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EMPLOYMENT

- **University of Wisconsin-La Crosse** 2021 - Present
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
- **University of Wisconsin-La Crosse** 2019 - 2021
Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Economics
- **Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai** 2011 - 12
Research Associate, Centre for Science, Technology and Society

EDUCATION

- **University of Massachusetts Amherst** 2019
Ph.D Resource Economics
- **Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai** 2011
MA Development Studies
- **Aligarh Muslim University** 2009
BA (Hons.) Economics

PUBLICATIONS

- Threshold and Group Size Uncertainty in Common-Pool Resources: An Experimental Study**
(with Angela C.M. de Oliveira) *Public Finance Review - Special Issue on Insights from Experiments*
- Ours, Not Yours: Property-Rights, Poaching and Deterrence in Common-Pool Resources**
(with Lawrence R. De Geest & Javier Portillo) *Journal of Economic Psychology*
- The Impact of COVID-19 on Higher-Order Risk Preferences**
(with Irene Mussio & Maximiliano Sosa Andrés) *Oxford Economic Papers*

WORKING PAPERS

- An Artefactual Field Experiment of Group Discrimination Between Sports Fans**
(with Adam Hoffer & Craig A. Depken, II) *Revise and Resubmit - Economics of Governance*
- Uncertain Returns in Threshold Public Goods: An Experimental Investigation**
(with Angela C.M. de Oliveira)
- Risk and Ambiguity in Common-Pool Resources: An Experiment**

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Elicitation Effects in Stated Preference Valuations**
(with Ewa Zawojkska) *Design Stage*
- Natural Disasters and Suicide Mortality in the US**
(with Jamie Mullins & Jayash Paudel) *Acquiring Data*
- Group Size and Common-value Public Goods**
(with Caleb Cox; Lawrence R. De Geest; Javier Portillo & Brock Stoddard) *Data Collection*

EXTERNAL GRANTS

- **CGO Research Grant** 2021
Center for Growth and Opportunity, Utah State University \$2,000
- **IFREE Small Grants Program** 2018
International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics \$10,000
(with Lawrence R. De Geest & Javier Portillo)
- **CBEAR Mini-Grant** 2016
Center for Behavioral and Experimental Agri-Environmental Research \$9,950
(with Angela C.M. de Oliveira)

INTERNAL GRANTS

- **Teaching and Professional Development Grant** 2021
Swenson Baier Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse \$1,000
- **Summer Dissertation Fellowship** 2018
Graduate School, University of Massachusetts Amherst \$4,000
- **Diversity Summer Fellowship** 2017
Graduate School, University of Massachusetts Amherst \$4,000
- **Carolyn Harper Fellow** 2015
Department of Resource Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst \$1,000
- **Dissertation Research Grant** 2014
Graduate School, University of Massachusetts Amherst \$1,000

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

- **CBEAR-MAAP Conference Travel Grant** 2017
Center for Behavioral and Experimental Agri-Environmental Research \$500
- **Behavioral Models of Politics Travel Grant** 2017
Duke University \$300
- **Vijay Bhagavan Teaching Assistant Award** 2016
Department of Resource Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst \$650
- **Conference Scholarship Award** 2016
Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association \$180
- **Sir Syed Emerging Scholar Award** 2012
Federation of Aligarh Alumni Associations \$700
- **Silver Medal, MA Development Studies** 2011
(For second position in class) Tata Institute of Social Sciences
- **Young Scholar Award** 2009
Reserve Bank of India

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Economic Development	2021-22
Global Macroeconomics	2021-22
Microeconomics and Public Policy	2020
Environmental and Ecological Economics	2020-21

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Hunger in a Global Economy - Large section (150 students)	2019
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Hunger in a Global Economy - Small section (30 students) 2014-18

Teaching Assistant

Cost-Benefit Analysis 2018
Introductory Statistics for Social Science (Online Course) 2017
Writing in Resource Economics 2017-18
Price Theory 2014-16
Microeconomic Theory 2014-15
Small Business Finance 2013
Managerial Economics 2013
Hunger in a Global Economy 2012

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Dr. Angela C.M. de Oliveira 2013
Survey Team Leader, M-Ward Slum Project, Tata Institute of Social Sciences 2012
Research Assistant, Dr. Trina Vithayathil 2013
Research Assistant, Dr. Ranu Jain 2010-11

COMPETITIVE WORKSHOPS

- **Inaugural Environmental Social Science Workshop** 2018
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- **4th Annual Huebner Summer Risk Institute** 2017
Center for the Economic Analysis of Risk (CEAR), Georgia State University
- **CBEAR - MAAP Conference** 2017
Center for Behavioral and Experimental Agri-Environmental Research
- **Behavioral Models of Politics Graduate Students Workshop** 2017
Duke University
- **Eliciting Subjective Beliefs and Risk and Time Preferences in Developing Countries** 2016
Center for the Economic Analysis of Risk (CEAR), Georgia State University
- **21st Visiting Graduate Student Workshop in Experimental Economics** 2016
International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics (IFREE), Chapman University

