

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Ph.D.** Public Policy, 2013
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Dissertation: "Roles of School District Competition and Political Institutions in Public School Spending and Student Achievement"
Advisor: Dr. Stephanie Moller
- M.Phil.** Economics, 2004
Center for Economic Studies and Planning (CESP)
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
Dissertation: "Theory of Innovation and Patents with Special Focus on Indian Industry."
Advisor: Dr. Krishnendu Ghosh Dastidar
- M.A.** Economics, 2002
Center for Economic Studies and Planning (CESP)
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

Professional Experience

- August 2014 -** Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas
- Jan.-May 2014** Instructor (Part-time), Department of Political Science
Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia
- Jan. 2008-Aug. 2013** Graduate/Teaching Assistant
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- April-Nov., 2007** Consultant
Entrepreneur Development Initiative (EDI)
Aga Khan Foundation, Maputo, Mozambique
- Sept., 2004-March, 2007** Research Officer
Center for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA), New Delhi, India

Published Work

Stearns, E., **Jha, Nandan**, Potochnick, S. (2013). Race, Secondary School Course of Study, and College Type, *Social Science Research*, 42(3): 789-803.

Jha, Praveen, Subrat Das, Siba Sankar Mohanty and **Nandan Kumar Jha** (2008): *Public Provisioning for Elementary Education in India*. SAGE International Publishing House, New Delhi.

Professional Articles:

Jha, Nandan. (2012). Getting in the Groove: How Students Can Make Successful Conference Presentations. *The Southern Sociologist*, 43(3): 7-9.

Jha, Nandan Kumar (2007): Budget 2007-08: Half Hearted Efforts to Improve Public Health Spending, *HEALTH FOR THE MILLIONS*, Vol. 32, No. 6, February – March 2007: Voluntary Health Association of India:

(<https://docs.google.com/file/d/oB46PlmeSUZ9jeWxic2lJMTRwSUU/edit>).

Jha, Nandan, Deepak Xavier and Vivek Ramkumar (2006): National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in India, Online Newsletter of International Budget Project, Washington, DC (<http://internationalbudget.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/newsletter34.pdf>): No. 34, July 2006.

Manuscripts under Review

Nandan Jha, Neena Banerjee, and Stephanie Moller. “*Assessing the Role of Teachers’ Unions in the Adoption of Accountability Policies in Public Education*” (Revise & Resubmit)

Nandan Jha. “*Fiscal Decentralization and Declining Role of State Governments in Highway Finance: Is there an Association?*” (Revise & Resubmit)

Elizabeth Stearns, **Nandan Jha**, Stephanie Moller, Roslyn Mickelson, and Jason Giersch. “*Do First-Year Grades Contribute to the Gender Gap in Declaring STEM Majors?*” (Under Review)

Nandan Jha. “*Do Inter-School District Competition and Political Institutions Jointly Influence Public School Spending?*” (Under Review)

Manuscripts in Progress

Nandan Jha. “*Inter-School District Competition, Political Institutions, and Student Achievement.*”

Nandan Jha. “*Socioeconomic Opportunity Structure of Place and Student Achievement: A Theoretical and Empirical Refinement of Inequalities of Place Model in Roscigno et al. (2006).*”

Nandan Jha and Elizabeth Stearns. “*Race, Secondary School Course of Study, and Type of Post-secondary Degree.*”

Elizabeth Stearns, **Nandan Jha**, Stephanie Moller and Roslyn Mickelson. "*The Effects of High School Intention to Major on Declaring and Graduating in Different Types of Majors in 4-Year College.*"

Nandan Jha, Neena Banerjee, and Stephanie Moller. "*Do Political Party Competition and Teachers' Unions Jointly Influence the Adoption of Accountability Policies in Public Education?*"

Teaching Interests

Program Evaluation, Public Management, Policy Analysis, Introduction to Public Administration, Statistics, Research Methodology, Public Finance, Economic Analysis, American Government, and State and Local Government.

Teaching Experience

2014-15 (Fall & Spring) Visiting Assistant Professor: Program Evaluation (MPA); Public Management (MPA); Intro to Public Administration (Undergrad); Texas Government (Undergrad)
Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University

2014 Spring Instructor: American and Georgia Government (POLS 1101U)
Department of Political Science
Valdosta State University

2011 (Summer School) Independent Instructor: Urban Sociology (SOCY4125)
Department of Sociology
University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Fall 2010-Spring 2012 Instructor: Research Methods Lab (POLS 2220)
Department of Political Science and Public Administration
University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Research Interests

Education Policy; Urban Policy; and Higher Education

Statistics and Software Skills

- Proficient in STATA, SPSS, and Excel; Working Knowledge of SAS & Mathematica
- Experience in the application of linear and nonlinear cross-sectional and panel data regression models.

