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Education

Ph. D. in Economics July 2010

Terry College of Business, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA

M. Sc. in Economics May 2004

Madras School of Economics, Anna University, Chennai, India

Bachelor of Commerce May 2002

Stella Maris College, University of Madras, Chennai, India

Fields of Specialization

Primary Field: Health Economics, Development Economics

Secondary Field: Econometrics (Cross-section, Panel and Time-Series), Gender

Work Experience

Associate Professor Department of Economics & Asian Studies, Saint Joseph's University
August 2016- present

Assistant Professor Department of Economics and Asian Studies, Saint Joseph's University
August 2010- July 2016

Instructor Department of Economics, The University of Georgia
May 2007- July 2010

Research & Teaching Assistant Department of Economics, The University of Georgia
August 2004-July 2010

Research Experience

Research Assistant and Data Analyst for Dr. Phaedra Corso, College of Public Health, The University of Georgia, Department of Health Policy and Management (January 2009- June 2010). Funded by the **National Institutes of Health**.

Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Santanu Chatterjee and Dr. David B. Mustard, The University of Georgia, Department of Economics (2008-2009). Funded by the **University of Georgia Research Foundation**.

Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Santanu Chatterjee The University of Georgia, Department of Economics (2007-2008)

Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. David B. Mustard, The University of Georgia, Department of Economics (2004-2007)

Intern for Dr. Brinda Vishwanathan, Madras School of Economics (May 2003-July 2003)

Refereed Publications

1. **Balasubramaniam, Divya**, Santanu Chatterjee, and David B. Mustard (2019). "Public versus Private Investment in Determining Child Health Outcomes: Evidence from India" *Revise and Re-submitted, Arthaniti: Journal of Economic Theory and Practice*.
2. **Balasubramaniam, Divya** (2019). "Empowering Women: The Effect of Inheritance Rights on Stunting among Children in India," *The Empirical Economics Letters*, 18 (1):65-77.
3. Liu, Echu, **Divya Balasubramaniam** and Amanda Hunt (2015). "Does access to water matter? A study on the nutritional status of school-aged children in India," *Journal of Public Health*, 1-6. doi:10.1093/pubmed/fdv149.
4. **Balasubramaniam, Divya** (2014). "Why do social divisions influence tap water access in rural India? Evidence from the National Family Health Survey," *The Empirical Economics Letters*, 13(4):347-356.
5. **Balasubramaniam, Divya**, Santanu Chatterjee, and David B. Mustard (2013). "Got Water? Social Divisions and Access to Public Goods in Rural India," *Economica*, 81: 140–160. doi: 10.1111/ecca.12056
6. Fertig, Angela, Phaedra S. Corso, and **Divya Balasubramaniam**. (2012). "Benefits and Costs of a Free Community-Based Primary Care Clinic," *Journal of Health and Human Services Administration*, 34(4): 456-470.

Other Publications

5. **Balasubramaniam, Divya**, Santanu Chatterjee, and David B. Mustard. "Got Water? Social Divisions and Access to Public Goods in Rural India, *IZA Discussion paper* No. 5977. *A revised and expanded version of the above paper was eventually published in *Economica*.
6. **Balasubramaniam, Divya**. "Female Empowerment and its Implications for Women's Health Care Utilization in India," *Pennsylvania Economic Association Proceedings*, 2016.

Working Papers

7. **Balasubramaniam, Divya**. "The Association of Mothers' Education and the Nutritional Status of Children in India," (solo-authored), January 2019.
8. **Balasubramaniam, Divya** and Liu, Echu. "Inheritance Rights and its Implications for Women's Health Care Utilization in India," January 2019.
9. **Balasubramaniam, Divya**. Gender differences in underweight among young children in India," (solo-authored), January 2019

Manuscripts in Progress

10. "Selective gender differences and its impact on intra-household immunization decisions for Indian children" (solo-authored).
11. "Female Empowerment and Maternal Health: A Survey" (solo-authored).
12. Impact of Education on Fertility Decisions and Child Mortality in South Asia- A cross country study (with Arati Dahal)

Workshop/Seminar Appearances

- Attended the Applied Economics Workshop Seminars for Business Economics and Public Policy- Christopher Timmins (Duke University) presented “Sorting or Steering: Experimental Evidence on the Economic Effects of Housing Discrimination ” at the University of Pennsylvania, September 5th, 2018.
- Attended the Health Economics Workshop with Keith Ericson, PhD (co-hosted by Wharton's Health Care Management Department and the Penn Economics Department) at the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics, University of Pennsylvania, September 21th, 2018.

