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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2013 - Assistant Professor of Economics, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
2011 - 2013 Lecturer, Department of Global Health, University of Washington, Seattle
2009 - 2011 David E. Bell Post-doctoral Research Fellow, HCPDS, Harvard University
Summer 2010 Visiting Scholar, Economics, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany
Spring 2010 Visiting Assistant Professor, Economics, Bentley University, MA, USA.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT

2012-current, Research Affiliate, Courant Research Centre, "Poverty, Equity, and Growth in Developing Countries", Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany
2012-2013, Research Affiliate, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology (CSDE), University of Washington, Seattle
2012-2013, Faculty Affiliate, Program on Health Economics and Outcomes Methodology (PHEoNM), University of Washington, Seattle

CONSULTING AND OTHER RESEARCH POSITIONS

2014-Present, Steering Group Member, ICAP, Washington, D.C.
2011-current, Consultant, Albanian Development Fund (ADF), Tirana, Albania
2009-2010 - Consultant, IED, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila
2002-2004 - Research Associate, NCAER, Delhi

EDUCATION

2006-2009 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Houston
2004-2006 M.A. in Economics, University of Houston
2000-2002 M.A. in Economics, Delhi School of Economics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, International Health, Public Policy, Program Evaluation

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- [9] **Kumar, Santosh**; Dansereau, Emily; Murray, Chris JL (2014) “Does Distance matter for Institutional Delivery in Rural India?”, (*Forthcoming, Applied Economics*)
- [8] **Kumar, Santosh** and Dansereau, Emily. (2014) Supply-side barriers to providing delivery care in India: a facility-based analysis, (*Forthcoming, PLOS ONE*)
- [7] **Kumar, Santosh** and Prakash, Nishith. (2013) Impact of the Village Health and Sanitation Committee on Health-care Utilisation: Findings from Propensity Score Matching in India, *The Lancet*, Vol. 381, pp. S77 (Meeting abstract)
- [6] Masters SH, Burstein R, Amofahb G, Abaogye P, **Kumar S**, Hanlon M. (2013) [Travel Time to Maternity Care and its Effect on Utilization in Rural Ghana: A Multi-level Analysis](#), *Social Science & Medicine*, 94:147-154.
- [5] **Kumar, S.** and Berkman, LF. (2013) [Association of Iodized Salt Usage with Malnutrition among Young Children in India](#), (*Forthcoming, Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health.*)
- [4] **Kumar, S.** and Vollmer, S. (2013) [Does Access to Improved Sanitation reduce Childhood Diarrhea in Rural India?](#) *Health Economics*, 22(4).
- [3] **Kumar S**, Calvo R, Avendano M, Sivaramakrishnan K, and Berkman L. (2012) [Social Support, Volunteering and Health around the World: Cross-National Evidence from 139 Countries](#). *Social Science & Medicine*, 74(5):696-706.
- [2] Anekwe T. and **Kumar, S.** (2012) [The Effect of a Vaccination Program on Child Anthropometry: Evidence from India’s Universal Immunization Program](#). *Journal of Public Health*, 34(4):489-497.
- [1] Calvo R, Zheng Y, **Kumar S**, Olgiati A, Berkman L. (2012) [Well-being and Social Capital on Planet Earth: Cross-National Evidence from 142 Countries](#). *PLOS ONE*, 7(8).

REVISION REQUESTED

- [10] “Childhood Immunization, Mortality, and Human Capital Accumulation: Micro-evidence from India”, (*Journal of Human Resources*)
- [11] “Is Electrification Welfare Improving?: Non-Experimental Evidence from Rural Bhutan”, with Ganesh Rauniyar (ADB) (*Journal of Development Effectiveness*)

UNDER REVIEW

[12] “Unintended Consequences of Childhood Immunization Program”,

WORKING PAPER

[13] “Preference for Boys, Family Size and Educational Attainment in India”, with Adriana Kugler (Georgetown University)

[14] “Women Reservation in Bihar and Children’s Health Outcomes”, with Nishith Prakash (University of Connecticut)

[15] “Education, Family Size, and Female Employment: Micro-evidence from a Developing Country”, with Edward Hoang (Univ of Colorado)

WORK IN PROGRESS

[16] “Mobility and Trade: Evidence from India”, with Adriana Kugler (Georgetown University) and Petia Topalova (IMF)

[17] “Connectivity and Rural Development: Examining India’s Rural Road Building Scheme”, with Abhijit Banerjee (MIT) and Rohini Pande (Harvard) - **Village survey complete**

