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Fields

Development Economics, Labor Economics

Education

Ph.D., Economics, Northwestern University — Expected 2027
Committee: Lori Beaman (Co-chair), Christopher Udry (Co-chair), Garima Sharma

M.A., Economics, Northwestern University — 2023

M.A., International and Development Economics, Yale University — 2018

B.A., Economics, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi — 2017

Job Market Paper

Social Frictions and Job Information Sharing: Experimental Evidence from Informal Labor Markets in India
With Vasu Chaudhary

Research in Progress

Distorted Signals and Evaluator Bias: A Two-Staged Experiment on Gendered Hiring in Malawi
With Gabriella Fleischman

Bridging the Transition from College to Work: Experimental Evidence from India
With Lori Beaman

Inspiring Female Micro-Entrepreneurs to Adopt Mobile Money in Pakistan
With Essoyodou Marie Laure Pello Sode and Mahniya Zafar

Perceived Value, Perceived Harm: Economic Incentives and Bystander Intervention in Workplace Harassment
With Livia Alfonsi, Lori Beaman, Anisha Sharma, and Karmini Sharma

Women's Land Inheritance and Credit: Evidence from India
With Vageesha Bainwala

Seminars and Conferences

2025: Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Advances in Field Experiments, PEDL Young Scholars Matchmaking Workshop

Northwestern University: Development Economics Lunch Workshop

Fellowships, Grants & Awards

2026	Dissertation University Fellowship, Northwestern University (2026–2027)	
	International Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Buffett Institute for Global Affairs	$8,936
	Weiss Fund Piloting Grant (with Vasu Chaudhary)	$14,989
	Graduate Research Grant, Global Poverty Research Lab	$2,751
2025	PEDL Exploratory Research Grant (with Essoyodou Marie Laure Pello Sode and Mahniya Zafar)	£4,973
	Weiss Fund Exploratory Travel Grant (with Aaron Wolfe)	$3,845
	Graduate Research Grant, Global Poverty Research Lab	$1,376
2024	Graduate Research Grant, Global Poverty Research Lab	$2,050

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Professor Lori Beaman, Northwestern University	2023–2024; Fall 2025
Research Associate, Professor Tavneet Suri, MIT Sloan	2018–2021

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, The Economics of Developing Countries, Northwestern University	Fall 2024
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Microeconomics, Northwestern University	Fall 2022, 2023

Professional Activities

Ph.D. Peer-Partner for Non-Resident Research Fellow, Global Poverty Research Lab	2026
Northwestern University Economics Ph.D. Mentorship Program	2022–2024
Northwestern University Development Lunch Seminar Organizer	2023–2024

Programming Stata (Experienced), R (Proficient), Python (Beginner), SurveyCTO (Experienced)

Languages English, Hindi

References

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