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Research interests Development Economics, Global Health Economics, Child Health, Applied Microeconomics, Public Policy

Academic Employment Associate Professor of Development and Global Health Economics 2022–
Director, Master of Global Affairs Program in Sustainable Development
Director, Doctoral Program in Sustainable Development
Keough School of Global Affairs
Concurrent faculty, Dept. of Economics
Assistant Professor (2013-17); Associate Professor 2017–2022
Dept of Economics and International Business
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas
Lecturer of Global Health Economics 2011–2013
IHME, School of Public Health
University of Washington, Seattle, WA
David Bell Postdoctoral Research Fellow 2009–2011
Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Affiliations Advisor, School of Liberal Arts, Bennett University, India
JPAL (Invited Researcher), IZA, GLO
Notre Dame: BIG Lab (Executive Committee Member); Pulte Institute for Global Development; Lucy Family Institute for Data Society; Kellogg Institute for International Studies; Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; Eck Institute of Global Health; Notre Dame Environmental Change Initiatives (ND-ECI); Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies; The Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights

Education MA (2006); PhD in Economics 2009
University of Houston, Houston Texas
MA in Economics 2002
Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, India

Editorial Appointment Economic Modelling 2023–24
Assistant Editor, Oxford Open Economics 2022–
Academic Editor, PLOS ONE; PLOS Global Public Health 2021–

Beginning in 2025, my publications reflect a name change from Kumar to Gautam

Google Scholar citation metrics (Jan 15, 2026):

h-index=21; i10-index=29; Citations=2281

@graduate student author; *undergraduate student author

Publications

39. Gautam, S. K., Gomez, A., Kumar, S., Prakash, N., Sahoo, S., & Jha, V. K. 2025. "Building Teacher Capacity or Outsourcing Pedagogy? Experimental Evidence from Science Education Reform." *Accepted, Journal of Development Economics*.
38. @Castillo, J., @Molinero, C.A., *Pater, W.E., **Gautam, S.K.** 2025. "Improved water access protects against stunting more than wasting: A national analysis from Mozambique." *Children*, 12(10), 1414.
37. **Gautam, S.K.**, Ilirjani, E., Ukil, P. 2025. "On the Road to a Better Life? Rural Road and Economic Development in Albania." *European Journal of Development Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41287-025-00720-w>
36. Kumar, K., Singh, A., **Gautam, S.K.**, Singh, A. 2025. "Calorie Consumption and Wages: Evidence from India's Labor Market." *Economic Modelling*, Volume 152, 107279.
35. **Gautam S.**, @Suso A, Wood E. 2025. Effect of antenatal care on birth outcomes in The Gambia: A propensity score matching analysis." *PLOS Global Public Health*. 5(6): e0003880. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgph.0003880>
34. @Sowe, A., Wood, E., and **Gautam, S.K.** 2025. "Maternal Anemia as a Predictor of Childhood Anemia: Evidence from Gambian Health Data." *Nutrients* 17, no. 5: 879.
33. **Kumar, S.**, *Hill, C. & Halliday, T.J. 2024. "Effects of COVID-19 pandemic on low birth weight in a nationwide study in India." *Nature-Communications Medicine*, 4, 118.
32. De Neve, JW., Karlsson, O., Rai, R.K., **Kumar, S.**, Vollmer, S. 2024. "Relationship between adolescent anemia and school attendance observed during a nationally representative survey in India." *Nature-Communications Medicine*, 4, 112.
31. N'Guessan, R., Assi, SB., Koffi, A. et al.. 2023. "EaveTubes for control of vector-borne diseases in Côte d'Ivoire: study protocol for a cluster randomized controlled trial." *Trials*, 24, 704.
30. Grafenstein L., Kumar A., **Kumar S.**, Vollmer S. 2023. "Medium-run impacts of iron-fortified school lunch on anemia, cognition, and learning outcomes in India." *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 85(6):1262-1294.
29. **Kumar, Santosh** and Nahlen, Bernard. 2023. "Intergenerational Persistence of Health: Evidence from India." *Economics Letters*, Volume 224, 111023.
28. **Kumar S.**, Gundi M., Atre S., Ngoc L.B., Nguyen T.T, and Rammohan, A. 2023. "Alcohol consumption among adults in Vietnam: Prevalence, patterns, and its determinants." *Journal of Substance Use*, 28(1): 57-65.
27. Kumar K., **Kumar S.**, Laxminarayan R., Nandi, A. 2022. "Birth Weight and Cognitive Development: Evidence from India." *Economic Papers: A Journal of applied economics and policy*, 41(2):155-175.

