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EMPLOYMENT

Clinical Assistant Professor, Economics Department 2023 - Present
University at Buffalo, SUNY

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, Riverside 2023
M.A. in Economics, University of California, Riverside 2018
M.A. in Economics (World Economy), Jawaharlal Nehru University 2014
B.A. in Economics (Honors), University of Delhi 2012

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Labor Economics and Health Economics

PUBLICATIONS

“Does Signaling College Quality Matter? An Experimental Study in India” *Economic Development and Cultural Change* (2025), accepted (with Sarojini Hirshleifer and Deepshikha Batheja)
Funded by: J-PAL Post-Primary Education Fund

Majid, Farhan M., Opinder Kaur, and Anil B. Deolalikar. “Beyond the Biological Prime: Deciphering the Link Between Child Survival and Maternal Age in India.” *Economics & Human Biology* 55 (2024): 101428.

WORKING PAPERS

“Beyond Literacy: Intergenerational Health Effects of Adult Learning in India” (Under-review)

“Teacher Value-Added Spillovers: How Far They Transcend?”

“Can Institutions Mitigate Climate Change Impacts on Childhood Immunization? Evidence from South Asia” with Farhan Majid

“Age and Sex Differences in Antimicrobial Resistance: Evidence from the United States” with Deepshikha Batheja, Srikanth Reddy and Brian Mhando

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Born in the Dry Spell: In-Utero Drought Exposure and Child Health in the United States”

“Mobile for Life: Experimental Evidence on Maternal and Child Health Information in Ghana” with Deepshikha Batheja, Subhashish Dey and Alex Zhou

“Gender Disparities in Antibiotic Prescribing: Evidence from the United States” with Deepshikha Batheja and Srishti Goel

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2025 - Present: Research Fellow, Global Labor Organization (GLO)

2025: Lumen Circles Fellowship – Advanced Generative AI for Teaching & Learning Circle

2024: UUP Discretionary Increase (Faculty Recognition), University at Buffalo

2024: UUP Individual Development Award, University at Buffalo

2024: New Faculty Academy Fellow, University at Buffalo

2022: HEERF Dissertation Year Fellowship, UC Riverside; Travel Grant Western Economic Association International Graduate Student Workshop (WEAI-GSW)

2021: Graduate Dean's Dissertation Research Grant (2,000 USD); Conference Travel Grant, GSA-UC Riverside; Conference Travel Grant, Economics Department, UC Riverside

2020: J-PAL Post-Primary Education Fund Grant (45,500 USD) (co-PI with Sarojini Hirshleifer and Deepshikha Batheja)

2019: Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award in Economics Department; Travel Grant Mentoring Workshop for 3rd Year Female Economics Students (NSF & Stanford University)

2017: Dean's Distinguished Fellowship Award, UC Riverside (2017–2023)

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Clinical Assistant Professor, UB SUNY

Introduction to Macroeconomics (avg. 200 students)	F23, S24, F24, S25, F25
Introduction to Microeconomics (avg. 250 students)	F23, S24, S25
Economic Statistics & Data Analysis (avg. 100 students)	S24, F24, F25
Money and Banking (avg. 50 students)	F24, F25
College Fed Challenge Advising (Five students)	F24, S25, F25
Undergraduate Honors Advising (One student)	F25

Graduate Student Instructor, UC Riverside

Labor Economics	Summer 2020
Intermediate Microeconomics Theory I	Summer 2021
Intermediate Microeconomics Theory II	Summer 2020

Teaching Assistant, UC Riverside

Introductory Econometrics; Introduction to Microeconomics; Intermediate Microeconomics Theory I; Introduction to Macroeconomics

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Presentations

2025: Lakes Development Economics Workshop; AEA National Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education (CTREE)

2024: Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development; New York Conference on Asian Studies (NYCAS)

2023: AEA CSQIEP Queer Economics PhD Student Mentoring Conference

2022: Western Economic Association International Graduate Student Workshop (WEAI-GSW), All-California Labor Economics Conference (poster) (ACLEC), UC Riverside Applied Economics Seminar

2021: American Society of Health Economics (ASHEcon), CEGA-Berkeley, Western Economic Association International (WEAI), Eastern Economic Association (EEA), Midwestern Economic Association (MEA), Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), Hawaii International Conference on Education (HICE), UC Riverside Applied Economics Seminar, UC Riverside Economics Brown Bag Seminar

2020: Successfully Navigating Your Economics Ph.D., CSWEP, American Economic Association (AEA)

2019: Mentoring Workshop for 3rd Year Female Economics Students, NSF & Stanford University

Referee Service

Journal of Quantitative Economics, Journal of Labor Research, Journal of Population Economics, Vaccine, Pakistan Journal of Applied Economics

University Service

Faculty Senate Fall 2024 - Present

Departmental Service

Masters Graduate Studies Fall 2023 - Present

Scholarships & Awards Selection Committee Fall 2023 - Present

Study Abroad Coordinator Fall 2023 - Present

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Fall 2023 - Present

Relevant Positions Held

Research Assistant to Anil Deolalikar, UC Riverside 2022

Research Assistant to Ozkan Eren and Sharon Oselin, UC Riverside 2020

Research Assistant, ASEAN - India Centre at RIS
Ministry of External Affairs, India 2015 – 2017

Research Assistant, Department of Commerce
Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India 2015

Analyst – Knowledge Services,
Infosys India Private Limited, India 2014 – 2015

Intern, NITI Aayog, India 2013

Volunteer Service

All-California Labor Economics Conference Volunteer (ACLEC)	2022
International Students' Volunteer	Fall 2018
International Student Orientation Leader at UC Riverside	Fall 2018

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Special Sworn Status

Technical Skills: Stata, R, SAS, Python, L^AT_EX, HPCC

Languages: English (fluent), Hindi (native), Punjabi (native)