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Education

Expected May 2017 Ph.D. Candidate, Applied Economics, Cornell University.
 Aug 2010 –Aug 2013 M.S., Applied Economics, Cornell University
 Jul 2007 –May 2010 Bachelor of Arts (Honors), Economics, Delhi University

Research Fields

Development economics, labor economics, applied microeconomics, program evaluation

Working Papers

Information, Heterogeneous Updating and Higher Education Decisions: Experimental Evidence from India.
Job-Market Paper [[pdf](#)]

Determinants of Maternal Nutrition Outcomes in India: Empirical Evidence on the Role of Agriculture
 (with Prabhu Pingali). *Revise & Resubmit at Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*.
[\[pdf\]](#)

The Impact of a Community Health-Worker Program on Childhood Immunization: Evidence from India's
 ASHA Workers. [[SSRN Working Paper](#)].

Book Chapters & Policy Reports

Understanding the Multidimensional Nature of the Malnutrition Problem in India (with Prabhu Pingali).
*Forthcoming in Prabhu Pingali & Gershon Feder (2017). "Agriculture & Rural development in a
 Globalizing World - Challenges and Opportunities", Routledge Press.* [[pdf](#)].

Oil Prices & East African Food Security: Understanding the Links and Effects on Households (with
 Channing Arndt, Christopher Barrett and Others). *A Technical Report submitted to the Bill & Melinda
 Gates Foundation.* [[pdf](#)].

Grants & Fellowships

2016	George F. Warren Award for Outstanding Research (\$375), Dyson School, Cornell.
2014-2015	Research Grant, TATA-Cornell Initiative (\$35,000)
2012 & 2013	Exploratory Research Grant, TATA-Cornell Initiative (\$5,000 each year).
2010	J.N. TATA Endowment Scholarship awarded to 100 meritorious Indians for higher education overseas (\$15,000).

Research Experience

Spring 2014, Fall 2015 Research Assistant to Prabhu Pingali

Fall 2012 Research Assistant to David Lee

Select Presentations

2016 UNU WIDER Conference on Human Capital & Growth, Helsinki, Finland

2015 & 2013 Annual Conference on Economic Growth & Development. Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, India.

2015 International Conference for Agricultural Economics (Milan, Italy). A Festschrift in Honor of Hans Binswanger.

2014 Markets, Institutions & Policies Departmental Seminar. ICRISAT, Hyderabad, India

2013 Oil Prices & African Food Security Meeting. Cornell University

Teaching Experience

Spring 2016 Teaching Assistant for Intro. Microeconomics, Econ 1110 [rating: 4.2/5]

April 2015 Workshop on Quantitative Methods, TISS Hyderabad [rating: 4.6/5]

Fall 2013 Teaching Assistant for Spreadsheet Modelling, AEM 2010

Spring 2013 Teaching Assistant for International Trade & Finance, AEM 2300 [rating: 4.0/5]

Other

2014-2017 Research Scholar, ICRISAT, Hyderabad.

2014-2017 TATA-Cornell Institute (TCI) Scholar.

Skills

Stata, MATLAB, ODK, LaTeX, Microsoft Excel

ReferencesRavi Kanbur (Committee Chair)
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English, Hindi, Telugu (basic), Spanish (one-semester)