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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Firms, Labor Economics, Development Economics

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Economics
University of Southern California
2022–
- MPP International Development Policy
Georgetown University
2018–2020
- B.Eng. Materials Science & Engineering (*Minors in Business, Public Policy*)
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
2010–2014

RESEARCH

Working Papers

- 2024 G. Barboni, A. Bhattacharya, E. Field, R. Pande, N. Rigol, S. Schaner, A. Shukla, and C. Troyer Moore
“A Tough Call: Understanding the Impact of Mobile Technology on Women’s Work, Gender Gaps,
Social Norms, and Misinformation” *EGC Discussion Papers*. 1109 [\[paper\]](#)
- 2024 A. Shukla “Supplying Vocational Training Institutes: Evidence from India” [\[email for draft\]](#)

In Progress

- ▶ *Urban Insurance & Informal Networks*
- ▶ *Cash Transfers, Training, and Demand Spillovers in the Refugee Economy*
with Gerald Ipapa, Billy Jack, Alex Wendo, & Andrew Zeitlin
- ▶ *Worker Turnover, Wage Contracts, and Firm Productivity in Uganda’s Manufacturing Sector*
with Virginia Minni & Anna Vitali

Technical Reports

- ▶ *Scaling Gender-Inclusive Social Audits: Preliminary Insights from Process Monitoring & a Randomized Controlled Trial*
with Akash Bhatt, Madhulika Khanna, Simone Schaner, Charity Troyer Moore, and Natalie Theys
[\[email for draft\]](#)
- ▶ *Teacher Value Added & Non-Cognitive Traits: Evidence from Pakistan* [\[email for draft\]](#)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020–22 Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow for Simone Schaner
Worked on projects in social safety nets, governance, financial inclusion, and gender economics
Center for Economic & Social Research (CESR), USC | Los Angeles, USA
- 2017–18 Data Associate
Swaniti Initiative | New Delhi, India
- 2014–17 Drilling Engineering Consultant
Stuart Wright Pte Ltd | Singapore

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2023–26 Teaching Assistant
Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Introduction to Econometrics
Economics Department, USC | Los Angeles, CA
- 2019–20 Teaching Assistant
Impact Evaluation for Development, Regression Methods & Analysis, Intermediate Microeconomics
McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University | Washington DC

WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

- 2025 Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS) | UCLA, CA
- 2025 Research Transparency & Reproducibility Training (RT₂) | UC Berkeley, CA
- 2024 ASREC Graduate Student Workshop | Chapman University, CA

AWARDS & GRANTS

- 2026 STEG Small Research Grant [£15,000]
- 2025 STEG Large Research Grant [£100,000]
(with Virginia Minni & Anna Vitali)
- 2025 Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics [\$5,000]
- 2024 International Growth Centre (IGC) Full Research Grant [£60,000]
(with Virginia Minni & Anna Vitali)
- 2024 Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics [\$5,000]
(with Marco Lo Faso)
- 2024-26 Summer Research Award [\$12,000]
University of Southern California

LANGUAGES & TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Software Stata, R, L^AT_EX, Git, Python, SQL
- Language English, Hindi

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