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EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle *September 2018 - Present*

Ph.D in Economics

Committee: Rachel Heath (co-chair), Alan Griffith (co-chair), Emma Riley, Victor Menaldo

Indian Statistical Institute (Delhi Center) *July 2016 - June 2018*

M.Sc in Quantitative Economics

Thesis advisor: Farzana Afridi

University of London (International Programme) *September 2014 - May 2015*

Diploma in Economics

St. Joseph's College, Bangalore University *June 2011 - May 2014*

B.Sc in Biotechnology, Chemistry & Botany

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Culture and Institutions, Historical Economics, Political Economy

PAPERS

From Anarchy to the State: A Case of Nagaland ([Job Market Paper](#))

Abstract: *What happens when a state absorbs a historically stateless, tribal society, and what are the consequences and mechanisms of such a process? This paper uses a spatial regression discontinuity design to study the long-run effects of state exposure in a region in northeast India. At the turn of the 19th century the British Empire in the eastern front of India drew an imperial border that divided a tribal people into administered versus un-administered regions. I find that regions falling within the former British administrative border have higher years of schooling, higher rates of literacy, and more wealth today. Villages in the formerly administered regions also have better public goods/services and a smaller agricultural share in the labor force. Using census data I am also able to study time varying effects of this historical state exposure—gaps in literacy rates are very persistent with little signs of convergence even 70 years after independence in 1947. In uncovering deeper channels that are potentially driving these results, I find evidence of the emergence of pro-social traits: those formerly under the British state identify more strongly with non-kin members, reflecting an expansion of the in-group. This paper thus contributes to our understanding of the immediate changes that occur in a society transitioning from tribe to state.*

Consequences of forced urbanization via village groupings in Mizoram

The political economy of tribes and states in Southeast Asia

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Graduate Fellowship, Indian Statistical Institute

2016 - 2018

James K. and Viola M. Hall Fellowship, University of Washington	2019
Grover & Creta Ensley Fellowship, University of Washington	2023
Rachel M. Storer Award in Labor Economics, University of Washington	2023
Graduate Student Conference Presentation Travel Grant, University of Washington	2023

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Teaching Assistant

Intro to Macroeconomics, University of Washington	<i>Fall 2018, Winter 2019, Winter 2021</i>
Intro to Microeconomics, University of Washington	<i>Fall 2019, Winter 2020, Spring 2020</i>
Causal Inference, University of Washington	<i>Winter 2023</i>

Instructor

Intro to Macroeconomics, University of Washington	<i>Winter 2022, Spring 2023</i>
Intermediate Macroeconomics, University of Washington	<i>Fall 2022</i>
Principles of Macroeconomics, Seattle University	<i>Fall 2023</i>
Global Macroeconomics, Seattle University	<i>Fall 2023</i>

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Dr. Yu-chin Chen	<i>Fall 2020</i>
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CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Presenter at Northwest Development Workshop	<i>Eugene, OR, USA, 2023</i>
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COMPUTER SKILLS

Statistical Packages: Stata
 Programming Languages: R, Matlab
 Applications: L^AT_EX, QGIS

REFERENCES

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