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Education

2018 Ph.D., Economics, Brown University
2012 M.A., Economics, Delhi School of Economics
2008 B.Tech., Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

Academic Appointment

2018-Present Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Utah

Publications

1. How do informal norms affect rule compliance: Experimental evidence.
Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics 96 (2022): 101795.
2. The Effect of Incentives on Motivated Numeracy Amidst COVID-19 (with Eunbin Chung and Anna Pechenkina)
Conditionally Accepted at the Journal of Experimental Political Science, Jan 2022

Research Papers

3. Effect of Moderate and Radical Rules on Behavior and Caste Norms:
Lab-in-the-Field Experiment in India – Paper in publication process
4. Explaining the gender gap in self-promotion: labor market discrimination and social norm
(with Georgios Angelis and Mckay Jensen)- Data collected
5. Do women avoid male-dominated groups in less meritocratic environments?
(with Eva Ranehill and Marina Chugunova)-Funding secured
6. Psychology of ideology, emotions, and motivated numeracy amidst COVID-19 (with Eunbin Chung and Anna Pechenkina)-Data collected

Awards and Grants

1. 2020 ULEEF Seed Grant, Marriner S. Eccles Institute, \$2500
2. 2020 Junior Faculty Research Leave Award
3. 2019 CSBS Research Incentive Seed Grant, University of Utah, \$8000
4. 2018 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Grant, Award SES-1658853, \$17,136
5. 2017 Center for Contemporary South Asia Fellowship, Brown, \$7,500
6. 2015 Graduate Teaching Award, Brown

Invited Presentations & Conferences

1. Nov 2021 Gender and Labor, Southern Economic Association Conference
2. Sep 2021 Behavioral Research Workshop, University of Utah
3. Apr 2021 Behavioral Research Workshop, University of Utah
4. Oct 2020 University of Utah Laboratory of Experimental Economics and Finance
5. May 2020 Utah Experimental Economics Conference, Utah State University
6. Oct 2019 Economic Science Association Conference, Los Angeles
7. Oct 2019 Science of Diversity Initiative, University of Chicago
8. Sept 2019 (*Invited*) Warwick Summer School in Behavioral Economics, Venice
9. May 2019 Utah Experimental Economics Conference, Utah State University
10. Oct 2018 Economic Science Association Conference, Antigua, Guatemala
11. Oct 2018 Norms and Behavioral Change Conference, University of Pennsylvania
12. Sept 2018 Science of Diversity Initiative, University of Chicago
13. Jan 2018 Department of Economics, University of Utah
14. Nov 2017 Economic Theory Seminar, Brown University
15. Nov 2017 Experimental Economics Workshop, Utah State University
16. Oct 2017 Applied Microeconomics Seminar, Brown University
17. Oct 2017 Economic Science Association Conference, Richmond, Virginia
18. Oct 2017 Center for Contemporary South Asia, Watson Institute, Brown University
19. Sep 2017 School of Philanthropy Initiative, University of Chicago
20. Feb 2017 (*Invited*) Philosophy, Political Science and Economics Group, UPenn
21. Nov 2016 Economic Science Association Conference, Tucson, AZ
22. Sep 2016 Economic Theory Lunch Seminar, Brown University
23. Mar 2016 Economic Theory Lunch Seminar, Brown University
24. Jul 2014 International Workshop of the Game Theory Society, University of São Paulo

Teaching Experience**Instructor of Record, University of Utah**

		Instructor (1-6)	Course (1-6)
Fall 2021	Online 4650 – Principles of Econometrics	5.19	5.35
Fall 2021	ECON 4651 – Econometrics for BEA	5.28	5.28
Spring 2021	Online 4650 – Principles of Econometrics (*New rating system. Course and Instructor approval 92%)	_*	_*
Spring 2021	ECON 7006 – Microeconomic Theory (+Sample size threshold not met)	_+	_+
Spring 2020	Online 4650 – Principles of Econometrics* (COVID semester)	4.86	4.46
Spring 2020	Online 3640 – Probability and Statistical Inference for Economists*(COVID Semester)	4.57	4.88
Fall 2019	ECON 4650 - Principles of Econometrics	5.14	5.09
Fall 2019	ECON 3640 – Probability and Statistical Inference for Economists	4.89	4.72
Spring 2019	ECON 4650 - Principles of Econometrics	5.41	5.16
Fall 2018	ECON 4650 - Principles of Econometrics	5.54	5.48

Teaching Initiatives, University of Utah

Fall 2019	Developed Gen X course ECON 4650-090 – Principles of Econometrics
Fall 2021	Part of CSBS H5P pilot program; created interactive video assessments for online ECON 4650-090.
Fall 2021	Designed a flipped classroom for ECON 4651 – Econometrics for BEA

Instructor, Brown University

Summer 2015	Behavioral Game Theory, Brown Pre-college Program
Spring 2015	Microeconomic Theory II (Graduate), Brown, TA for Professor Glenn Loury
Fall 2014	Microeconomic Theory I (Graduate), Brown, TA for Professor Rajiv Vohra
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Mentoring at University of Utah

Undergraduate mentoring and placement

2021: Peri Brimley (Economics PhD program, University of Wyoming)
2020: Mckay Jensen (Economics PhD program, University of Chicago)
2020: Dash Anderson (MA Economics, New School for Social Research)
2020: Chandler Blount (mentored CSBS Solutions Scholar in behavioral economics research)
2019: Samantha Thorne (Harvard Law School)

Thesis Supervision: Economics PhD Dissertations

Sanchit Shrivastava	Economics, Member, graduated Oct 2020
Chimedlkham Zorigbaatar	Economics, Member
Aashima Sinha	Economics, Member
Papungkorn Kitcharoenkarnkul	Economics, Advisor

Service at University of Utah

A. College

2018-Present Member of Advisory Board, Quantitative Research Analytics Certificate
2021 Reviewed student projects for Capstone requirement for the Quantitative Research Analytics Certificate

B. Economics department

2021 Peer reviewed a career line instructor's teaching performance
2020-21 Organizer, Behavioral Economics Research Workshop
2018-19 Co-Organizer, Antitrust Conference, Economics, University of Utah
2018-19 Organizer, Behavioral Economics Research Workshop

Professional Service

2021 Referee for PLoS One, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization
2020 Referee for NSF doctoral dissertation grant, Southern Economic Journal, PLoS One, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization
2019 Referee for Journal of Development Economics

Professional Development

May 2021	oTree software Workshop
Feb 2021	Retention Review Workshop: Part 2, University of Utah
Dec 2020	Retention Review Workshop, University of Utah
Oct 2020	NSF Grant Writing Workshop, University of Utah
Spring 2020	Faculty Success Program, NCFDD
Jan 2020	CeMENT: Mentoring Junior Faculty, American Economic Association
Oct 2019	Norms and Behavioral Change Workshop, University of Pennsylvania
Sept 2018	Research Transparency and Reproducibility Training, BITSS, Los Angeles
May 2016	Workshop in the Logistics of Intensive Field Work, Watson Institute, Brown
2015-16	Teaching Certificate II, Sheridan Center, Brown University
Nov 2015	Effective Performance Workshop, Theatrical Techniques to be an Effective Performer in Academia, Trinity Rep Theater, Providence
2014-15	Teaching Certificate I, Reflective Teaching, Sheridan Center, Brown University

Skills

Stata, Mathematica, o-Tree, z-Tree, LaTeX, Lyx

Industry Employment

2008-2010 Senior Associate, iRunway India Pvt. Limited
(Provided technology consulting for IP litigations for US law firms)