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Research Interests

International Trade, Agricultural Economics, Spatial Economics, Development Economics

Education

Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN
PhD in Economics 2022–Present
Expected May 2027 | Advisor: Dr. Mostafa Beshkar

Presidency University, Kolkata, India
MS in Applied Economics 2018–2020
Project: What Happened After LAF? Monetary policy transmission after liberalization using VAR models.

Calcutta University, Kolkata, India
BS in Economics 2015–2018

Research

Working Paper

Barriers Within Borders: Port Access, Subsidy Asymmetry, and Fertilizer Nutrient Imbalance in India
Documents how geographic isolation from import ports distorts fertilizer nutrient composition across Indian districts under asymmetric subsidy regimes.

Work in Progress

Agricultural Shocks, Farm Exit, and Farmer Suicides in India

Conferences

AAEA Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO Summer 2026
Barriers Within Borders (Lightning Session)

3rd International Symposium on Work in Agriculture (ISWA), Bern, Switzerland Summer 2026

Research Experience

IFPRI South Asia Regional Office, India
Consultant May–Aug 2026
Conducting research on rural roads, border proximity, and urea leakage in India.

Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN
Research Assistant to Prof. Mostafa Beshkar Jun–Aug 2024

Kutumb Aspiration, India
Research Intern Jun–Sep 2021
Conducted research on socio-economic development, focusing on caste-based discrimination in India. Designed and implemented surveys to support analytical models.

Teaching Experience

Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN

Instructor

- ECON-B 252, Macroeconomics — Summer 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025
- ECON 331, International Trade — Fall 2025

Teaching Assistant

- ECON-B 251, Principles of Microeconomics — Fall 2022, Spring 2023
- ECON-C 104, Gender and Economics — Spring 2024
- ECON-B 252, Principles of Macroeconomics — Spring 2025

Other Experience

KarvyNext Pvt. Ltd., India
Assistant Regional Planner — Aug 2020–Mar 2021
Analyzed supply-chain data and developed performance metrics to improve operational efficiency; created reporting tools that increased agent performance by 10%.

Revidly, Remote
Data Analytics Intern — Apr–Jun 2020
Implemented machine-learning algorithms on large-scale datasets and developed a Python-based chatbot with a Tkinter GUI to enhance user engagement.

Fellowships and Awards

Frank T. Bachmura Award, Indiana University	2025; 2026
Susan C. Thrasher Fellowship, Indiana University	2025
Duesterberg Travel Award, Indiana University	2025
Susan C. Thrasher Fellowship, Indiana University	2026
Tobias Center Research Fund Grant, Indiana University	2026

Technical Skills

Programming: Stata (Advanced), Python (Intermediate), R (Basic), MATLAB (Basic), LaTeX (Advanced)

GIS & Spatial: ArcGIS, QGIS, spatial data analysis

Methods: Structural trade modeling, panel data econometrics, difference-in-differences

Languages

Bengali (Native), English (Fluent), Hindi, Spanish

References

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