
CURRICULUM VITAE

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Academic Positions

2022- Present **Associate Professor of Economics**, Rowan University
2016- 2022 **Assistant Professor of Economics**, Rowan University
2014- 2016 **Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics**, Saint John's University

Leadership positions:

- Director, Center for Social Science Research and Innovation, Rowan University, September 2022- Present
- Coordinator, CUGS in Blockchain Applications in Business and Social Sciences, Rowan University, September 2020- Present

Education

Ph.D., Economics, Syracuse University, 2014
M.S., Mathematics, Western Illinois University, 2008
M.Sc., Statistics, Tribhuvan University, 2001
B.Sc., Physics, Mathematics & Statistics, Tribhuvan University, 1999

Research and Teaching Interests

Research: Primary- International Economics, Economic Development

Secondary- Applied Microeconomics, Institutional Economics, Public Policy

Teaching: International Trade/Finance, Global Economy, Econometrics, Statistics, Microeconomic Theory, Applied Microeconomics, Economic Development, Applications of Blockchain Technology

Research Papers

Publications:

1. "Ex-ante Moral Hazard: Evidence from the Behavioral Risk Factor and Surveillance System Dataset." (with Rajendra Dulal and Madhav KC), *Journal of Development Innovations* 6(1), June 2022, 1-15.
2. "Impact of Economic Factors and Policy Interventions on the COVID-19 Pandemic." (with Yupeng Li), *Sustainability* 13(22) - 12874, 2021

3. "Court Fairness and Firm-level Export Decisions." *International Review of Economics & Finance* 75, 2021, 269-277.
4. "Migration, Remittance, and Agricultural Productivity: Evidence from the Nepal Living Standard Survey." (with Shankar Ghimire), *World Development Perspectives* 19-100198, September 2020.
5. "Impact of Remittances on Household Health Care Expenditure: Evidence from the Nepal Living Standard Survey." (with Stuti Jha), *Review of Development Economics* 24(3), August 2020, 991-1008.
6. "Impact of Remittances on Child Labor in Nepal." (with Stuti Jha), *The Empirical Economics Letters*, June 2020.
7. "Does the Source of Remittance Matter? Differentiated Effects of Earned and Unearned Remittances on Agricultural Productivity." (with Shankar Ghimire), *Economies* 8(1)-8, 2020.
8. "The Effects of the Chinese Imports on Brazilian Manufacturing Workers." (with Lourenco Paz), *Economies* 7(3)-76, 2019.
9. "Impact of Political Instability on Firm-Level Export Decisions." *International Review of Economics & Finance* 59, January 2019, 98-105.
10. "Imitate or Innovate? FDI, Technology, and Income Levels in Middle Income Countries." (with Shankar Ghimire and Md Rajib-Ur Rahman), *Journal of Development Innovations* 2(1), May 2018, 1-13.
11. "Productivity, Firm Size and Trade Liberalization in a Partner Country: Evidence from Korean Firm-level Data." *International Review of Economics & Finance* 45, September 2016, 572-583.
12. "Firm Size, Foreign Exposure and Inequality in Wage: A Decomposition Analysis." (with Satis Devkota and Mukti Upadhyay), *Development Journal of the South*, 1(1) August 2015, 82-93.

Working papers:

13. "Skilled Labor, Firm Size and Trade liberalization in a Partner Country."
14. "Corruption, Political Instability and Firm-Level Export Decisions." (with Lourenco Paz)
15. "Household Income, Migration Networks, and Migration Decisions." (with Shankar Ghimire) Under Review
16. "Frequent vs. Lumpy: Impact of Remittance Patterns on Investment, Consumption, and Poverty." (with Shankar Ghimire and Maroula Khraiche, Under Review)
17. "Public-Private Education and the Labor Market Outcomes: An Application of the Blinder-Oaxaca Decomposition." (with Shankar Ghimire and Rajendra Dulal, Under Review)

Works in progress:

- “Imported Intermediate Inputs and Firm Level Export Decisions in Developing Countries?”
- “Trade Orientation and Firm Performance: A Quantile Regression Analysis.”
- “Economic Costs of Educational Inequality in Nepal.”
- “Does Court Fairness Attenuate the Effect of Corruption on Firm Performance?”
- “Gender, Access to Finance, and Firm Exports: Are Women Advantaged?”
- “Informal sector competition and firm-level export decisions.”
- “The Socio-economic Impacts of Climate Change: Evidence from Mountainous Country Nepal”

Conference/Seminar Presentations:

2023 “Frequent vs. Lumpy: Impact of Remittance Patterns on Investment, Consumption, and Poverty” American Economic Association Meeting, January.

2022 “Informal sector competition and firm-level export decisions” Canadian Economic Association Annual Meeting, May.

“Informality and firm-level export decisions” Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November.

2021 “Informal sector competition and firm-level export decisions” Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November.

2020 “Offshoring and Firm Performance: Evidence from South Asian Countries” Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November.

“Allowance for Senior Citizens (Bridhha Bhatta) and Successful Aging in Nepal” Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November.

“Causes of Migration: Networking VS Household Income” Western Illinois University (Remote, Invited Talk), September.

