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Education

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA 2022–Present

Ph.D. in Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics

University of Georgia, Athens, GA, USA 2020–2022

M.S. in Agricultural and Applied Economics

Agriculture and Forestry University, Rampur, Chitwan, Nepal 2013–2018

B.Sc. in Agriculture

Fields of Research

Primary Development Economics

Secondary International Trade in Agriculture; Agricultural Economics

Working Papers

1. “Hidden Inequalities: Impact of Son Preference in Fertility Outcomes and Child Health in South Asia” *with Leah Bevis.*
2. “Planting, Harvest, and Hope: Agricultural Production and Migration Aspirations” *with Tom Whittington, Alexis Villacis, and Yao Wang.* Under review.
3. “Does Trade Stabilize Food Prices Evenly During a Supply Shock? Evidence from India’s Pulses Market” *with Ian Sheldon.*
4. “Irrigation in Transition: Changing Patterns of Groundwater Use in Nepal” *with Leah Bevis, Avinash Kishore, and Anton Urfels.*

Research Experience

Graduate Research Associate

August 2022 – August 2025

Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics, The Ohio State University

Graduate Research Assistant

August 2020 – May 2022

Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Georgia

Teaching Experience

Lead Instructor

January 2026 – Present

Data Analysis for Agribusiness and Applied Economics, AEDE 2005, The Ohio State University

Lab Instructor

August 2025 – December 2025

Data Analysis for Agribusiness and Applied Economics, AEDE 2005, The Ohio State University

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2021 – December 2021

Intermediate Economic Principles, AAEC 3580, University of Georgia

Instructor

April 2019 – December 2020

Agricultural Economics, Shree Tribhuwan Model Secondary School, Nepal

Professional Experience

1. **Research Associate** *Inclusion Economics India Centre*, June 2025

- Conducted scoping work in 4 districts in Bihar on the convergence of MGNREGA and JEEVIKA programs.

2. **Digital Content Manager** *Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, International Section*, August 2021 – August 2022

- Managed digital content and social media to enhance outreach and engagement.

3. **Assistant Agriculture Officer** *Nature's Conservation Private Limited, Kathmandu, Nepal*, June 2018 – December 2018

- Conducted field visits across 18 communities, leading focus groups and rural appraisals to prepare a climate change adaptation strategy for sustainable agriculture.

4. **Research Intern** *Prime Minister Agriculture Modernization Project (PMAMP), Nepal*, December 2017 – May 2018

- Conducted farmer training sessions and field observations. Additionally, carried out a descriptive study on the adoption patterns of improved and hybrid rice varieties.

Conference Presentations

- Oral presentation, 15th Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 2026.
- Oral presentation, North American Summer Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2026.
- Oral presentation, 59th Annual Meeting of the Southern Agricultural Economics Association, Louisville, Kentucky, February 2026.
- Poster presentation, 7th Annual Scientific Symposium of the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Nutrition, Kathmandu, Nepal, December 2019.
- Poster presentation and workshop, International Conference on Mountains in the Changing World, Kathmandu, Nepal, October 2019.

Honors and Awards

- Graduate Assistantship, Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics, The Ohio State University.
- Graduate Assistantship, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Georgia.
- Full Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies, Agriculture and Forestry University, Nepal.
- Undergraduate Thesis Grant, Agriculture and Forestry University, Nepal.

Professional Service

- Event Manager, Nepalese Student Association, University of Georgia, August 2020 – May 2022.
- Vice President, Nepalese Youth for Climate Action, Chitwan, January 2017 – November 2017.
- Technical Coordinator, Nepal Terai Students' Committee, January 2014 – November 2017.
- Founding Member, Innovative Platform for Agriculture Transformation, January 2015 – January 2017.

Skills

Software STATA, R, \LaTeX , Google Earth Engine

Languages Maithili (mother tongue), Nepali (native), English (fluent) and Hindi (fluent).