PRESENTATIONS

Center for Advancing Teaching and Learning Conference (2021); Economic Science Association Meeting - North America (2019); New England Experimental Economics Workshop (2019); Canadian Economic Association Meeting (2018); Southern Economic Association (2017); Economic Science Association - North America (2017); Economic Science Association - World (2017); 7th Biennial Meeting of the Social Dilemmas Working Group (2017); New England Experimental Economics Workshop (2017); Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association Annual Meeting (2016); Southern Economic Association (2016); Economic Science Association - North America (2016); New England Experimental Economics Workshop (2016)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Refereeing

Children and Youth Services Review; Economic Modelling; Experimental Economics; GAMES; Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization

Service

Scholarship Committee, Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Library Liason, Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Search Committee, Menard Experimental Lab Fellow, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Selection Committee, Manning Prize for Excellence in Teaching, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Member

American Economic Association; Economic Science Association; Southern Economic Association

SOFTWARE

- Mathematica, Stata, z-Tree

REFERENCES

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Search Committee
Division of Social Science
New York University Abu Dhabi

May 15, 2022

Dear Members of the Search Committee,

I am excited to apply for the position of Instructor of Economics in the Division of Social Sciences at the New York University Abu Dhabi as advertised on Interfolio. I am an applied microeconomist who primarily uses laboratory and online experiments to study a wide range of policy-relevant issues such as providing public goods and the management of environmental resources. I received my doctoral degree in 2019 from the Department of Resource Economics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst (UMass). Currently, I am working as a Visiting Assistant Professor at the Department of Economics at the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse (UWL).

I have designed and taught a wide range of courses in a variety of formats – from small seminars to large classes, online and in-person. I have experience of teaching introductory microeconomics and macroeconomics, upper-level electives such as environmental economics and development economics, and general education courses such as “Hunger in a Global Economy.” In my teaching, I strive to incorporate quantitative analysis drawn from real-world cases. For instance, I often use examples from CORE *Doing Economics* – a free online resource which has several data-based projects that help students learn not only statistical skills but see how they are applied in economic contexts.

I am passionate about teaching and mentorship. My research methodology of experiments serves as an effective pedagogical tool for active learning strategies. Key economic concepts such come to life through ‘hands-on’ experiments. Students learn more when they are ‘doing’ economics rather than simply listening or reading about it. Market equilibrium makes ‘more sense’ when it is attained through a double oral auction or a pit trading experiment. The problem of free-riding in public goods becomes salient when playing a public goods game. Negative externalities become tangible in a common-pool resource game.

Hands-on and project-based learning form a core part of my courses. In particular, I want my students to develop competency in data analysis and gain marketable skills. For example, students in the “Economic Development” and the “Hunger in a Global Economy” courses are assigned into groups to form ‘think-tanks’ where they are tasked with developing an alternative Global Hunger Index (a popular index which ranks the intensity of the hunger problem in different countries). In this process, they debate which indicators to use; discuss how to weigh and scale those indicators; obtain data from the World Bank database; and compare their new index to the Global Hunger Index. In the introductory course, “Microeconomics and Public Policy,” students replicate an existing study on the effect of sugar taxes. This exercise allows them to ‘see’ the interplay of economic theory and empirical work. While active-learning strategies are necessary, they are not sufficient for student engagement. Relatable course content is equally crucial.

At the outset of my classes, I ask students to work in small groups to develop presentations on how economic concepts are depicted in popular culture (e.g. films, TV shows, novels). Students get excited to talk about economic ideas when they are drawn from their immediate experience. For instance, cost-benefit analysis seems more relevant when discussing if the Avengers are worth the cost, or the appropriate role of government regulation in the economy is more interesting when Ron Swanson (from the tv sitcom *Parks and Recreation*) is part of the discussion. By asking students to bring in their own experiences and those of their peers, I seek to make economic topics relevant without compromising on technical rigor.

I have been recognized for my teaching initiatives. At UWL, I was recently awarded an internal Teaching and Professional Development grant to develop teaching assignments to improve data literacy amongst students. For my teaching efforts during my graduate studies, I received the Vijay Bhagavan Teaching Assistant of Distinction Award. I always seek opportunities to improve my teaching and make it more effective for the students. At UWL, I have participated in 'Assessment of Learning' exercises and attended on-campus workshops and conferences pertaining to pedagogy and teaching. At UMass, I volunteered to teach at the underrepresented minorities (URM) weekend event. In this event, URM students who were newly admitted but unenrolled would attend sample classes and interact with members of the university community before finalizing their choice of school.

At NYUAD, I would be delighted to teach existing courses (or develop new electives) based on my expertise in quantitative analysis, environmental, experimental, or development economics. In general, I would be happy to teach or provide assistance for any course for which the department has a need.

I also have an active research agenda using an experimental methodology which provides a unique opportunity to mentor students and to get them excited about their independent research projects. Both at UWL and UMass, I have guided students on running independent experiments.

Please find my CV and the contact details of my references attached. I would be happy to share additional documents or information as per your need. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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Application Forms

Affiliation Information

Do you currently, or have you had, a previous affiliation with NYU as a student, employee, or other appointment type?

No

Is any member of your family or household an employee, trustee/director, or officer of NYU or any NYU affiliate, or are you in a relationship otherwise covered under the policy listed below?

No

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Colleague

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