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## Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2017  
M.S. Statistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2017  
M.A. Economics, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, India, 2008  
B.A. Economics, Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi, India, 2006

## Fields of Specialization

Urban Economics, Real Estate, Applied Econometrics

## Academic Position

Assistant Professor of Real Estate, University of Georgia, August 2017 - present

## Other Affiliations

Co-editor, *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics*, March 2022 - present  
Editorial Board, *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics*, January 2019 - March 2022  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Homer Hoyt Institute, 2022 - present  
Research Affiliate, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), 2020 - present  
Fellow, Global Labor Organization, 2020 - present  
Lincoln Institute Scholar, 2019

## Publications

"Effect of Air Pollution on House Prices: Evidence from Sanctions on Iran" with Amirhossein Amini and Kaveh Nafari.  
*Regional Science and Urban Economics*, March 2022, 93

"Is Competition a Cure for Confusion? Evidence from the Residential Mortgage Market" with Steven Malliaris and Daniel Rettl.  
*Real Estate Economics*, Spring 2022, 50(1), 206-246

"Stringency of Land-Use Regulation: Building Heights in US Cities" with Jan Brueckner.  
*Journal of Urban Economics*, March 2020, 116

"Assessment Regressivity and Property Taxation" with Daniel McMillen.  
*Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics*, February 2020, 60, 155-169

"Fair Market Rent and the Distribution of Rents in Los Angeles" with Daniel McMillen.  
*Regional Science and Urban Economics*, January 2020, 80

"Seismic Risk and House Prices: Evidence from Earthquake Fault Zoning".  
*Regional Science and Urban Economics*, March 2019, 75, 187-209

"Do More Eyes on the Street Reduce Crime? Evidence from Chicago's Safe Passage Program"  
with Daniel McMillen and Ignacio Sarmiento.  
*Journal of Urban Economics*, March 2019, 110, 1-25 (Lead article)

## Working Papers

"Land Value Estimation Using Teardowns" with Daniel McMillen (2<sup>nd</sup> Round Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Housing Economics*)

"Measures of Vertical Inequality in Assessments" with Daniel McMillen (Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Housing Economics*)

"Do School Shooting Erode Property Values?" with Juan Munoz (Revise and Resubmit at *Regional Science and Urban Economics*)

"Assessment Persistence" with Daniel McMillen

## Work in Progress

"Economic Implications of Wildfires" with Steven Malliaris, Rachel Meltzer and Daniel Rettl

"Collaboration and Patent Quality" with Rik Sen

"Effect of COVID-19 on Inequalities in Mortgage Markets" with James Conklin and Lei Jin

"Air Pollution and Police Performance: Experimental Evidence from India" with Juan Palacios, Nishith Prakash and Siqi Zheng

"Homeowners Associations and Property Values" with James Conklin and Nicholas Smith

"The Effect of Riots on the Property Tax Base in Los Angeles"

## Research Grants

"Alternative Methods For Calculating Fair Market Rents (FMRs) in Rental Markets with Rapidly Rising Rents" with Daniel McMillen  
Sponsor: US Department of Housing and Urban Development. \$127,840, 2020-2022

"Land Valuation Methods"  
Sponsor: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. \$10,000. 2019-2020

"Subsidence Risks and House Prices: Evidence from Illinois"  
Sponsor: Illinois Mine Subsidence Insurance Fund. \$55,516. 2018-2019

## Fellowships & Awards

Terry Sanford Research Award, 2021-2022

Awarded Outstanding Reviewer Status, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2017

American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA) Doctoral Session Travel Grant, 2017

Graduate College Travel Grant, University of Illinois, 2016

Department Travel Grant, University of Illinois, 2016

C. Lowell Harriss Dissertation Fellowship, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2016

Paul W. Boltz Fellowship, University of Illinois, 2016  
 (in recognition of exceptional promise for careers in academia or business)

