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Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Houston	(expected) May 2009	Cum. GPA: 3.86/4.00
M.A., Economics, University of Houston	May 2006	
M.A., Economics, Delhi School of Economics	July 2002	
B.A. (Honors), Economics, University of Delhi	July 2000	

Research Fields

Applied Macroeconomics, Development Economics

Dissertation “Social Structure and Informal Sector Firms: Evidence from India”

Research Experience

Research Assistant (Summer 2007), Department of Economics, University of Houston for Dr. Chinhui Juhn and Dr. Aimee Chin

- Worked on NBER grant funded paper titled “Does Reducing College Costs Improve Educational Outcomes for Undocumented Immigrants?”

Research Assistant (Summer 2006), University of Texas Medical Branch for Dr. Joanna Campbell,

- Performed extensive data work on RAND files of “Health and Retirement Study” (HRS).

Research Assistant (May 2002 –June 2004) for RIS (Research and Information Systems), India, a Govt. of India supported research institution working for Trade policy and issues,

- Prepared policy reports and worked on large trade datasets for providing regular export forecasts to the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Fellow, Department of Economics: Sole course teaching responsibility

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| • Principles of Macroeconomics | Spring, Summer and Fall 2007 |
| • Principles of Microeconomics | Summer 2008 |

Teaching Assistant

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| • Teaching Assistant for Intermediate Economics | Spring 2008, Fall2005 |
| • Teaching Assistant for Graduate Microeconomics-II | Spring 2006 |

Research in Progress

- “Financial Dependence and Growth of the Manufacturing firms: Evidence from the Indian States”
- “Small Businesses and Ethnic Fractionalization in US states: An Exploration”, Joint with Sreenath Majumder, University of Houston.

Awards, Fellowships and Grants

J. Watumull Scholarship	2008-2009
Graduate Tuition Fellowship	2004- Present
Cullen Memorial Graduate Fellowship	2004-2006

Conference Presentations and Participations

- Presented in Eighth Annual Missouri Economics Conference, University of Missouri-Columbia, March 2008.
- Presented in Annual Texas Econometrics Camp XIII, Kerrville, TX, February 2008.
- Presented in Graduate Research Workshop, Department of Economics, University of Houston, spring 2008, Fall 2007, Fall 2006.
- Participated in Texas Econometrics Camp XII, League City, TX, February 2007.
- Participated in International Financial Integration and Risk Sharing Conference, Federal Reserve Bank, Houston, 2004.

Personal Information

Citizenship: India
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References

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