26. Krämer M., **Kumar S.**, Vollmer S. 2021. “Improving Child Health and Cognition: Evidence from a School-Based Nutrition Intervention in India.” *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 103 (5): 818–834.
25. Krämer M., **Kumar, S.**, Vollmer S. 2021. “Anemia, diet, and cognitive development: Impact of health information on diet quality and child nutrition in rural India.” *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 190, 495-523.
24. **Kumar, Santosh** and Gonzalez, Fidel. 2020. “The Quantile effects of prenatal care on birth weight in Mexico.” *Economics Bulletin*, 40(2):1498-1507.
23. Nandi A., **Kumar S.**, Shet A., Bloom D., Laxminarayan R. 2020. “Childhood Vaccinations and Adult Schooling Attainment: Long-Term Evidence from India’s Universal Immunisation Programme.” *Social Science & Medicine*, Volume 250, 112885.
22. Kumar K., **Kumar S.**, Singh A, Ram F, Singh A. 2019. “Heterogeneity in the effect of mid-childhood height and weight gain on human capital at age 14-15 years: Evidence from Ethiopia, India, Peru, and Vietnam.” *PLoS ONE*, 14(2): e0212783.
21. Gonzalez, Fidel and **Kumar, Santosh**. 2018. “Effects of health insurance on birth weight in Mexico.” *Health Economics*, 27(8):1149-1159.
20. **Kumar, Santosh** and Rauniyar, Ganesh. 2018. “The impact of rural electrification on income and education: Evidence from Bhutan.” *Review of Development Economics*, 22(3):1146-1165.
19. Gonzalez, Fidel and **Kumar, Santosh**. 2018. “Prenatal Care and Birth-weight in Mexico.” *Applied Economics (Q2)*, 50(10):1156-1170.
18. Kumar K., **Kumar S.**, Singh A.K. 2018. “Prevalence and socio-demographic correlates of alcohol consumption: survey findings from five states in India.” *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, Volume 185, Pages 381-390.
17. **Kumar, Santosh** and Prakash, Nishith. 2017. “Effect of Political Decentralization and Female Leadership on Institutional Births and Child Mortality in Rural Bihar, India.” *Social Science & Medicine*, 185:171-178.
16. Kugler, Adriana and **Kumar, Santosh**. 2017. “Preference for Boys, Family Size, and Educational Attainment in India.” *Demography*, 54(3):835-859.
15. **Kumar, Santosh**. 2017. “Price Elasticity of Alcohol Demand in India.” *Alcohol and Alcoholism*, 52(3):390-395.
14. **Kumar, Santosh**. 2016. “The Effect of Birth Order on Schooling in India.” *Applied Economics Letters*, 23(18):1325-1328.
13. **Kumar Santosh**, Molitor Ramona and Vollmer Sebastian. 2016. “Drought and Early Child Health in Rural India.” *Population and Development Review*, 42(1):53-68.
12. Dansereau E., Masiye F., Gakidou E., Masters S., Burstein R., **Kumar S.** 2015. “Patient satisfaction and perceived quality of care: evidence from a cross-sectional national exit survey of HIV and non-HIV service users in Zambia.” *BMJ Open*, 5:12 e009700.

