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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

Research Papers

1. Effect of Moderate and Radical Rules on Behavior and Caste Norms:
Lab-in-the-Field Experiment in India
Submitted Jan 2021
2. Effect of Informal Guidelines on Formal Rule Compliance: Lab Experiment
Submitted Jan 2021
3. 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 2021

Research Projects in Progress

4. Explaining the gender gap in self-promotion: labor market discrimination and social norms (with Georgios Angelis and Mckay Jensen)- Funding secured
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)-Funding secured

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

Updated on Feb 22nd, 2021

Spring 2019	ECON 4650 - Principles of Econometrics	5.41	5.16
Fall 2018	ECON 4650 - Principles of Econometrics	5.54	5.48

New Course Development, University of Utah

Fall 2019 Online ECON 4650 – Principles of Econometrics

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

Thesis Supervision: Economics PhD Dissertations

Sanchit Shrivastava Economics, Member, graduated Oct 2020
Chimedlkham Zorigtbaatar Economics, Member

Undergraduate mentoring and placement

2019: Samantha Thorne (Harvard Law School)
2020: Mckay Jensen (Economics PhD program, University of Chicago)
2020: Dash Anderson (MA Economics, New School for Social Research)
2021: Peri Brimley

Service at University of Utah

A. College

2018-Present Member of Advisory Board, Quantitative Research Analytics Certificate

B. Economics department

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
- 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

- Dec 2020 Retention review workshop
- Oct 2020 NSF Grant Writing workshop
- 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 University
- 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)