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EDUCATION

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Ph.D. in Economics, 2022–2027 (expected)

Dissertation: “Essays on Health Economics”

Committee: Professor Lauren Hoehn-Velasco (Chair), Professor James Marton, Professor Elaine Liu,
Professor Laura Argys

University of Bonn, Germany

M.Sc. in Economics, 2019–2022

Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

M.A. in Economics, 2016–2018

Jadavpur University, India

B.Sc. in Economics (Honors), 2013–2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Economics, Labor Economics, Experimental Economics

WORKING PAPERS

1. **“The Long-term Impact of In-Utero Restrictions to Abortion Access on Adult Labor Market Outcomes”**
Job Market Paper
2. **“Professional Recommendations and Provider Behavior”**
with Lauren Hoehn-Velasco and Nancy A. Niemczyk
3. **“The Long-term Impact of In-Utero Alcohol Taxes on Adult Prenatal Drinking”**
with Godwin Aipoh
4. **“On the Rocks: Alcohol Access Shocks and Maternal and Child Health”**
Status: Working Paper
5. **“Neonatal Mortality Risk in Planned Home Birth, 2015–2024”**
with Lauren Hoehn-Velasco and Diana R. Jolles
Status: Under Review
6. **“Neonatal Mortality Risk in Freestanding Birth Centers, 2015–2024”**
with Lauren Hoehn-Velasco and Diana R. Jolles
Status: Under Review

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Heat Waves, Fertility, and Labor Market Outcomes in the U.S.”
- “Does Time Bridge Gaps? Long-Term Dynamics of the Child Penalty in Women’s Earnings”
- “State-Paid Leave and Healthcare Utilization for Infants ” with Godwin Aipoh
- “Advertising and Consumer Behavior in Post Dobbs era” with Sukriti Beniwal and Nikita Dhingra

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Graduate Research Assistant**, Department of Economics, GSU, 2022–present
- **Research Assistant**, IZA - Institute of Labor Economics, Germany, 2020-2022
Gender, Growth and Labor Markets in Low Income Countries Program

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor

- ECON 2106: Principles of Microeconomics, Spring 2025, Fall 2025

Teaching Assistant

- ECON 8030 Mathematical Methods for Economists (*PhD*), Prof. Vjollca Sadiraj, Fall 2023, 2024, 2025
- ECON 4230 Experimental Economics, Spring 2025, 2026
- ECON 3910 Microeconomics, 2024, 2025

Teaching Certification

- GSU Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Online Education (CETLOE), Spring 2024

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2022-Present: GSU

- American Institute of Research (fully funded 1 week in person training at Chicago)
- Professional Development Fund Award, AYS Career Services
- E.D. (Jack) Dunn Fellowship and Research Fund (×2)
- Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Chair Funding (×2)
- W.J. Usery Chair of the American Workplace Funding
- Andrew Young Fellowship (3 years)

2019-2022: University of Bonn

- STIBET – I Fellowship

2016–2018: Jawaharlal Nehru University

- Indira Gandhi Fellowship

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026

Population Association of America Annual Meeting at St. Louis • Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting • ASHEcon Annual Conference • American Institute of Research at Chicago

2025

Southern Economic Association • APPAM Fall Research Conference • ASHEcon Annual Meeting

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Health Economists • Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management • Population Association of America • Southern Economic Association

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Econometric Methods: Difference-in-Differences, Triple Differences, Event Study, Synthetic Control, Regression Discontinuity, Fixed Effects Models, Instrumental Variables

Programming: Stata, R, Python, \LaTeX , Markdown, O-Tree/Z-Tree

REFERENCES

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