Invited Presentation/Seminar

- Research Presentation at the Madras School of Economics (Anna University), Chennai India in January 2017

Conference Presentations

1. “The Association of Mothers’ Education and the Nutritional Status of Children in India,” *forthcoming* in the Eastern Economic Association Conference, March 2019.
2. “Inheritance Rights and its Implications for Women’s Health Care Utilization in India,” *forthcoming* in the Eastern Economic Association Conference, March 2019.
3. “The Association of Mothers’ Education and the Nutritional Status of Children in India,” in the Southern Economic Association Conference, November 2018.
4. “Gender differences in undernutrition among young children in India: Evidence from National Family Health Survey,” in the Southern Economic Association Conference, November 2018.
5. “Public versus Private Investment in Determining Child Health Outcomes: Evidence from India,” in Pennsylvania Economic Association Conference, May 2015, June 2017.
6. “Public versus Private Investment in Determining Child Health Outcomes: Evidence from India,” in International Atlantic Economic Conference, October 2016.
7. “Public versus Private Investment in Determining Child Health Outcomes: Evidence from India,” in Eastern Economic Conference, February 2016.
8. "Female Empowerment and its Implications for Women’s nutritional status in India," in International Atlantic Economic Conference, October 2015.
9. "Female Empowerment and its Implications for Women’s nutritional status in India," in Pennsylvania Economic Association Conference, May 2015.
10. "Female Empowerment and its Implications for Women’s nutritional status in India," in Eastern Economic Association Conference, March 2015.
11. "Female Empowerment and its Implications for Women’s nutritional status in India," in Southern Economic Association Conference, forthcoming November 2014.
12. “Access to Water and Nutritional Status: A Study of School-Aged Children in India,” in Eastern Economic Association Conference, March 2014 (accepted for presentation)
13. “Obesity a Public Health Problem in the Developing World: A Study on young Children in Rural and Urban India,” in Mid- Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Conference, November 2013.

14. "Obesity a Public Health Problem in the Developing World: A Study on Young Children in Rural and Urban India," in International Atlantic Economic Society Conference, October 2013.
 15. "Obesity a Public Health Problem in the Developing World: A Study on young Children in Rural and Urban India," in Southern Economics Association Conference, November 2012.
 16. "The Effect of Safe Water, Sanitation, and Human Capital on Child Nutrition and Health: A Quantile Regressions Approach" Mid- Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Conference, November 2012. **
 17. "The Effect of Safe Water, Sanitation, and Human Capital on Child Nutrition and Health: A Quantile Regressions Approach" Pennsylvania Economic Association, May, 2012.
 18. "The Effect of Safe Water, Sanitation, and Human Capital on Child Nutrition and Health: A Quantile Regressions Approach" Northeast Business and Economics Association, November 2011. **
 19. "Got Water? Social Divisions and Access to Public Goods in Rural India" Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, December 2009.
 20. "The Distributional Consequences of Access to Safe Water and Sanitation on Child Nutrition in India: A Quantile Regressions Approach" Southern Economic Association Conference, November 2009.
 21. "Got Water? Social Divisions and Access to Public Goods in Rural India" Southern Economic Association Conference, November 2009.
 22. "The Distributional Consequences of Access to Safe Water and Sanitation on Child Nutrition in India: A Quantile Regressions Approach" Summer Seminar Series at the Department of Economics, The University of Georgia, June 2009.
 23. "Got Water? Social Divisions and Access to Public Goods in Rural India" Graduate Student Conference at the Graduate Student Association, The University of Georgia, April 2009.
 24. "Got Water? Social Divisions and Access to Public Goods in Rural India" Poster Presentation, Southern Economics Association Conference, November 2008.
- Note: **A revised version & title of the paper is cited under "working papers".*

Research/Teaching Grants

- Grants Summer Research Grant (\$8000) - Saint Joseph's University, 2013
- Faculty Development Initiative (\$3000)- Saint Joseph's University, 2013 (grant to develop writing-intensive courses)
- Curriculum Development Grant (\$4000) - Saint Joseph's University, 2012

Awards and Honors

- SJU Faculty Merit Award, Research, 2015
- Member, SIGMA Xi Scientific Research Honor Society
- SJU Faculty Merit Teaching Award, 2015 (*Nominated*)
- SJU Research Award, 2014 (*Nominated*)