11. Kumar K., Singh A., **Kumar S.**, Ram F., Singh A., Ram U., Negin J., Kowal P.R. 2015. "Socio-Economic Differentials in Impoverishment Effects of Out-of-Pocket Health Expenditure in China and India: Evidence from WHO SAGE." *PLoS ONE*, 10(8): e0135051.
10. **Kumar, Santosh** and Berkman, Lisa. 2015. "Association of Iodized Salt Usage with Malnutrition among Young Children in India." *Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health*, 27(2) 185-194.
9. Masters, S. et al.; **Kumar, Santosh**. 2014. "Pharmaceutical Availability across Levels of Care: Evidence from Facility Surveys in Ghana, Kenya, and Uganda." *PLoS ONE*, 9(12): e114762.
8. **Kumar Santosh**, Dansereau Emily, Murray Chris JL. 2014. "Does Distance Matter for Institutional Delivery in Rural India?" *Applied Economics*, 46:33, 4091-4103.
7. **Kumar, Santosh** and Dansereau, Emily. 2014. "Supply-Side Barriers to Providing Delivery Care in India: A Facility-Based Analysis." *PLoS ONE*, 9(8): e103927.
6. **Kumar, Santosh** and Prakash, Nishith. 2013. "Impact of the Village Health and Sanitation Committee on Health-care Utilisation: Findings from Propensity Score Matching in India." *The Lancet*, Vol. 381, pp. S77 (GHME conference abstract).
5. Masters SH, Burstein R, Amofah G, Abaogy P, **Kumar S**, Hanlon M. 2013. "Travel Time to Maternity Care and its Effect on Utilization in Rural Ghana: A Multilevel Analysis." *Social Science & Medicine*, 94:147-154.
4. **Kumar, Santosh** and Vollmer, Sebastian. 2013. "Does Access to Improved Sanitation reduce Childhood Diarrhea in Rural India?" *Health Economics*, 22(4).
3. **Kumar S**, Calvo R, Avendano M, Sivaramakrishnan K, and Berkman L. 2012. "Social Support, Volunteering and Health around the World: Cross-National Evidence from 139 Countries." *Social Science & Medicine*, 74(5):696-706.
2. Anekwe, Tobenna. and **Kumar, Santosh**. 2012. "The Effect of a Vaccination Program on Child Anthropometry: Evidence from India's Universal Immunization Program." *Journal of Public Health*, 34(4):489-497.
1. Calvo R, Zheng Y, **Kumar S**, Olgiati A, Berkman L. 2012. "Well-being and Social Capital on Planet Earth: Cross-National Evidence from 142 Countries." *PLoS ONE*, 7(8).

Revision Submitted 40. "The effects of childhood immunization program on health and education: Micro-Evidence from India." *Journal of Population Economics (2nd round of revision)*.

Under Review 41. "Roads to the Market or the Town Hall? New Evidence from India's PMGSY." (with @Monica Shandal and Ariel Zucker), *Journal of Development Economics*.

