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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 and Alexis Villacis*. 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*. Under review.

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

- Independently designed and taught the course, including lectures and exams, to 14 undergraduate students.
- Student evaluation: 4.75/5.0 overall; 9.6/10 teaching effectiveness.

Lab Instructor

August 2025 – December 2025

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

- Led lab sessions on data management and statistical analysis in Excel for 36 undergraduate students.
- Student evaluation: 4.79/5.0 overall; 9.3/10 teaching effectiveness.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2021 – December 2021

Intermediate Economic Principles (AAEC 3580), University of Georgia

- Led weekly recitation sessions on intermediate microeconomics for 48 undergraduate students.

Instructor

April 2019 – December 2020

Agricultural Economics, Shree Tribhuwan Model Secondary School, Nepal

- Taught agricultural economics to secondary students (grades 9–12); developed lesson plans and applied real-world examples.

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. Communications Coordinator *Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, International Section*, August 2021 – August 2022

- Coordinated communications and outreach to strengthen member engagement and the section's visibility across the international agricultural economics community.

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

2026 Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting, <i>Kansas City, MO</i>	Jul. 2026
15 th Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), <i>Minneapolis, MN</i>	Jun. 2026
North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	Jun. 2026
59 th Annual Meeting of the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA), <i>Louisville, KY</i>	Feb. 2026
7 th Annual Scientific Symposium, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Nutrition, <i>Kathmandu, Nepal</i>	Dec. 2019
International Conference on Mountains in the Changing World, <i>Kathmandu, Nepal</i>	Oct. 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 Membership

- Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)
- The Econometric Society

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.

Skills

Software	STATA, R, $\text{\LaTeX}$, Google Earth Engine
Languages	Maithili (mother tongue), Nepali (native), English (fluent) and Hindi (fluent).