- Nominated to represent The University of Georgia for presenting paper at the 79th Southern Economic Association Annual Conference, November 2009
- John Godfrey Outstanding Graduate Student Award, 2009
- The University of Georgia Graduate School Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, 2009
- The University of Georgia Graduate School Academic Dean Award, 2008-2009
- The University of Georgia Graduate School Student Travel Grant, 2008
- Graduate Assistantship, Teaching & Research, The University of Georgia, 2005-2009
- Department of Commerce General Proficiency Award, 2000-2002

Service

Service to the Department/Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences at SJU:

Economics Department (2010-present)

- GIS/Economics 2019 search committee, 2018
- Recruiting committee, 2012
- Department Faculty Teaching Forum, 2012 (Conceived and Initiated the process)
- Faculty Liaison for Spring Sale of Profugo (Non-Profit Organization) products on campus, Spring 2013
- Organizer and coordinator, Senior Exit Survey, 2013,2014, 2015
- Faculty participant-Economics networking Night and Economics Honor Society, 2013, 2014, 2015
- Open House events, 2010-

Asian Studies Program (2010-present)

- Member, Asian Studies Committee, 2010-
- Chair (2014), Co-Chair (2013)-Asian Studies Essay Competition
- Organizer, Fall Asian Cultural Concert Night, 2014
- Contributor, Asian Games Night, 2013, 2014, 2015
- Coordinator, Review Assessments (GEP) methods for Economics courses that count for Asian Studies Program
- Asian Studies Newsletter, contributor
- Proposed Asian Studies Internship Program (2015) (Pending Committee approval)

International Relations Program (2010-present)

- Coordinator, Review Assessments (GEP) methods for Economics courses that count for International Relations Program
- Advising FROSH (2015)
- Participating Faculty-IR Sigma Iota Society SJU Chapter, Inducted IR Students 2014, 2015
- Participated in the External Review of IR Program, 2012

College level Service:

- Program and Assessment Committee, 2016-
- Learning Management Systems committee, 2012-2014
- Sustainability Committee, 2012-2013
- Member, Asian Studies Committee, 2010-
- Member, International Relations Committee, 2010-2016

University level Service:

- Retirement Plan Committee, 2017- Spring 2018

- Summer Scholars Committee, 2017- 2018
- Faculty Policies and Procedures (FPP), 2013-2015
- IPC/BAC Working Group (Part of FPP), 2014-2015
- Faculty Senate Executive Council Member, from August 2015
- General Education Program Committee (GEPO), 2014-2017
- GEP Programmatic Review sub-committee, 2014-2015
- Guest Speaker, *Hawktalk*- Fall 2015 (talk on Gender and Health in the Developing World)
- Represented Hindu Faith-SJU *Prays* Program: 2013, 2014, 2015
- Reader, SJU *Learns* Program 2013

Service to the Profession

Board of Director, *Pennsylvania Economic Association*, 2016-

Journal Referee

- Journal of Macroeconomics, American Journal of Public Health, Journal of Asia-Pacific Business

Journal Editorship

- Editorial Board Member, Eurasian Journal of Economics and Finance, 2015

Professional Memberships

- Southern Economic Association, American Economic Association, Eastern Economic Association, Institute of Women’s Policy Research, Mid- Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies, International Atlantic Economic Society (IAES), Pennsylvania Economic Association

Academic Conference: Discussant

- Pennsylvania Economic Association (2015, 2016, 2017), Eastern Economic Association (2014, 2015, 2016,2019), International Atlantic Economic Society (2013, 2016), Southern Economic Association (2012, 2014, 2018)

Academic Consulting (uncompensated)

Advisor Developmental Projects for Profugo, a Non-Profit Organization involved in International Development, 2015-

Other Invited Presentations/Participation

- Expert Speaker on *Global Water Scarcity*- Jr. Model United Nations Preparatory Conference, Temple University, March 2015.
- Panel Judge, Undergraduate Student Research Paper Competition, forthcoming IAES conference, October 2015.

Teaching

Teaching load: 3 courses per semester. Each course is three credits with two semesters per academic year.

Courses taught at Saint Joseph’s University (Fall 2010- present)

Undergraduate

1. Econometrics (Substantially modified the course)
2. Chinese Economies (Newly developed course)
3. Asian Economies (Substantially modified the course)
4. Economics of Health Care (Substantially modified the course - from Fall 2015)
5. Principles of Microeconomics

Student Advising

- Advised over 50 Economics Majors and International Relations Majors (combined) from Fall 2011-present
- Recommended over 40 students for various academic scholarships, internships, Study abroad programs from Fall 2010-present

References upon request.