42. “Quantifying the Investment Gap, Cost of Malaria Elimination, and Returns on Investment in India: A Macroeconomic Analysis” (with Mrigendra Pal Singh, Harsh Rajvanshi, Praveen K. Bharti, Himanshu Jayswar, Azadar Khan, Yogendra K. Gupta, Nirmal K. Ganguly, Altaf A. Lal), *The Lancet Global Health*.
43. “Cycles of Wellbeing: Analyzing Intergenerational Health Transmission in India.” (with Tim Halliday and Bhash Mazumder,) *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.
44. “From Clinic to Cradle: Estimating the Effects of Antenatal Care on Neonatal Health in India.” (with Kompal Sinha and Kaushalendra Kumar), *Economic Analysis and Policy*.
45. “Cost and Return on Investment of the Mandla Malaria Elimination Demonstration Project: Health and Economic Modelling for the National Malaria Elimination” (with Mrigendra Pal Singh, Harsh Rajvanshi, Praveen K. Bharti, Himanshu Jayswar, Azadar Khan, Yogendra K. Gupta, Nirmal K. Ganguly, Altaf A. Lal), *The Lancet Regional Health - Southeast Asia*.
- Working Papers** 46. “In-utero exposure to extreme temperature and birth outcomes in Mexico.” (with Francois Cohen and Fidel Gonzalez).
47. “Child Mortality Risk and Fertility Behavior: Evidence from India’s Universal Immunization Program.”
- Work-in-Progress** 48. “Inclusive Growth through Microfinance and Entrepreneurial Training: New Evidence from a Randomized Evaluation.” (with Aimee Chin and Dean Karlan).
49. “Comparison of Venous and Capillary Blood Samples in Diagnosing Anemia in India.” (with Alessandro Tarozzi and Anna Thottappilly).
50. “Illuminating Health: The Impact of Electricity Access on Health Outcomes.” (with Arun Agrawal, @Yunrui Zhang, Ganesh Rauniyar)
51. “Roads to Human Capital: New Evidence from India’s Rural Road Program.” (with @Monica Shandal and Ariel Zucker)
- Ongoing works** **field** 52. “Fortifying Futures: Effects of Fortified Diets on Health and Cognition in Preschool Children in India.” (with Alessandro Tarozzi and Anna Thottappilly).
53. “Innovative Solutions to Interlinked Water Insecurity, Poverty, and Poor Health in Africa’s Urban Slums.” (with Kyle Bibby, Ellis Adams, Elizabeth Wood, and Matthew Sisk).
54. “Improving Maternal Nutrition to Strengthen Early Childhood Development: A Field Experiment on Antenatal Micronutrient Supplementation in Sub-Saharan Africa.” (with Patrizio Piraino).
- Policy write-up** 16. “Cycles of malnutrition: Intergenerational transmission in India.” 2026. (with Tim Halliday and Bhash Mazumder), *Ideas for India*, 18 February, 2026
15. Segall, C., Oka, R., Ostermann, S., Safford, H., **Gautam, S.**, Anderson, K., & Agrawal, A. (2025). **Policy brief**. Addressing Inequality Is Critical to Social and Climate Resilience (Version 1). University of Notre Dame. <https://doi.org/10.7274/30483332.v1>

14. **Gautam, S.**, von Grafenstein, L., & Vollmer, S. (2025). **Policy brief.** Beyond Information: Investing in Fortified School Lunches is Key to Improving Childhood Anemia in India (Version 1). University of Notre Dame. <https://doi.org/10.7274/29695472.v1>.
13. “RFK Jr’s shakeup of vaccine advisory committee raises worries about scientific integrity of health recommendations.” 2025, *The Conversation*, 12th June.
12. “Anemia and School Attendance in India.” 2024. *Think Global Health*, 20th December.
11. “Did Covid-19 pandemic increase incidence of low-birth-weight among newborns?” 2024. *Ideas for India*, 9th August.
10. “Giving a Boost to School Lunches in India.” 2022. *Think Global Health*, 26th October.
9. “Double-fortified salt and anaemia among school children in India.” 2022. (with Marion Krämer and Sebastian Vollmer), *VoxDev*, 29th April.
8. “How birth weight affects test scores during mid-childhood years.” 2020. (with Utkarsh Singh), *Ideas for India*, 18th August.
7. “Can double-fortified salt in school mid-day meals help reduce anaemia?” 2018. (with Marion Krämer and Sebastian Vollmer), *Ideas for India*, 27 June.
6. “Political decentralization, female leadership, and health in rural Bihar.” 2017. (with Nishith Prakash), *Ideas for India*, 23 August.
5. “The less the merrier? Family size and education in India.” 2016. (with Adriana Kugler), *Ideas for India*, 1 April.
4. “The fewer the merrier: Family size and education in India.” 2016. (with Adriana Kugler), *VoxEU*, 20 March.
3. “Droughts and child health.” 2015. (with Ramona Molitor and Sebastian Vollmer), *Ideas for India*, 27 January.
2. Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) (2015) Health Service Provision in Ghana: Assessing Facility Capacity and Costs of Care. Seattle, WA, USA.
1. “Distance and institutional deliveries in rural India.” 2013. (with Emily Dansereau and Chris Murray), *Ideas for India*, 19 April.

Teaching & Advising

University of Notre Dame

Economics of Growth and Development

(Core course for Master of Global Affairs; Fall 2022).

Foundations of Sustainable Development

(Core course for Master of Global Affairs in Sustainable Development; Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025).

Principles of Economics

(Core course for Undergraduate Major in Global Affairs; Fall 2023).

Global Health Economics & Policy

(Elective course for Master’s in Global Affairs and Master of Science in Global Health; Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026).

