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EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Economics Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, U.S. <u>Dissertation Title</u> : “Higher Education and Migration” <u>Dissertation Committee</u> : Anne M. Piehl (Chair), Roger W. Klein, Hilary Sigman Frank McIntyre	October 2014
	M.A. in Economics, GPA: 3.96/4.00 Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, U.S.	January 2011
	M.A. in Economics, GPA: 3.84/4.00 University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada	June 2007
	B.A. in Economics, Ranked in the Top 5% Lady Shri Ram College (LSR), Delhi University (DU), Delhi, India	June 2005
RELEVANT COURSES	Econometrics, Applied Micro Econometrics, Applied Macro Econometrics, Semi parametric Econometrics, Advanced Statistics, Mathematical Methods for Economics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Macro Modeling & Forecasting, Topics in Game Theory, Labor Economics, Industrial Organization & Public Policy, Monetary Theory & Policy, International Economics, Development Economics.	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Econometrics, Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Public Policy.	
HONORS & AWARDS	Association for Institutional Research Dissertation Grant , sponsored by the National Science Foundation and given to ten students in the U.S. to support research, using national datasets, on issues of critical importance to U.S. higher education (\$16,500), 2012 - 2013. Alfred S. Eichner Prize in Economics , in recognition of an outstanding student working on the most path-breaking and innovative dissertation, Rutgers University, 2012. Peter Asch Memorial Scholarship , in recognition of an outstanding student working on dissertation in applied microeconomics, Rutgers University, 2012. Bevier Dissertation Fellowship (Alternate) , an honorable mention for university-wide dissertation fellowship, Rutgers University, 2012. Sidney I. Simon Prize for outstanding second year research paper , Department of Economics, Rutgers University, 2011. Sidney Brown Prize in Economics for outstanding performance during the first two years of graduate studies, Department of Economics, Rutgers University, 2010. Graduate School Teaching Assistantship , Department of Economics, Rutgers University, 2009-2012. Excellence Fellowship , Department of Economics, Rutgers University, 2008 - 2009. Faculty prize nomination by the Economics department, LSR for excellence in academics and extracurricular activities.	

RESEARCH PAPERS

“*Higher Education and Cross-State Migration*”, Rutgers University, November 2014.
Job market paper.

“*Income Disparities in Selectivity of College Attended: Variations Across the Student Ability Distribution*”, Rutgers University, November 2014. Working paper.

“*Internal Migration of College Graduates*”, Rutgers University, October 2011. Working paper.

“*Does Advertising Lead to Higher Labor Supply? The case of Japan*”, Rutgers University, May 2010. Working paper.

“*Why Canadian Companies Are Not Taking Advantage of Investment Opportunities*”, (with D. Drummond) Toronto Dominion Bank Financial Group, August 2007. Available at TD Economics web site:
<http://www.td.com/document/PDF/economics/special/td-economics-special-rs0807-inv.pdf>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Higher Education and Cross-State Migration, presented at the Association for Institutional Research Annual Forum, Long Beach (CA), May 2013.

Internal Migration of College Graduates, presented at:

- Western Economics Association International Annual Meeting, San Francisco (CA), June 2012
- Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, Evanston (IL), April 2012
- Eastern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Boston (MA), March 2012

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE
(Teaching & Research)

Lecturer Fall 2014- present
Department of Economics, California State University, East Bay, Hayward, CA.

Research Assistant Fall 2010- 2013
Department of Economics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
Processed and analyzed historical U.S. Census Data (1900-1930) on incarceration rates of foreign born and native born for Dr. Anne M. Piehl and Dr. Carolyn Moehling.

Econometrics Instructor Summer 2011- 2012
Department of Economics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
Taught undergraduate students econometric theory and application with Eviews & Stata.

Teaching Assistant Fall 2009- 2012
Department of Economics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
Duties included holding office hours, grading, leading weekly computer lab exercises and recitation sessions for Econometrics (Ph.D. course), Spring 2012; Money and Banking, Spring 2011; Introduction to Macroeconomics, Spring 2010, Spring 2011; Advanced Econometrics, Fall 2010; Introduction to Microeconomics, Fall 2009.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Economist August 2007-May 2008
Toronto Dominion Bank Financial Group, Toronto, Ontario.

- Prepared research reports focused on disparate sectors of the Canadian economy which were often quoted in the business section of Canadian newspapers.
- Monitored and reviewed Canadian economic trends and developed forecasts of key macroeconomic variables (using econometric models) utilized by the internal and external stakeholders.
- Engaged in stress testing the influence of a moderate to severe recession scenario on the Canadian economy.
- Recognized by senior management for quality research, analysis, and timely reporting of findings.

Research Analyst; Summer Intern

June 2006-August 2006

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Rural Secretariat, Ottawa, Ontario.

- Conducted analysis/research of socio-economic developments in rural Canada using information from journals, reports, government documentation, rural dialogues, and national rural conferences. Gained relevant insights on influences across rural communities and made critical policy recommendations.
- Prepared issue-based research papers on rural Canadian economic performance, urban/rural migration trends, rural internet usage, trends amongst rural youth and seniors and rural poverty.
- Acknowledged by senior staff and department heads for quality and timeliness in delivery.

Summer Intern

May 2003-September 2003

Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank (HSBC), Delhi, India.

- Contributed to presentations of banking/investment strategies. Delivered to high net worth customers.

Volunteer

June 2002-June 2003

National Service Scheme, Child Relief and Youth Organization, Delhi, India.

- Played a major role in the coordination of educational, social, and welfare programs for the impoverished children of India.

SOFTWARE**Statistical packages:** Stata, Eviews, SAS, Gauss, Matlab and R.**SKILLS****Applications:** Microsoft Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Access.**LANGUAGES**

English (fluent), Hindi (fluent).

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