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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Academic Appointments at UMD

- 2021 – present: Assistant Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Other Employment

- 2020-2021: Postdoctoral Fellow, Political Economy Project, Dartmouth College

Educational Background

- 2020: PhD, Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2011: BSc, Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Other Affiliations

- Centre for Economic Research in Pakistan (CERP) Research Fellow
- Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) Mahbub ul Haq Research Centre (MHRC) Fellow

RESEARCH

Publications

- Costinot, A., Donaldson, D., & Smith, C. (2016). “Evolving comparative advantage and the impact of climate change in agricultural markets: Evidence from 1.7 million fields around the world.” *Journal of Political Economy*, 124(1), 205-248.
 - Coverage: [Washington Post](#), [MIT News](#)

Working Papers

- “When is Long-Run Agglomeration Possible?” (with Amrita Kulka)
- “Land Concentration and Long-Run Development in the Frontier United States” *Revise & resubmit at American Economic Journal: Applied*
 - Coverage: [VoxDev](#)
- “When Coercive Economies Fail: The Political Economy of the US South After the Boll Weevil” (with James Feigenbaum and Soumyajit Mazmuder)

GRANTS

- 2024

- National Science Foundation; [preliminary recommendation for \$115,272]; “Is Basic Democracy Enough?”
- 2023
 - UMD Faculty Student Research Award (with Fatima Najeeb); \$10,000; “Policing and Political Voice in British India”
 - UMD Independent Scholarship, Research, and Creativity Awards; \$10,000; “Political Centralization in Pakistan’s Canal Colonies”
 - USDA AFRI; \$299,991 “Long-Run Agglomeration: Evidence from County Seat Wars”
- 2022
 - Economic History Association Arthur H. Cole Grant; \$5000; “The Marginal Effect of Democracy: Evidence from Pakistan’s Local Governments”

Conferences, Workshops, Talks

- 2024
 - World Bank, Land Conference [anticipated] – “Land Concentration and Long-Run Development in the Frontier United States”
 - George Washington University, Trade & Development Seminar [anticipated] – “Is Basic Democracy Enough?”
 - University of Alberta [anticipated] – “Is Basic Democracy Enough?”
 - University of Pittsburgh – “When is Long-Run Agglomeration Possible?”
- 2023
 - Social Science History Association Annual Conference – “When Is Long-Run Agglomeration Possible?”
 - Federal Reserve/Penn State, Real Estate Frictions Conference – “When Is Long-Run Agglomeration Possible?”
 - NBER Summer Institute (Development of the American Economy) – “Long-Run Agglomeration”
 - Virtual Economic History Seminar – “Long-Run Agglomeration”
 - Columbia Business School, The Non-Market Effects of Market Power – “Land Concentration and Long-Run Development in the Frontier United States”
 - New York University, Economic History Seminar– “Long-Run Agglomeration”
 - University of Richmond, Mid-Atlantic International Trade Workshop – “Long-Run Agglomeration”
 - Guest lecture, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv – “Land Concentration and Long-Run Development in the Frontier United States”
- 2022
 - Louisiana State University, Research Seminar – “Land Concentration and Long-Run Development in the Frontier United States”
 - Chicago Federal Reserve, Research Seminar – “Land Concentration and Long-Run Development in the Frontier United States”
 - RIDGE / LACEA Historical Development Workshop – “Long-Run Agglomeration”
 - Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting – “Long-Run Agglomeration”
- 2021
 - NYU Abu Dhabi, Research Seminar – “Long-Run Agglomeration”
 - Center for Monetary and Financial Studies (CEMFI), Research Seminar – “Long-Run Agglomeration”

- Lahore University for Management Sciences – “Land Concentration and Long-Run Development in the Frontier United States”
- University of Warwick Research Seminar – “Long-Run Agglomeration”
- Urban Economics Association Conference (coauthor) – “Long-Run Agglomeration”
- Social Science History Association Annual Conference – “Land Concentration and Long-Run Development in the Frontier United States”
- Indian Statistical Institute Delhi Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development – “Land Concentration and Long-Run Development in the Frontier United States”
- Econometric Society / Centre for Development Economics Delhi Winter School – “Land Concentration and Long-Run Development in the Frontier United States”
- 2020
 - NBER Summer Institute (Development) Conference – “Land Concentration and Long-Run Development in the Frontier United States”
 - NBER Summer Institute (Development of the American Economy) Conference – “Land Concentration and Long-Run Development in the Frontier United States”

TEACHING, MENTORING, ADVISING

Courses Taught

- Agricultural Development, Population Growth and the Environment, AREC445
 - Fall 2022 (enrollment: 28)
- Agricultural Policy Analysis, AREC 832
 - Fall 2021 (enrollment: 4)
 - Fall 2022 (enrollment: 4)
- Special Problems / undergraduate research, AREC399
 - Spring 2023 (enrollment: 2)

Doctoral Advising

- Spring 2024
 - Dissertation Committee Member: Juan Carlos Angulo Santacruz “Essays on Political Economy of Development in Latin America”
 - Dissertation Committee Member: Ying Chen “Evaluation of Public Policies in Developing Countries: Three Essays”
- Fall 2023
 - Prospectus Co-chair: Xueting Pi “Essays on Corporate ESG”
 - Prospectus Committee Member: Ying Chen “Evaluation of Public Policies in Developing Countries: Three Essays”
 - Prospectus Committee Member: Fatima Najeeb “Essays on Gender and Climate Change”
- Spring 2022
 - Dissertation Committee Member: Fabliha Ibnat (Federal Trade Commission) “Inheritance Reform, Female Empowerment, and Intergenerational Effects: Theory and Evidence from India”

SERVICE, OUTREACH

Professional Service

- Refereeing
 - *American Economic Review; Econometrica; Quarterly Journal of Economics; American Economic Review: Insights; Journal of Environmental Economics and Management; Journal of Public Economics; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Review of Economics and Statistics; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Economic History; Journal of Development Economics*

Campus Service – Department

- AREC Placement Committee, Fall 2021 – present
- AREC Seminar Committee – Fall 2021 – present
- AREC Library Committee – Fall 2021 – present