Health, Nutrition, and Poverty in Developing Countries

(Elective course for Global Affairs Major, Global Health Minor, Poverty Studies, Spring 2026).

Advisor, PhD in Sustainable Development: Yunrui Zhang, (2025-2030)

Capstone Supervisor, Master of Science in Global Health,: Zahra Bichara, Will Milosevich (2025-27)

Kellogg Developing Researchers Program: Austin Marchod, Contessa Barron, Samnatha Peralta (Spring 2026)

Directed reading: Intermediate Hindi Language Elective (Spring 2025)

Undergraduate thesis advising: Glynn senior thesis: Nick Daniel (2024); Kathleen Antonakakis (2025)

Advisor: ND Global Predoctoral Apprenticeship (Summer 2025)

Building Bridges Mentor: Fall 2025

Kellogg Developing Researchers Program: James Reintjes, Thomas Dobbs (Spring 2024)

MGA thesis advising: Alasana Suso (2023-24)

Sam Houston State University

Introduction to Economics

Principles of Microeconomics

Managerial Economics

Health Economics

Economic Development

Ashoka University, Bentley University, and University of Göttingen

Economics of Global Health

Health and Development

Advanced Health Economics

Economic Environments of Firm

Invited talks and Presentation 2026: AEA/ASSA Annual Meetings; Global Health Economics (GHEcon) seminar.

2025: Notre Dame South Asia Conference, American Society of Health Economics, International Health Economics Conference, The Roads to Development: Work, Markets and Institution International Conference (University of Navarre, Pamplona), AHEAD International Conference (**Keynote**), IIT Roorkee

2024: Notre Dame Global Nutrition & Health Policy: Lessons from Bangladesh and Beyond, Notre Dame Poverty, Inequality and Environmental Justice (PIEJ) Workshop, Christ University, IIM-Bodhgaya, Bennett University, NEUDC (Northeastern University), Southern Economic Association Conference, IIT-Roorkee

2023: Notre Dame South Asia Conference, ASSA/AEA meeting (New Orleans), International Health Economics Conference (Cape Town, South Africa), AIEFS Conference (Chennai, India), The National Legislators Conference, Bharat (Mumbai, India)

2022: NBER Summer Institute Children (participant); NEUDC (Yale), Southern Economic Association Meeting (Ft. Lauderdale)

2021: University of Notre Dame; NBER Summer Institute Children (participant); Southern Economic Association Meeting (virtual)

2020: Southern Economic Association Meeting (virtual)

2019: ASSA/AEA meeting (Atlanta); Australian Development Economic Workshop (ADEW), Perth; IAAE Annual Conference, Nicosia, Cyprus; South Asian University, Delhi; Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.

2018: The Annual Development Economics and Policy Conference, Zurich; 4th APA conference, Shanghai; North East Universities Development Consortium Conference (Cornell); International Atlantic Economic Conference (New York); 14th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (New Delhi).

2017: Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New York; International Economic Association Meeting, Mexico City; Southern Economic Association Conference, Tampa, Florida.

2016: 5th IHEPA Conference, Kolkata (India); Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, Washington D.C.; University of Connecticut; 39th Annual RSA Scientific Meeting, New Orleans; UNU-WIDER Conference on Human Capital and Development, Helsinki; 42nd KBS Meeting, Stockholm; Society of Labor Economics (SOLE), Seattle; PAA, Washington D.C; University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

2015: Missouri Valley Economic Association (MVEA), Kansas City; Nalanda University; Population Association of America-Poster, San Diego; International Association of Applied Econometrics, Thessaloniki, Greece.

2014: Winter School, Delhi School of Economics; 16th IZA/CEPR European Summer Symposium in Labour Economics (ESSLE), Buch/Ammersee, Germany; Cege, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany; 9th IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment & Development, Lima; International Conference on "Poverty, Equity, and Growth in Developing and Transition Countries, Göttingen; Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), UC-Berkeley.

2013: Annual Conference on Economic Growth & Development (ACEGD), New Delhi; International Health Economics Association (iHEA), Sydney; Poster-Population Association of America (PAA), New Orleans; Poster-Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH), Washington D.C; Sam Houston State University.