Robert E. Demarest Memorial Teaching Award, University of Illinois, 2016

Department Summer Research Fellowship, University of Illinois, 2015, 2016

Graduate Teaching Certificate, University of Illinois, 2014

List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Students, University of Illinois, Fall 2014 - Spring 2017  
 (Ranked as "Outstanding" by Students (Top 10%), Fall 2014 - Fall 2015 & Spring 2017)

Department Travel Grant, University of Illinois, 2013

Department Fellowship, University of Illinois, Spring 2013

Principal's prize (for Commitment and Service), Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi, 2006

Dr Saroj Gupta Memorial Scholarship, Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi, 2005  
 (for academic and overall excellence)

## Conference and Seminar Presentations

- 2023: AREUEA-ASSA Conference (scheduled)
- 2022: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Homer Hoyt Institute, Federal Housing Finance Agency, West Virginia University (scheduled)
- 2021: Conference on Land Valuation Methods; AREUEA National Conference; AREUEA International Conference
- 2020: AREUEA-ASSA Conference (San Diego); 2020 Research Symposium at University of Southern California Lusk Center; Penn State University; University of California Irvine
- 2019: AREUEA International Conference (Milan, Italy); Baruch College - City University of New York; University of Georgia (Agricultural and Applied Economics); APPAM Fall Research Conference (Denver); 2019 SMU Conference on Urban and Regional Economics
- 2018: Meeting of the Urban Economic Association (Columbia University, NY); AREUEA National Conference (Washington DC); Urban Economics and Public Finance Conference, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
- 2017: Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop at Illinois; UIUC pERE Seminar; AREUEA-ASSA Conference, Doctoral Session (Chicago)
- 2016: AREUEA International Conference, Doctoral Session (University of Alicante); Economics Department, University of Illinois

## Professional Service

Referee: *Journal of Urban Economics*(x3), *Regional Science and Urban Economics* (x14), *Real Estate Economics* (x2), *Review of Economics and Statistics* (x2), *Journal of Regional Science*, *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics* (x18), *Journal of Housing Economics* (x6), *Urban Studies*, *Education Finance and Policy*, *Public Finance Review*, *National Tax Journal*, *Journal of Spatial Econometrics* (x3), *Journal of Housing Research*, *Canadian Journal of Regional Science*, *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*(x2)

- Discussant: 2023 - AREUEA-ASSA Conference (scheduled)  
2022 - AREUEA-ASSA Conference, AREUEA National Conference  
2021 - National Tax Association x2  
2020 - Southern Economics Association  
2019 - AREUEA-ASSA Conference (Atlanta, GA) x2, FSU-UF-UCF Real Estate Symposium (Gainesville, FL), AREUEA International Conference (Milan, Italy), Biennial Real Estate Conference (FRB Atlanta)  
2018 - Meeting of the Urban Economic Association (Columbia University, NY), AREUEA National Conference (Washington DC)
- Session Chair: 2021 - AREUEA International Conference  
2020 - Real Estate Market and Capitals Market (RECAPNET) Conference
- Committee: 2022 - AREUEA Awards Committee, AREUEA-ASSA Conference Program Selection Committee, AREUEA International Conference Program Selection Committee  
2021 - AREUEA Awards Committee, AREUEA International Conference Program Selection Committee  
2020 - AREUEA National Conference Program Selection Committee

## Affiliations

- American Economic Association
- American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association
- Urban Economic Association

## Other Professional Experience

- Research Assistant for Professor Richard Akresh and Damien De Walque, Spring 2014 - Summer 2015
- Research Assistant for Professor Daniel McMillen, Summer 2015, 2016 & 2017
- Economist, ICICI Bank, India, June 2008 - June 2012

## Workshops Attended

- 2019: CSWEP Mentoring Workshop
- 2017: NBER Summer Institute
- 2015: Frontiers in Urban Economics, Columbia University
- 2013: Causal Inference Workshop, Northwestern University

## Computer Skills

- R, STATA, SAS, MATLAB, ARC-GIS, LATEX