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**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

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Financial Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia 2021 - present

**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. in Economics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2021  
 M.S. in Economics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2018  
 B.A. in Economics & B.S. in Mathematics, University of Chicago 2011

**WORKING PAPERS**

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“California Wildfires, Property Damage, and Mortgage Repayment”  
 with Mallick Hossain and David Zink  
 Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Working Paper 23-05

“Federal Student Loans, College Choice, and Student Welfare”

**PUBLICATIONS**

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“[The COVID-19 Pandemic and Mental Health of First-Year College Students: Examining the Effect of COVID-19 Stressors Using Longitudinal Data](#)”  
 with Jane Cooley Fruehwirth and Krista Perreira  
 2021, **PLOS ONE**, 16(3): e0247999

“[Bubbly Recessions](#)”  
 with Andrew Hanson and Toan Phan  
 2020, **American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics**, 12(4): 33–70

“[Income Inequality, Tax Policy, and Economic Growth](#)”  
 with Indraneel Chakraborty and Rong Hai  
 2017, **Economic Journal**, 127(601): 688–727

**CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2023 AEA/ASSA Annual Meetings; Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting  
*Scheduled:* SOLE Annual Conference; AREUEA; WEAI Annual Conference
- 2022 FDIC Interagency Risk Quantification Forum; FRB-Philadelphia Workshop on Payments, Lending, and Innovations in Consumer Finance; Association for Education Finance and Policy
- 2021 UChicago; FRB-Philadelphia; GAO; FDIC; Census Bureau; FRB-Dallas; OCC

- 2020 Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting; EALE SOLE AASLE World Conference; UNC Education Inequality Seminar
- 2019 SEA Annual Meeting; National Academy of Education Fellows Retreat & Annual Meeting (poster); Carolina Region Empirical Economics Day

### **PREDOCTORAL EMPLOYMENT**

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Research Professional, Center for the Economics of Human Development, UChicago 2013 - 2015  
Analyst & Senior Analyst, Kearney (formerly A.T. Kearney) 2011 - 2013

### **SELECT HONORS AND AWARDS**

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- 2022 Dean's Distinguished Dissertation Award, UNC Graduate School
- 2020 Royster and Henry Dissertation Fellowship, UNC Graduate School (2020 - 2021)  
Best Graduate Student Instructor, UNC Department of Economics  
William R. Parke Graduate Student Award, UNC Department of Economics
- 2019 Research Development Award, National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation  
Dean's Graduate Fellowship, UNC Graduate School  
Summer Research Fellowship, UNC Graduate School  
Georges Lurcy Fellowship in Economics, UNC Graduate School
- 2018 Robert Gallman Graduate Scholarship, UNC Department of Economics

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Instructor: Labor Economics, Introduction to Economics  
Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Economics, Graduate Econometrics, Graduate Econometric Theory

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Referee: *Education Finance and Policy, Economics Bulletin*  
Other: Graduate Assistant to 2018 SEA President-elect and Program Chair

### **SKILLS**

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Software: (Fluent) Stata, Matlab, R  
(Proficient) SQL, Fortran, Mathematica  
Languages: (Fluent) Bengali  
(Proficient) Hindi, Spanish