2012: Indian Health Economics and Policy Association (IHEPA), Bangalore; University of Washington (PHEoNM Seminar), Seattle; Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore; American Society of Health Economists Conference (Poster, Discussant, Chair), Minneapolis; Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany; Asian Development Bank, Manila.

2011: Global Health Conference, Montreal (Poster); Bihar Growth Week, Patna, India; IGC Growth Week, London School of Economics (LSE); Tufts University.

2010: University of Washington, Seattle; Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany.

2009: Harvard Center of Population and Development Studies; North Eastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Boston; North American Summer Econometric Society Meeting, Boston; Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, Cleveland; Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, Mexico; University of Essex, Colchester, UK; 8th Annual Missouri Economics Conference, Columbia, MO; XIIIth Texas Econometrics Camp, Kerrville, TX.

Grant Support

Improving Maternal Nutrition and Strengthening Early Childhood Development in Ghana (Role: PI)

The Ford program in Human Development & Solidarity: \$30,000

Training Teachers in Curiosity-Based Science Pedagogy in India (Role: Co-PI)

JPAL: \$74,263; *Kellogg Institute*: \$16,000; *BIG Lab*: \$10,000

Innovative Solutions to Interlinked Water Insecurity, Poverty, and Poor Health in Africa's Urban Slums (Role: Co-PI)

Notre Dame Poverty Initiative: \$500,000

Comparison of Venous and Capillary Blood Samples in Diagnosing Anemia in India (Role: PI)

Kellogg Institute for International Studies: \$12,140

Effects of Nutritional Intervention on Anemia and Cognitive Development among pre-school Children: Field Experiments in India (Role: PI)

Notre Dame Building Inclusive Growth (BIG) Lab, \$40,000

Kellogg Institute for International Studies: \$20,000

Grant Submitted

Building Teacher Capacity or Outsourcing Pedagogy? Experimental Evidence from Science Education Reform (Role: Co-PI)

JPAL: \$75,000; *Khalifa Foundation*: \$50,000

Longitudinal Maternal-Child Cohort to Examine Antenatal Khat Use and Health Outcomes in Eastern Ethiopia (Role: Co-PI)

Notre Dame Research: \$91,540

Fortifying Future Success: Effects of Nutritional Intervention on Health and Cognitive Development in Preschool Children in India (Role: PI)

Notre Dame Research: \$90,906

Nutrition, Alcohol Use, and Health Beliefs in TB Adherence: Household and Youth Outcomes in Tribal Odisha (Role: Co-PI)

Notre Dame/Durham Seed Fund: \$29,000

Honors and Awards

Total research funding (\$590,000)

2026: Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies Research Grant (\$2,600)

2025: Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies Research Grant (\$3,000)

2024: Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies Research Grant (\$3,000)

2023: Kellogg Institute Grants (\$4,990); *Project*: Association between COVID-19 Pandemic and neonatal outcomes: a nationwide cross-sectional study in India (Published in *Nature- Communications Medicine*)

2023: Eck Institute for Global Health Travel Grant (\$5,000)
 2023: Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies Research Grant (\$3,000)
 2022: University Research Excellence Award (\$5,000, Medal)
 2021: Individual Scholarship Program, ORSP, Sam Houston State U. (\$4,500)
 2020: Individual Scholarship Program, ORSP, Sam Houston State U. (\$4,000)
 2018: COBA Summer Research Grant, Sam Houston State U. (\$8,000)
 2017: EURECA-FAST grant, Sam Houston State U. (\$4,000)
 2016: COBA Summer Research Grant, Sam Houston State U. (\$4000); Faculty Research Grant, Sam Houston State U. (\$5000)
 2015: Fiat Panis Grant (Germany)
 2014: COBA Summer Research Grant, Sam Houston State U. (\$3000)
 2014: Faculty Research Grant, Sam Houston State U. (\$5000)
 2014: EURECA-FAST Grant, Sam Houston State U. (\$4000)
 2013: Dept of Global Health Travel Grant, University of Washington
 2011: Dept of Global Health Travel Grant, University of Washington
 2011: International Growth Centre-Bihar (PI, £10,000)
 2010: Harvard Population Center Seed Grant, (PI, \$10,000)
 2009-13: AusAID Grant for Microfinance Evaluation, (CO-PI, \$500,000)
 2009: Rand Summer Institute, Santa Monica, CA
 2009: Primeaux Scholarship, University of Houston, (\$1100)
 2009: BREAD/CEPR/University of Verona Summer School in Development
 2007-08: Henry Graham Grant, University of Houston, (\$6000)
 2008: Jhamandas Watulmull Fund Scholarship, University of Houston, (\$1000)
 2006: J-PAL Summer Course, Chennai, India
 2004-06: Cullen Supplemental Fellowship, University of Houston
 2004-09: Graduate Assistant Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston

Services

University of Notre Dame

Search Committee, JTS Senior Faculty Recruitment (2025)
 University Committee on Research and Sponsored Program Research, 2023-
 Kellogg's Graduate Student Awards & Grants Committee (2025-2027)
 Director, Master of Global Affairs in Sustainable Development, 2024-
 Director of Doctoral Studies, PhD in Sustainable Development, 2025-
 Faculty Recruiting Committee, Keough School of Global Affairs (2023, 2024,
 2025).
 Faculty Committee: Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies
 Executive committee, Building Inclusive Growth (BIG) Lab
 Organizer, Development Economics Brown Bag Series
 Ph.D. in Sustainable Development Planning Committee
 Predoc hiring committee (BIG Lab, ND Population Analytics)
 Reader and Advisor, MGA Master's Thesis
 MGA and PhD Admission Committee, Keough School of Global Affairs, (2023,
 2024, 2025)
 Selection Committee, Keough School Launch Award
 Advisor, Undergraduate Honors Thesis
 Speaker, India Country Briefing, Institute for Social Concerns

Sam Houston State University

College of Business Dean Search Committee

Faculty Recruiting Chair (2018, 2022), Recruiting Committee (2020)
 Faculty Research Council (2019-2022)
 EURECA Advisory Council (2019-2022)
 University Committee on Distinguished Lecturer Series (2018-2021)
 SHSU Faculty Senate (2016-2019)
 EURECA Advisory Council Member (2016-2018)
 Member (2015-2018): Newton Gresham Library Committee (SHSU)
 University Committee on Excellence in Scholarly and Creative Accomplishments (2014-2016)
 University Committee on Distinguished Lecturer Series (2014-2017)
 Faculty Committee for Emeritus Evaluation (2014-2017)
 Economics Seminar Organizer

University of Washington, Seattle

Recruiting Committee
 MPH Admission Committee

PhD Thesis Committee

Chon Kit Ao (2016), Mykhailo Sitiuk (2013), Abhilasha Singh (2014)
 Iryna Hayduk (2014); Ashmita Gupta (2015)

Consulting

Steering Group Member, ICAP, Washington, D.C.	2014-Present
Research Affiliate, Courant Research Centre, "Poverty, Equity, and Growth in Developing Countries", Georg-August-Universitat Goettingen, Germany	2012-current
Research Affiliate, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology (CSDE), University of Washington, Seattle	2012-2013,
Faculty Affiliate, Program on Health Economics and Outcomes Methodology (PHEoNM), University of Washington, Seattle	
Consultant, Albanian Development Fund, Tirana, Albania	2011-14
Consultant, IED, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila	2009-2010
Research Associate, NCAER, Delhi	2002-2004

Professional Memberships

American Economic Association
 Southern Economic Association
 Population Association of America

Referee Service

Drug and Alcohol Review, Review of Economics and Statistics, Labor Economics, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Development Economics, World Development, World Bank Economic Review, Health Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Review of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Economics & Human Biology, Social Science & Medicine, Journal of South Asian Development, Asian Population Studies, International Review of Applied Economics, Journal of Public Health, BMC Geriatrics, BMC Public Health, International Journal of Quality in Health Care, BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth, Human Relations, PLOS ONE, Oxford Development Studies, Public Health Nutrition