[18] “Inclusive Growth through Microfinance and Entrepreneurial Training: An Impact Study”, with Dean Karlan (Yale) and Mir Salim (University of Virginia) - **Baseline survey complete**

[19] “Building Road to Development in Albania: Difference-in-Differences Matching Evidence”, - **Baseline survey complete**

[20] “Improving Health through Electrification? Evidence from Rural Bhutan”, with Fidel Gonzalez (Sam Houston State University) and Ganesh Rauniyar (Asian Development Bank)

TEACHING

Graduate

2010 Summer – “Health and Development”, Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen, Germany

2010 Spring – “Economic Environments of Firm”, Bentley University (Business School)

Undergraduate

University of Houston, Principles of Microeconomics (Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008)

Sam Houston State University, Principles of Economics (x3), Principles of Microeconomics (x3), Economic Development

FIELD WORK

2011-12: Household and Village Survey in Albania

2009-10: Impact of Rural Electrification Survey in Bhutan

2007-08: Village Survey of Rural Roads in India

2003-04: Parochial Politics: Ethnic Preferences and Political Corruption (Abhijit Banerjee and Rohini Pande); (Working Paper, KSG, Harvard, July 2007); (BREAD Working Paper No. 152)

2003-04: Kisan Credit Card Scheme: Impact, Weaknesses and Further Reforms, India, (NCAER)

2002-03: Impact Assessment of Rural Development Programs in Mangan District, India (NCAER)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS

2014: Texas Econometrics Camp, The Woodlands, TX

2011, 2013: Global Health Metrics Conference, Seattle, USA; Stata TX Empirical Microeconomics Conference, Houston

2008: 16th Annual Texas Monetary Camp, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, TX, USA

2003: 15th Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE), Bangalore, India

PAPER & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

2014: Cege, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany; 9th IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment & Development, Lima; International Conference on "Poverty, Equity, and Growth in Developing and Transition Countries, Göttingen.

2013: Annual Conference on Economic Growth & Development (ACEGD), New Delhi; International Health Economics Association (iHEA), Sydney; Poster-Population Association of America (PAA), New Orleans; Poster-Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH), Washington D.C; Sam Houston State University.

2012: Indian Health Economics and Policy Association (IHEPA), Bangalore; University of Washington (PHEoNM Seminar), Seattle; Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore; American Society of Health Economists Conference (Poster, Discussant, Chair), Minneapolis; Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany; Asian Development Bank, Manila.

2011: Global Health Conference, Montreal (Poster); Bihar Growth Week, Patna, India; IGC Growth Week, London School of Economics (LSE); Tufts University

2010: University of Washington, Seattle; Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany

2009: Harvard Center of Population and Development Studies; North Eastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Boston; North American Summer Econometric Society Meeting, Boston; Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, Cleveland; Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, Mexico; University of Essex, Colchester, UK; 8th Annual Missouri Economics Conference, Columbia, MO; XIIIth Texas Econometrics Camp, Kerrville, TX

HONORS AND AWARDS

2014: COBA Summer Research Grant, Sam Houston State University (\$3000)

2014: Faculty Research Grant, Sam Houston State University (\$5000)

2014: EURECA-FAST Grant, Sam Houston State University (\$4000)

2013: Dept of Global Health Travel Grant, University of Washington

2011: Dept of Global Health Travel Grant, University of Washington

2011: International Growth Centre-Bihar, with Nishith Prakash (UConn), (PI, £10,000)

2010: Harvard Population Center Seed Grant, (PI, \$10,000)

2009-13: AusAID Grant for Microfinance Evaluation, (CO-PI, \$500,000)

2009: Rand Summer Institute, Santa Monica, CA,

2009: Primeaux Scholarship, University of Houston, \$1100

2009: BREAD/CEPR/University of Verona Summer School in Development

2007-08: Henry Graham Grant, University of Houston, \$6000

2008: Jhamandas Watulmull Fund Scholarship, University of Houston, \$1000

2006: J-PAL Summer Course, Chennai, India

2004-06: Cullen Supplemental Fellowship, University of Houston

2004-09: Graduate Assistant Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston

SERVICES

Seminar Organizer, Recruiting Committee, MPH Admission Committee

EXTERNAL MEMBER AT UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Mykhailo Sitiuk (Ph.D.), Abhilasha Singh (Ph.D.), Iryna Hayduk (Ph.D.)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association, American Society of Health Economists, Southern Economic Association, Population Association of America, Midwest Economic Association

REFEREE

Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Development Economics, World Development, Health Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Economics and Human Biology, Social Science & Medicine, Asian Population Studies, International Review of Applied Economics, Journal of Public Health, National Medical Journal of India, BMC Geriatrics