 Institute Merit Prize (IIT Madras) 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 Swati/Jayalakshmi Memorial Award (IIT Madras) 2011 MITACS Globalink Scholarship for Summer Research (University of British Columbia) 2010	
PRESENTATIONS	PacDev Conference, UC Riverside 2017 NEUDC Conference, Fletcher School at Tufts University 2017	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Research Assistant for Vijayendra Rao (World Bank), Vivian Hoffmann (IFPRI) 2015 - Research Assistant for Nicholas Stern (LSE), Himanshu (JNU) 2012 - 2014 Independent Research Assistance, checked consistency of Indian <i>Ministry of Rural Development’s</i> Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) 2013 Research Assistant for Mukesh Eswaran (UBC) 2010	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>Head Graduate Student Instructor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction to Economics</i> (Martha Olney) Fall, 2017 <p>Graduate Student Instructor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Microeconomic Theory with Application to Natural Resources</i> (Jeffrey Perloff) Spring, 2017 • <i>Microeconomic Theory with Application to Natural Resources</i> (Ethan Ligon) Fall, 2016 • <i>Environmental Economics</i> (David Roland-Holst) Spring, 2016 • <i>Introduction to Economics</i> (Martha Olney) Fall, 2015
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Published two bylined articles in <i>The Economic Times</i> (India's largest business newspaper) dealing with local welfare schemes and inclusive finance; 2008.
SERVICE	<p>Co-director, Mentorship - Women in Economics at Berkeley 2017-2018</p> <p>Co-director, Faculty Recruitment - Women in Economics at Berkeley 2016-2017</p> <p>Mentor - Mentoring Undergraduate Women in Economics 2016-2017 & 2017-2018</p>
SKILLS	<p>Computer Skills: R, Stata, Python, \LaTeX, Microsoft Office</p> <p>Language Skills: English (Fluent), Hindi (Fluent), Tamil (Native), Telugu (Basic)</p>
REFERENCES	Available upon request