Experience with Large-Scale Datasets

- Experience with large US national representative sample surveys including education finance data, popularly elected local officials survey, common core of data, and school

district demographic system data on school districts and the National Education Longitudinal Study (NELS:88), and the Education Longitudinal Study (ELS:2002) at the student-level. Gained valuable experience in merging these data using appropriate common identifiers and applying different multiple regression models for statistical inference. Implemented **multiple imputation** method for filling missing data.

- Worked with the unique NC Roots dataset as part of the NSF funded project. This dataset tracks post-secondary educational trajectories of the NC secondary school students in public universities within the University of North Carolina System.
- Used public spending and revenue data maintained by various public authorities, including Finance Ministry of the Government of India, Comptroller and Auditor General of India and Reserve Bank of India (while working with CBGA).

Awards and Honors

- Selected to Participate in 2011 Summer Doctoral Teaching Assistant Institute. Participated in teaching workshops, taught an independent course and received Summer Assistantship as part of this award.
- Graduate/Teaching Assistantship (2008-present)
- Graduate School Tuition Award (GASP) (2008-present).
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, UNC Charlotte
- Mu Chapter of Phi Beta Delta of International Scholars at UNC Charlotte
- Government of India Merit-Cum-Means Scholarship (Funded entire cost of 8-12 Grade Education in reputed residential private schools: Vikas Vidyalaya, Ranchi and Bhavan's Sawan Public School, New Delhi)

Professional Service

- Part of the team which organized one of the most successful annual meetings for the Southern Sociological Society in 2012 in New Orleans.
- **Discussant** of the Panel on Public Policy and Society Session in North Carolina Political Science Association (February, 2011).

Language Skills

English, Hindi, Maithili (Native), Bengali (Basic), Portuguese (Basic)

Conference Participation

Nandan Jha & Elizabeth Stearns. "*Race-Specific High School Course Intensity and Student's Post-Secondary Educational Attainment.*" to be presented in the Southeastern Conference of Public Administration, Atlanta (September 17-19, 2014).

Neena Banerjee, Sharmistha Nag, & **Nandan Jha**. "*Female Education and Fertility Behavior in India: The Role of Diffusion.*" to be presented at the 41st Annual Northeast Business & Economics Conference, Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey, November 6-8, 2014.

Neena Banerjee & **Nandan Jha**. "Teacher Union Strength and State Policies on Teacher Quality." to be presented at the Georgia Political Science Association Conference, which will be at Savannah, GA between November 13-15, 2014.

Nandan Jha. "Do Inter-School District Competition and Political Institutions Jointly Influence Public School Spending?" Southeastern Conference of Public Administration, Charlotte (September, 2013).

Elizabeth Stearns, **Nandan Jha**, Jason Giersch, Stephanie Moller and Roslyn Mickelson. "Do First-Year Grades Contribute to the Gender Gap in Declaring STEM Majors?" Southern Sociological Society Meeting, Atlanta (April 24-27, 2013).

Nandan Jha. "Is Fiscal Decentralization Associated with the Declining Role of State Governments in Highway Finance?" Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (April 12-15, 2012).

Nandan Jha, Roslyn A. Mickelson and Stephen S. Smith. "Funding Inequity and Allocative Efficiency in Public Education: Using "The Tamed and Responsive Leviathan Model" in the Context of School Districts." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (April 12-15, 2012).

Neena Banerjee and **Nandan Jha**. "Assessing the Role of Teachers' Unions in the Adoption of Accountability Laws in Public Education." American Educational Research Association, Vancouver (April 13-17, 2012).

Nandan Jha, Roslyn A. Mickelson and Stephen S. Smith. "Funding Inequity and Allocative Efficiency in Public Education: the Role of Inter-Jurisdictional Competition, Political Institution, and Citizen Demand." Southern Sociological Society Meeting, New Orleans (March 21-24, 2012).

Neena Banerjee and **Nandan Jha**. "Do Teachers' Unions Influence State Adoption of Accountability Laws in Public Education? A Comparative Policy Analysis of No Child Left Behind." (Poster) American Political Science Association, Seattle (September, 2011).

Nandan Jha. "Institutionalization of Local Option Transportation Taxes and the Motor Fuel Taxation Rates in the US States: Is there an Association?" North Carolina Political Science Association (February, 2010).

Professional Membership

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Southern Sociological Society (SSS)
- Southeastern Conference of Public Administration

References

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