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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Georgia Institute of Technology	Fall 2021 - Spring 2026 (Expected)
Dissertation Committee: Shatakshee Dhongde (Co-Chair), Jason Lindo (Co-Chair), Mayra Pineda-Torres	
M.A. Economics, Vanderbilt University	May 2020
Bachelor of Engineering (Electronics and Telecommunication), Nagpur University	Sep 2015

RESEARCH FIELDS

Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics, Health Economics, Gender Economics.

JOB MARKET PAPER

“Effects of a Conditional Cash Transfer for Maternal and Infant Health with 29 Million Beneficiaries”

Abstract: The nationwide conditional cash transfer program, India’s Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, reached tens of millions of beneficiaries within five years of its launch, yet evidence on its impacts remains limited. This study provides the first causal evidence on the effects of the program, introduced in 2017, which offers cash incentives to pregnant women and new mothers for their first child, conditional on pregnancy registration, at least one antenatal care visit, and completion of the child’s first vaccination cycle. Difference-in-differences and event-study analyses leverage variation in program eligibility by birth order to identify causal effects. The results of these analyses indicate that the PMMVY had no significant impact on pregnancy registration, antenatal care visits, maternal anemia, birth weight, or child vaccination.

WORKING PAPER

“Subjective Economic Hardships during the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States” With Erdal Asker and Shatakshee Dhongde

Abstract: In this paper, we analyze multidimensional hardships experienced by Americans during the COVID-19 pandemic. We use a unique household panel data between 2018 and 2021 to compile information on self-reported economic hardships, including current financial situation, financial situation over time, local economic conditions, and inability to pay unexpected expenses. We combine this household survey data with state-level data on lockdown measures. Our findings indicate that stricter lockdowns were associated with a greater number of hardships. During the pandemic, 30.5 percent or almost 1 in 3 adults experienced multiple hardships. These difficulties were prevalent among both women and men, as well as across White, Black, and Hispanic populations. Our results underscore the fact that the pandemic intensified the hardships experienced by Americans and has had a lasting impact on their overall well-being.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Do Wealth Shocks Influence Social Connection?”

“Effects of Job Loss on Social Health” With Jason Lindo

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant , Georgia Institute of Technology <i>Dr. Shatakshee Dhongde</i>	Summer 2022 - Fall 2024
Research Associate , Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, India <i>Dr. Ashwini Chhatre and Dr. Harry Fischer</i>	Nov 2020 - Aug 2021
Research Assistant , Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, India <i>Dr. Tarun Jain</i>	Jun 2020 - Nov 2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, Georgia Institute of Technology

- ECON 2105: Principles of Macroeconomics | Undergraduate Spring 2025
- Overall effectiveness: 4.0 / 5.0 | Class size: 26 students

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Georgia Institute of Technology

- ECON 3161: Econometric Analysis Fall 2025
- ECON 7131: Development Economics Fall 2025
- ECON 2106: Principles of Microeconomics Summer 2025
- ECON 3120: Advanced Macroeconomic Analysis Spring 2022
- ECON 6510: Health Economics Fall 2021

PRESENTATIONS

2025: American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), Southeast Exchange of Development Studies (SEEDS)

2024: Southern Economic Association (SEA), Southeast Exchange of Development Studies (SEEDS)

2023: Southern Economic Association (SEA), Southeast Exchange of Development Studies (SEEDS)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics Mentee	2024 - 2025
Graduate Student Award, Southern Economic Association	2024
Herbert P. Haley Fellowship, Georgia Institute of Technology (\$4,000)	2023 - 2024
Tech to Teaching Certificate, Center for Teaching and Learning, Georgia Tech	2021 - 2023
Academic Excellence Award, Vanderbilt University	2020
James S. and Rosemary Worley Award, Vanderbilt University (\$2,100)	2019

SKILLS

STATA, R, Python, and LaTeX

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Hindi (native)

REFERENCES

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