“Behavioral Economics and Institutional Reform” US-Nepal Policy Research Center (Remote), September.

“Covid-19 Pandemic and Socio-Economic Challenges & Opportunities in Nepal” Madan Bhandari Memorial College, Nepal (Remote, Invited Talk), June.

“What Motivates People to Migrate? An Examination of the Economic Choices and Migration Networks” Mini Online Economics Conference, May, University of Hull, UK.

“Allowance for Senior Citizens (*Bridhha Bhatta*) and Successful Aging in Nepal” (Scheduled to present at Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, March, Cancelled)

- 2019 American Economic Association Meeting, Canadian Economics Association Meeting, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting.
- 2018 Canadian Economics Association Meeting, International Conference: Role of Diaspora in Higher Education in Nepal, US-Nepal Policy Research Center, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting.
- 2017 Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting; US-Nepal Policy Research Center, US; Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting
- 2016 Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, April
- 2015 Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting; Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting
- 2014 Himalayan Policy Research Conference; Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting
- 2013 Departmental Seminar, Economics Department, Syracuse University; Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting; Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting

Courses Taught

- **Rowan University:** Microeconomics, Contemporary Economic Systems, Global Economics, Statistics for Economists, Econometrics, Blockchain Applications
- **College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University:** International Economics, Econometrics, Microeconomic Theory, and Introduction to Economics
- **Syracuse University:** International Trade Theory and Policy (Summer 2013 and 2014)
- **Western Illinois University:** Algebra (Modeling, Functions and Graphs) (Summer 2008)
- **Tribhuvan University, Nepal:** Statistics and Research methodology (2003-2006)

Courses Developed

- Blockchain Applications
- International Trade
- Socio-economic Applications of Blockchain

Awards/Fellowships/Recognition:

Top downloaded faculty member-RDW, College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Rowan University (Recognized by Rowan University Libraries), Fall 2019
 Certificate in University Teaching, Syracuse University, 2014
 Maxwell Summer Fellowship, Syracuse University, Summer 2012
 Syracuse University Graduate Assistantship, 2009- 2014
 Western Illinois University Graduate Assistantship, 2007- 2008

Grant Activities:

2022

The Russell Sage Foundation, “Bhutanese and Nepali Immigrants in America: A Natural Experiment Comparing Immigration Status.” Not Funded, Role: Co-PI.

South Jersey Institute for Population Health (SJIPH) “Factors Influencing Asthma Self-Management and Disparities in Asthma Control among Adolescents from Low-Income.” Pending, Role: Co-PI, \$35,000 (Partnering Institutions: Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, Rowan University, and Rutgers University).

2021

South Jersey Institute for Population Health (SJIPH) “South New Jersey Panel Data Project for the Improvement of Health Equity.”- 2021, **Funded**, Role: Co-PI, \$20,000 (Partnering Institutions: Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, Rowan University, and Rutgers University).

South Jersey Institute for Population Health (SJIPH), “Southern New Jersey Perinatal Population Health Data Hub: A project to address disparities in maternal and infant well-being in the southern New Jersey region.”- 2021, **Funded**, Role: Co-Investigator, \$30,000 (Partnering Institutions: Rutgers University, Rowan University, and Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative).

2020

National Science Foundation (NSF) “Civic Innovation Challenge- Track A”- 2020, Not Funded, Role: Investigator, \$50,000.

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPUB) “Program Evaluation of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities’ Energy Assistance Programs.” 2020-2020, RFR submitted and pending, Role: Co-PI, \$286,172.

2019

The Russell Sage Foundation, “Parent’s Immigration Status and Children’s Human Capital Formation: Evidence from the Refugees and the Diversity Visa Lottery Winners in the US,” 2020-2021, Not Funded, Role: PI, \$35,000.

The Camden Health Research Initiative, Rowan University, “Health Trajectory and Economic Decisions of older people: Implications to Camden,” 2020-2022, Not Funded, Role: PI, \$149,926.50.

2018

The Camden Health Research Initiative, Rowan University, “Insurance Coverage and Substance Abuse Treatment in Southern New Jersey,” 2018-2020, Not Funded, Role: Methodology Consultant, \$133,500.

Rowan University, “Junior Faculty Travel Grant” 2018-2019, **Funded**, \$1,000.

Relevant Work Experience:

Consultant	- Trade and International Integration, The World Bank, Summer 2011
Research Assistant	- Syracuse University, Gerald B. and Daphna Cramer International Studies Research Assistant (for Prof. Devashish Mitra), 2011-14
Teaching Assistant	- Department of Economics, Syracuse University, 2009-11 - Department of Mathematics, Western Illinois University, 2007-08
Section Office	- Government of Nepal (Ministry of General Administration, 2006-2009) - Government of Nepal (Ministry of Population and Environment, 2004-06)
Junior Officer	- Government of Nepal (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nepal, 2000 - 04)
Lecturer	- Tri-Chandra College, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, 2003-2006

Professional Service:

At Rowan University – Departmental Level:

- Coordinator, Economics Talk, 2021/22 - Present
- Member, Mukhoti Research Award Committee, 2017/18 - Present
- Supervise Mukhoti Research Interns – Economics, 2017/18 – Present
- