

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Assistant Professor of Economics, Global Policy and Strategy, University of California – San Diego	2017-
Non-Resident Fellow, Center for Global Development, Washington DC	2017-
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA)	2018-
Steering Committee, South Asia Institute, UCSD	2018-
Advisory Board, Delhi Commission on Higher Education	2019-21
Post-doctoral Fellow, Center for Global Development, Washington DC	2016-17
Consultant, Poverty and Inequality Unit – World Bank, Washington DC	2009-10

**EDUCATION**

PhD in Economics, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor	2016
MSc in Economics for Development, University of Oxford	2009
BA (Hon.) in Economics, St. Stephen's College, Delhi University	2008

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

“Job Loss, Credit and Crime in Colombia” (with Carlos Medina, Anant Nyshadham, Christian Posso and Jorge Tamayo) *American Economic Review: Insights* vol 3(1), p 97-114, March 2021

“Unintended Effects of Public Colleges: Evidence from Primary and Secondary Education Markets in India” (with Maulik Jagnani) *Journal of Development Economics*, vol 146 (2020)

“Resource Accumulation, Conflict, and the Development of Africa” (with Achyuta Adhvaryu, James Fenske and Anant Nyshadham) *Journal of Development Economics*, vol 149, March 2021, 102598

Other Media: [VoxDev](#)

"The Globalization of Postsecondary Education: The Role of International Students in the US Higher Education System" (with John Bound, Breno Braga and Sarah Turner) *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, vol 35(1), Winter 2021

“A Passage to America: International Students in US Universities” (with John Bound, Breno Braga, Sarah Turner) *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, vol 12(1), February 2020

“Does Affirmative Action Incentivize Schooling? Evidence from India” (2020) *Review of Economics and Statistics*, vol 102(2), p 219-233. Other Media: “Quotas and schooling decisions” (Ideas for India)

“Guns and Butter? Fighting Violence with the Promise of Development” (with Laura Zimmermann) – (*Journal of Development Economics* – vol 124, January 2017, Pages 120-141)

Other Media: “Maoist Violence & Employment” (Ideas for India), “Development for Peace” ([Sustainable Security](#))

"Reservoir of Foreign Talent" (with John Bound & Nicolas Morales) *Science* vol. 356, Issue 6339, pp. 697, 2017

“Recruitment of Foreigners in the Market for Computer Scientists in the US” (with John Bound, Breno Braga and Joseph Golden) - (*Journal of Labor Economics* – July 2015, vol 33)

Other Media: [Inside Higher Ed](#), [Market Watch](#), [CGD Blog](#), [CGD Podcast](#), (Mentions: [538.com](#), [Bloomberg](#))

## WORKING PAPERS

“Large-scale Education Reform in General Equilibrium: Regression Discontinuity Evidence from India”

Winner of *Michael Moore Prize for Best Paper in Applied Microeconomics*, University of Michigan

Revision resubmitted to the *Journal of Political Economy*

Other Media: “What are Schools Worth? That Depends on the General Equilibrium Effects” (World Bank)

“The IT Sector Boom and Other Unintended Consequences of Chasing the American Dream” (with Nicolas Morales) supported by the *NBER Fellowship on High Skill Immigration - the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation*

Other Media: “How the American dream led to India’s IT boom” (Ideas for India), [Quartz](#)

“Formal Employment and Organized Crime: Regression Discontinuity Evidence from Colombia” (with Carlos Medina, Anant Nyshadham and Jorge Tamayo)

“The Productivity Consequences of Pollution-Induced Migration in China” (with Wenquan Liang, A. Mushfiq Mobarak and Ran Song)

"Abundance from Abroad: Migrant Income and Long-Run Economic Development" (with Caroline Theoharides and Dean Yang)

"Spatial Mobility, Economic Opportunity, and Crime" (with Carlos Medina, Anant Nyshadham, Daniel Ramos, Jorge Tamayo and Audrey Tiew)

“The Road Oft Taken: Highways to Spatial Development”

Other Media: “Transit Networks and Regional Development in India” (Ideas for India ; LSE blog)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Understanding the Economic Impact of the H-1B Program on the US” (John Bound, Nicolas Morales)

(chapter in “*High-Skilled Migration to the United States and Its Economic Consequences*”(2018))

TV and Radio Interviews: [Bloomberg \(TV\)](#), [CNBC \(TV\)](#), [AirTalk \(Radio: NPR affiliate\)](#)

US News: [Wall Street Journal](#), [NBER Digest](#), [HKS \(Shorenstein\)](#), [Atlantic](#), [Quartz](#), [BuzzFeed](#), [Morning Star](#), [CIO Dive](#), [Silicon Beat](#), [Market Watch](#), [Michigan News](#), [NextGov](#), [Vice](#), [American Bazaar](#), (*Mentions*: [Wiki \(H-1B\)](#) )

India News: [Scroll](#), [NewsIndia](#), [Live Mint](#), [The Economic Times](#), [The Times of India](#), [The Hindustan Times](#), [The Hindu](#), [Outlook India](#), [The New Indian Express](#), [Business Standard](#), [NDTV](#), [Financial Express](#), [Deccan Herald](#), [DNA](#), [Telegu 360](#), [Post](#), [India Today](#)

“Public Universities: The Supply Side of Building a Skilled Workforce” (with John Bound, Breno Braga and Sarah Turner). RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences. June 2019

“Fighting Maoist Violence with Promises: Evidence from India’s Employment Guarantee Scheme”(with Laura Zimmermann) (*Economics of Peace and Security Journal* – 2014, vol 9(1))

"High-Skill Immigration, Innovation, and Creative Destruction" (with Munseob Lee) chapter in forthcoming book *The Role of Immigrants and Foreign Students in Science, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship*, (Ina Ganguli, Shulamit Kahn, Megan MacGarvie)

"Understanding the Economic Impact of the H-1B Program on the US" (with John Bound & Nicolas Morales) - ungated version (chapter in *High-Skilled Migration to the United States and Its Economic Consequences* eds. Gordon Hanson, William Kerr and Sarah Turner)

“Better Migrant Rights Helps Native Workers” (2020), *Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs*

“Finishing Degrees and Finding Jobs: U.S. Higher Education and the Flow of Foreign IT Workers” (with John Bound, Murat Demirci and Sarah Turner) Chapter in NBER’s *Innovation, Policy and the Economy* (2014)

“Fewer Jobs or Smaller Paychecks? Aggregate Crisis Impacts in Selected Middle Income Countries” (with David Newhouse and Pierella Paci) IZA Paper Series version (2011); chapter in *Working Through the Crisis: Jobs and Policies in Developing Countries* (2013)

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

NBER Fellowship for Economics of High-Skill Immigration, Alfred P Sloan Foundation	2015-16
Rackham Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan	2015-16
Michael Moore Dissertation Prize for Best Paper in Applied Microeconomics, Michigan	2015
MITRE Research Fellowship Award, University of Michigan	2012-14
The James A Miller Scholarship, University of Michigan	2010-15
Nominated for Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of Michigan	2012, 2013
Distinction in Microeconomics, and Development Economics, University of Michigan	2011, 2012
The George Webb Medley Prize for Best Overall Performance, Oxford University	2009
The Felix Scholarship for study at Oxford University	2008-09

Other Media: (full list of [media coverage found here](#))

### a. On Development Economics:

- i. "[Transit Networks and Regional Development in India](#)" - (Ideas for India 2015)
- ii. "[Quotas and Schooling Decisions](#)" - (Ideas for India 2014)
- iii. "[Maoist Violence and MNREGA](#)" - (Ideas for India 2015)
- iv. "[What are Schools Worth? That Depends on the General Equilibrium Effects](#)" - (World Bank Blog)
- v. "[Development For Peace: The Decline Of Naxalite Violence In India](#)" - (Sustainable Security - Oxford Research Group)
- vi. "[The Development of Modern Africa: Conflict, Resources and Institutions](#)" - (Vox Dev 2018)
- vii. "[Does affirmative action incentivise schooling?](#)" - (Vox Dev 2019)
- viii. "[The Electoral Consequences of India's Demonetization](#)" - (Ideas for India 2020)

### b. On International Students at US Universities:

Blogs (Center for Global Development): "[How the US Immigration Ban Hurts Students, Universities, and the US Economy](#)"

"[How Liberalizing Trade with China Led to a Boom in International Students in the US](#)"

Podcasts (with Michael Clemens) "[The Evidence on Immigrants](#)"

Op-Eds: "[Fewer international students could become a problem for US universities](#)" The Hill, July 2018.

### c. On the H-1B Program and High-Skill Worker Migration:

i. Blogs: "[How the American dream led to India’s IT boom](#)" (Ideas for India 2017)

ii. TV and Radio Interviews: [Bloomberg \(TV\)](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [CNBC \(TV\)](#), [Fox5 San Diego \(TV\)](#), [AirTalk \(Radio: NPR affiliate\)](#), [Fox5 San Diego \(2\)](#)

iii. Op-Eds: "[Can the Indian IT sector overcome the H-1B hurdles?](#)" India Global Business, October 2017.

"[Hiring highly educated immigrants leads to more innovation and better products](#)" The Conversation, September 2018.

**Referee services:** *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Econometrica*, *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *AEJ: Applied Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *AEJ: Economic Policy*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *World Development*, *Sage Open (Article Editor)*.