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Employment

Full-time Lecturer, Teachers College, Fall 2021- Present

Education

The Graduate Center, City University of New York

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Economics, 2021

Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in Economics, 2017

Rutgers University

MA. in Economics, 2015

Research

Working Papers

“Educational Investments of Low-Income Households: The Role of Parental Occupational Identity and Substitutability”

“The Implication of Dissonance Beliefs in Educational Investments” with Rajiv Sethi

“Asymmetric Dominance Eliminates Hyperbolic Discounting in Intertemporal Choice” with Barry Sopher

Works in Progress

“Time Gains, Empowerment and Mental Health – A Case Study of a Water Program in India” with Sujatha Srinivasan (Implemented the Pilot Study)

Fellowships, Grants & Awards

Zankel Fellowship, 2024 (Awarded to a graduate student to work on my approved project "Supporting the Academic Needs of ELL Children through the 'What I Need' Program" at a NYC public school PS 75)

EPSA Department Funding, 2023

Doctoral Student Research Grant, 2017

Provost's Dissertation Summer Research Award, 2017

Provost's Dissertation Summer Research Award, 2015

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2012- 2014

Presentations, Conferences & Discussions (* = Scheduled)

2025- ASSA 2025*

2024 - ASSA 2024

2023 - Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Global Research Networking Event, AIEFS Biennial Conference IIT Chennai, Centre for Development Economics Seminar -Delhi School of Economics, Women's Applied Micro Seminar, Columbia University

2022 - Economics of Education Seminar

2020 & 2021- The Graduate Center Seminars, Dissertation Seminars

Discussions

2025 - "Comparing Digital Entrepreneurship in China and the US: Baidu vs. Amazon, Alibaba vs. Amazon, and Tencent vs. Facebook" by Keun Lee*

2023 - "Double-Booked: Effects of Overlap between School and Farming Calendars on Education and Child Labor" by James Allen IV

Teaching

Teachers College, Columbia University

Fall 2021- Current: Data Analysis for Policy & Decision Making II (MA)

Fall 2021 – Current: Quantitative Methods for Evaluating Education Policies & Programs (MA & Ph.D.)

Summer 2023: Behavioral Economics with Applications to Education (MA)

Spring 2022 and Spring 2024: Advanced Microeconomics with Applications to Education (MA & Ph.D.)

Baruch College, City University of New York

Fall 2015 - Spring 2021: Microeconomics Honors
Statistical Analysis for Economics and Finance
Intermediate Microeconomics
Firms in the Global Economy (MBA Program)

Hunter College, City University of New York

Fall 2014 & Spring 2017: Economic Development

Other Affiliations

Research Affiliate, Centre for Development Economics and Sustainability, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

Executive Board Member, Association of Indian Economics and Financial Studies

Internal Service

Unified Masters Planning Committee, Teachers College, Columbia University, 2022.

Faculty Judge for Dean's Research Grant, 2022

Academic Supervision

I am currently the advisor for twenty-four master's students in the Economics of Education program at Teachers College, Columbia University. I have also advised master's students at Columbia University

Refereeing

Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Journal of Quantitative Economics, Nature

Other Research Experience and Projects

2024: "Supporting the Academic Needs of ELL Children through the 'What I Need' Program" – A work study project at NYC public school, PS 75.

2010 - 2011: Research Assistant to Professor Manoranjan Dutta, Rutgers University on his book "United States of Europe"

Research Assistant to Professor Ira Gang, Rutgers University in organizing and analyzing SOEP Data sets