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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: India

Gender: Male

EMPLOYMENT

Cornell University, Department of Applied Economics and Management, Ithaca, NY
07/2010– Post Doctoral Fellow

Dartmouth College, Department of Economics, Hanover, NH
09/2009–06/2010 Visiting Assistant Professor

Ohio University, Department of Economics, Athens, OH
08/2008–08/2009: Visiting Assistant Professor

University of Houston, Department of Economics, Houston, TX
08/2003–08/2008: Teaching Fellow/Graduate Assistant

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, **University of Houston**, 2008
Dissertation Title: *“Essays on Effects of Affirmative Action: Evidence from Job and Political Reservation Policies in India”*
Advisors: Aimee Chin (Primary Advisor), Chinhui Juhn, Steven G. Craig

M.A. in Economics, **University of Houston**, 2005

M.A. in Economics, **Delhi School of Economics**, 2002

B.A. in Economics, **University of Delhi**, 2000

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics, Public Policy

AFFILIATIONS AND ACADEMIC VISITS

Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CRAM), University College London, United Kingdom
10/2009 – Research Fellow

Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany
08/2009 – Research Fellow

Institute for Human Development, Delhi, India

ARC Economic Design Network, Australia
2009 – Member

Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany
06/2009–07/2009 – Guest Researcher

University of Bristol, Department of Economics, Bristol, UK
03/25/2010 – Visitor

Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany
07/2010 – Guest Researcher (*Scheduled*)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Associate 2002–2003
Institute for Human Development Delhi, India

PUBLICATIONS

“Skill Mapping and Skill Development for Employability: The Case of Cuttack,” with Satpathy, Anoop K.; Mishra, Jimuta *in Indian Journal of Labor Economics*, vol. 45 (4), 2002

RESEARCH PAPERS

“The Impact of Employment Quotas on the Economic Lives of Disadvantaged Minorities in India”

“The Redistributive Effects of Political Reservation for Minorities: Evidence from India”, *with Aimee Chin (University of Houston)*, **under review**, IZA Discussion Paper 4391

“Do Means-Tested School Lunch Subsidies Change Children’s Weekly Consumption Patterns?”, *with Larry Howard (CSU-Fullerton)*, **under review**, IZA Discussion Paper 4427

“Improving the Labor Market Outcomes of Minorities: The Role of Employment Quota”, **under review**, IZA Discussion Paper 4386

“The Returns to English-Language Skills in India”, *with Mehtabul Azam (World Bank) and Aimee Chin (University of Houston)*, **under review**, CReAM Discussion Paper 02/10

“Does Employment Quota Explain Occupational Choice Among Disadvantaged Groups? A Natural Experiment from India”, *with Larry Howard (CSU-Fullerton)*, **under review**

“A Distributional Analysis of Public Private Wage Differential in India”, *with Mehtabul Azam (World Bank)*, **under review**

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Conspicuous Consumption and Caste: Evidence from India”, *with Melanie Khamis and Zahra Siddique (IZA)*

“Does Job Reservation for Minorities in India Affect Their Wage Distributions? A Quantile Regression Approach”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introductory Econometrics, Dartmouth College, Spring 2010

Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Dartmouth College, Winter 2010

Economic Development, Dartmouth College, Fall 2009

Development Economics: Microeconomic Issues (Graduate), Spring 2009, Summer 2009; Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Winter 2009, Summer 2009; Principles of Microeconomics, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Ohio University

Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Summer 2008; Principles of Microeconomics, Summer 2006, Spring 2007; Principles of Macroeconomics, Spring 2006, University of Houston

Teaching Assistant, Development Economics: Microeconomics Issues (Ph.D. level), Fall 2007; Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory, Fall 2003–2005, 2006, 2007, University of Houston

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: 2010

Royal Economic Society, Surrey, UK (and Chair); AIEFS ASSA, Atlanta, GA

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: 2009

Conference on “Institutions, Behavior and the Escape from Persistent Poverty”, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Boston, MA; IZA Migration Group Mini Workshop, Bonn, Germany; Inaugural Conference of Courant Research Center “Poverty, Equity, and Growth in Developing and Transition Countries: Statistical Methods, Empirical Analysis, and Policy Issues”, University of Gottingen, Germany; First AMID Summer School, University of Namur, Namur, Belgium; North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, Boston, MA; Midwest Economic Association, Cleveland, OH, (and Chair)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: 2008

International Conference on Development, Freedom and Welfare (In honor of Prof. Amartya Sen), Delhi, India; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Boston, MA; 8th Annual Missouri Economics Conference, Columbia, MO

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: 2007

Southern Economic Association 77th Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Cambridge, MA (and Discussant); XIIth Texas Econometrics Camp, League City, TX

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS: 2010

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY; University of Auckland, New Zealand; The University of Aberdeen, UK; Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY (*Scheduled*)

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS: 2009

Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna, Bihar, India; Winter School, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, India; Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ; Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS: 2008, 2007

Winter School, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, India; Ohio University Micro Seminar Series, Athens, OH; Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, New York University, NY; Ohio University, Athens, OH; The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia; Federal Reserve Bank–Dallas, Dallas, TX (2007)

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS PARTICIPATION

Course on Microeconometrics (Jeffrey Wooldridge) at IZA, Bonn, Germany (2009); XIth Texas Econometrics Camp, Huntsville, TX (2006); Xth Texas Econometrics Camp, Lake Conroe, TX (2005); Texas Monetary Camp, University of Texas–Austin, Austin, TX (2005); International Financial Integration and Risk Sharing Conference, Federal Reserve Bank–Dallas, Houston Branch, TX (2004)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND HONORS

Selected with Fellowship to attend Inaugural Conference of Courant Research Center PEG in Developing Countries, University of Gottingen, Germany, 2009

Selected to attend First AMID Summer School 'An Introduction to Field Surveys in LDCs'. Organized by CRED, BREAD, CEPR, and EUDN, Namur, Belgium, 2009

Selected with Fellowship to attend International Conference on Freedom, Development and Welfare, Delhi, India, 2008

University of Houston Small Grants Program, 2008

Primeaux Scholarship Endowment, Spring 2008

Selected to participate in University of Chicago Price Theory Summer Camp, June 2007

Henry Graham Fund for data collection trip to India, Summer 2006

Jhamandas Watulmull Fund Scholarship, Spring 2004

Cullen Supplemental Fellowship, Fall 2003–Summer 2005

Graduate Assistant Tuition Fellowship, Fall 2003–Summer 2008

REFEREE

Journal of Globalization and Development, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Review of Income and Wealth

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economics Association, Royal Economics Society, Impact Evaluation Social Network, Association of Indian Economic and Financial Studies

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Co-organizer, Ohio University Department of Economics Seminar Series, 2008–2009

Judge, Student Research Expo, Ohio University, 2009

COMPUTER SKILLS

Expert: Stata, GAUSS, Eviews, L^AT_EX

REFERENCES

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