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POSITIONS

2025 – Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Columbia University
2024 – 2025 Postdoctoral Associate, Economic Growth Center, Yale University

EDUCATION

2018 – 2024 MIT, PhD in Economics
2017 – 2018 Tsinghua University, Schwarzman College, MA in Global Affairs
2013 – 2017 MIT, BS in Computer Science and Mathematical Economics

WORKING PAPERS

“Bringing Work Home: Flexible Work Arrangements as Gateway Jobs for Women in West Bengal” (with Anahita Karandikar and Suhani Jalota). *Conditionally accepted at **The Quarterly Journal of Economics***

“Got Beef with Beef? Evidence from a Large-Scale Carbon Labelling Experiment” (with Lucy Page). *Revised and resubmitted at **Science***

“The Effects of a Maternity Leave Mandate on Young Women’s Labor Market Outcomes” (with Garima Sharma, Shreya Tandon, Stephanie Hao, and Pulak Ghosh)

“What Works for Her? Digital Jobs and Women’s Labor Supply in Urban India” (with Suhani Jalota)

“3G Mobile Internet Has No Effect on Educational Outcomes in Brazil” (with Pedro Bessone and Ricardo Dahis)

PAPERS

“Learning from Job Offers About Labor Supply Constraints: A Barrier for Women without Work Experience” (with Suhani Jalota and Anahita Karandikar). *AEA Papers & Proceedings*, 115, 297-302, May 2025.

“Are Some Firms Better for Women’s Careers?” (with Pulak Ghosh, Stephanie Hao, Shreya Tandon, and Garima Sharma). *AEA Papers & Proceedings*, 115, 232-237, May 2025.

“The Impact of Large-Scale Social Media Advertising Campaigns on Covid-19 Vaccination: Evidence From Two Randomized Controlled Trials” (with Emily Breza, Abhijit Banerjee, Arun Chandrasekhar, Fatima Cody Stanford, Renato Fior, Kelly Holland, Emily Hoppe, Louis-Maël Jean, Lucy Ogbu-Nwobodo, Benjamin Olken, Carlos Torres, Pierre-Luc Vautrey, Erica Warner, Esther Duflo & Marcella Alsan). *AEA Papers & Proceedings*, 113, 653-658, May 2023.

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Increasing Female Employment at Scale: Direct and Spillover Effects of Rural Workfare on Women's Empowerment” (with Urmi Bhattacharya, Erica Field, Rohini Pande, Simone Schaner, and Charity Troyer Moore)

“Rejection Regard: When Employers' Concern for the Unhired Favors Men - Evidence from Jordan and Egypt” (with Nina Buchmann and Paolo Falco)

TEACHING

2025, 2026	Labor Markets in Developing Countries (PhD) Development Economics (undergrad)
2024	Public Economics (undergrad), TA to Robin McKnight Research in Economics (undergrad), TA to Isaiah Andrews and Nina Roussille Reading Group for Yale PhD Students (Economics of Gender)
2022	Randomization Theory & Practice, J-PAL/IPA/EPoD Research Staff Training
2020	Development Economics (PhD), TA to Jishnu Das and Ben Olken The Challenge of World Poverty (undergrad), TA to Frank Schilbach

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Invited Researcher
Inclusion Economics (Yale, India), Research Affiliate

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

2022 – 2023	NBER Gender in the Economy Dissertation Fellowship
2021 – 2022	Jameel (J-PAL) Fellowship
2019 – 2020	John Krob Castle (1963) Fellow
2018 – 2019	Walter A. Rosenblith Presidential Fellowship
2017 – 2018	Schwarzman Scholar, Tsinghua University
2017	Phi Beta Kappa

SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS

2025	WAM, The Agency Fund
2024	International Growth Center (IGC) (£33,925)
2022	Wellspring Foundation, Agency Fund (\$104,000)
2022	STEG Small Research Grants (£14,842)
2021, 2022	Weiss Fund in Development Economics (Pilot: \$14,590, Main: \$49,938)
2021, 2022	George and Obie Schultz Fund (\$14,000)
2021	J-PAL Jobs and Opportunities Initiative (Pilot: \$16,012, Main: \$46,921)
2021	J-PAL Gender and Economic Agency Initiative (Main: \$21,562)

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES (*CO-AUTHOR)

2026	Columbia SIPA, NYU, NBER Labor Studies, NBER Public*, RIDGE Gender & Household Economics, ESMT Field Days, ES Africa Meetings (Cairo), Barcelona Summer Forum: Macro Development, LEAP (Bocconi), Early Career Behavioral Economics Conference, Hunter College, TAMU-KAIST Workshop on Labor Experiments
2025	ASSAs*, IISER Bhopal, Oxford, University of Pittsburgh, Yale, Future of Work for Women (Hoover/SIEPR), Columbia, World Bank MENA, Kings College, Field Experiments in Economics & Business (Heilbronn), BREAD/NBER Development*
2024	World Bank, Oxford, Georgetown Econ/SFS, UC San Diego, Rutgers, NUS, IIES, PacDev, MWIEDC, Columbia MAD, Development Rookiefest, BREAD, CEPR Development Economics Symposium, SEEDEC (NHH), NovAfrica, NBER SI: Development, Gender and Growth Gaps in India Research and Policy Dialogue, Advances in Field Experiments (LSE), Implications of Remote Work (Stanford), What Work Works for Women (UCSD), UT Austin, University of Southern California, Annual Conference On Economic Growth (Indian Statistical Institute)
2023	NEUDC, CAGE Summer School (Warwick)
2022	NBER SI: Gender in the Economy
2021	NEUDC

ORGANIZING

2024 onwards	North East Universities Gender Day (NEUGD)
2026	Columbia Gender in the Global Economy Conference

REFEREEING AND REVIEWING

Grants: STEG

Journals: AEJ: Applied, AER: Insights, American Economic Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Modelling, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Labor Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics