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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D., Economics, 1999

M.A., Economics, 1996

Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, India

M.A., Economics, 1994

Presidency College, University of Calcutta, India

B.Sc.(Honors), Economics, 1992

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Oregon: *Professor of Economics* (2013–) and *Associate Head* (2016–).

University of Oregon: *Associate Professor of Economics*, 2006–2013.

University of Oregon: *Director of Graduate Studies*, 2009–2013.

University of Oregon: *Director of Masters Studies*, 2004 – 2009.

University of Oregon: *Assistant Professor of Economics*, 1999 – 2006.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Editor, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, since Fall 2009.

Editorial Board, *Cambridge Elements: Economics of Emerging Markets*, since Fall 2018.

Editorial Board, *Arthaniti: Journal of Economic Theory & Practice*, since Fall 2015.

Associate Editor, *South Asian Journal of Macroeconomics & Public Finance*, 2012-16.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Macroeconomics*, Fall 2007–2015.

Visiting Faculty, The University of New South Wales, Fall 2014, Spring 2008.

Visiting Faculty, Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, Spring 2008.

Consultant, The International Monetary Fund, Dec. 2005, 2006.

Resident Scholar, The International Monetary Fund, IMF Institute, 2003 – 04.

Consultant, The World Bank, World Development Report Team, Summer 1999.

Teaching Assistant/Consultant, UCLA, 1995 – 99.

RESEARCH
INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Economic Growth and Development, Inequality, Culture, Endogenous Preference, Demography, Health Human Capital, Public Capital, Financial Development.

PUBLICATIONS

“Death and Capital,” with Mausumi Das, 2019, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, forthcoming.

“Financial Deepening”, 2018, *Arthaniti: Journal of Economic Theory & Practice*, forthcoming.

“Aspirations, Health and the Cost of Inequality”, with Jeff Allen, 2018, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, 86, 144-164.

“Contraception and the Demographic Transition”, with Joydeep Bhattacharya, 2017, *Economic Journal*, 127 (60), 2263-2301.

“The Culture of Entrepreneurship”, with Jon Thompson and Etienne Yehoue, 2016, *Journal of Economic Theory*, 163, 288-317.

“Health Cycles and Health Transitions”, with Chris Papageorgiou and Fidel Pérez-Sebastián, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, 20(1): 189-213, 2016.

“Culture in Development”, with Jon Thompson and Etienne Yehoue, *World Bank Economic Review*, 29: S238-S246, 2015.

“Mortality versus Morbidity in the Demographic Transition”, with Anna-Maria Aksan, *European Economic Review*, 70: 470-492, 2014.

“Childhood Disease and the Precautionary Demand for Children”, with Anna-Maria Aksan, *Journal of Population Economics*, 26: 855-885, 2013.

“Fertility Choice under Child Mortality and Social Norms”, with Joydeep Bhattacharya, *Economics Letters*, 115(3): 338-341, 2012.

“The Quality of Public Investment”, with Era Dabla-Norris, *The B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics – Contributions*, 11(1), article 27, 2011.

“Diseases, Infection Dynamics and Development”, with Chris Papageorgiou and Fidel Pérez-Sebastián, *Journal of Monetary Economics*, 57(7): 859-872, 2010.

“The Development and Structure of Financial Systems”, with Tridip Ray, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, 31(9): 2920-2956, 2007.

“Costly Intermediation and the Poverty of Nations”, with Amartya Lahiri, *International Economic Review*, 48(1): 155-183, 2007.

“Rent Seeking”, with Era Dabla-Norris, *IMF Staff Papers*, 3(1): 1-22, 2006.

“Mortality, Human Capital and Persistent Inequality”, with Mausumi Das, *Journal of Economic Growth*, 10(2): 159-192, 2006.

“Bank-based and Market-based Financial Systems: A Growth-theoretic Analysis”, with Tridip Ray, *Journal of Monetary Economics*, 53(2): 329-350, 2006.

“What do Information Frictions do?”, with Joydeep Bhattacharya, *Economic Theory*, 26(2): 651-675, 2005.

“Mortality, Fertility and Child Labor”, with Mausumi Das, *Economics Letters*, 86(2): 273-278, 2005.

“Endogenous Lifetime and Economic Growth”, *Journal of Economic Theory*, 116(1): 119-137, 2004.

“Agency Costs in Dynamic Economic Models”, with Costas Azariadis, *Economic Journal*, 109(455): 222-241, 1999.

“Asset Price Volatility in a Non-convex General Equilibrium Model”, with Costas Azariadis, *Economic Theory*, 12(3): 649-665, 1998.

WORKING PAPERS “Death and Capital: Investment with and without Annuities,” with Mausumi Das, 2019. Part of this work is subsumed under the 2019 *Macroeconomic Dynamics* paper above.

“Pro-capitalist Culture and Long-Term Development,” with Jeff Allen 2019.

“Persistent Inequality under Endogenous Aspirations”, with Jeff Allen, 2019.

“Growth in a Graying Economy”, with Andrea Giusto and Jayanta Sarkar, 2019.

“Age-Specific Effects of Mortality Shocks and Economic Development”, with Fidel Pérez-Sebastián, 2018.

ONGOING WORK “Altruism, Annuities and Asset Choice”, with Mausumi Das.

“Child Mortality, Contraception and Fertility Choice”, with Joydeep Bhattacharya, Min Kim and Yana Rodgers.

“Choosing to be Aspirational”.

NON-REFEREED POLICY WRITING “Prosperity of Nations: Does culture matter for entrepreneurship?”, Let’s Talk Development <http://blogs.worldbank.org/developmenttalk/prosperity-nations-does-culture-matter->

entrepreneurship (based on joint work), June 2, 2015.

ACADEMIC
HONORS

Reinhold Fellowship, College of Arts and Science, University of Oregon, Summer 2006.

William J. Walsh Fellowship, University of Oregon, 2002.

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Economics, UCLA, 1996.

Hiralal Bhargava Gold Medal, Delhi University, 1994.

Merit Scholarship, Delhi School of Economics, India. 1992-94.

Outstanding Referee Award for 2008, *Journal of Economic Dynamics & Control*.

CONFERENCE &
INVITED
PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, Seattle, 2019

14th Annual Conference on Economic Growth & Development, ISI – New Delhi, 2018
SEA Meetings, Washington D.C., 2018

Workshop in Economics Research (WiER), IIM – Bangalore, 2017 (invited plenary)

13th Annual Conference on Economic Growth & Development, ISI – New Delhi, 2017

Health and Development, Academia Sinica, Taipei, June 2017 (invited plenary)

12th Annual Conference on Economic Growth & Development, ISI – New Delhi, 2016
SEA Meetings, Washington D.C., 2016

XXVth Annual Conference, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 2015

11th Annual Conference on Economic Growth & Development, ISI – New Delhi, 2015
SEA Meetings, Atlanta, 2015

Public Economic Theory Conference, Seattle, 2014

Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics, Washington DC, 2014

Third Northwest Development Conference, PSU, 2014

9th Annual Conference on Economic Growth & Development, ISI – New Delhi, 2013

Asian Meetings of the Econometric Society, DSE, New Delhi, 2012

8th Annual Conference on Economic Growth & Development, ISI – New Delhi, 2012
SEA Meetings, New Orleans, 2012

First Northwest Development Conference, UO, 2012

7th Annual Conference on Economic Growth & Development, ISI – New Delhi, 2011

Advances in Economic Growth, 2011, St. Andrews

6th Annual Conference on Economic Growth & Development, ISI – New Delhi, 2010

XXth Annual General Conference on Contemporary Issues in Development Economics,
Jadavpur – Calcutta, 2010

SEA Meetings, Atlanta, 2010

Midwest Macro Meetings, MSU, 2010

PacDev Conference, USC, 2010

Workshop on Health and Macroeconomics, Madrid, 2009

LAEF Conference on Health and the Macroeconomy, UCSB, 2009

DEGIT Conference, UCLA, 2009

SEA Meetings, Washington DC, 2008

Public Economic Theory Conference, Vanderbilt, 2007
Canadian Macro Study Group, Simon Fraser, 2005
Stanford Conference on Health, Demographics and Economic Development, 2005
SITE Development Economics Conference, Stanford, 2004
75 Years of Development Economics, Cornell, 2004
Midwest Macro Meetings, Iowa State, 2004
North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, Brown, 2004
NASM Econometric Society, Northwestern, 2003
Midwest Macro Meetings, Vanderbilt, 2002
AEA Meetings (New Orleans), 2001
NASM Econometric Society, Maryland (College Park), 2001
Society for Economic Dynamics Annual Meetings, Stockholm, 2001
Midwest Macro Meetings, Atlanta Fed, 2001
CEA Meetings, UBC, 2000.

Invited Seminars

Dalhousie University, 2019, Université Catholique de Louvain, 2016; Université Paris Dauphine, 2016; University of Exeter, 2016; Australian National University, 2014; University of Melbourne, 2014; Monash University, 2014; University of Sydney, 2014; University of New South Wales, 2014; Queensland University of Technology, 2014; University of Queensland, 2014; Portland State University, 2014; National University of Singapore, 2013; Drexel University, 2011; University of California – Riverside, 2010; Indian Statistical Institute (New Delhi), 2008; University of New South Wales (Sydney), 2008; University of Melbourne, 2008; University of California – Irvine, 2007; University of Washington – Seattle, 2007; Syracuse University, 2006; University of Kentucky, 2006; University of Southern California, 2005; ITAM (Mexico City), 2004; University of Victoria, 2004; International Monetary Fund, 2004; University of West Virginia, 2004; Federal Reserve Bank – St. Louis, 2004; Federal Reserve Bank – New York, 2004; Oregon State University, 2002; Iowa State University, 2002; University of Washington-Seattle, 2001; University of California – Riverside, 1999; University of Virginia, 1999; University of California – Santa Barbara, 1999; University of Oregon, 1999; Purdue University, 1999.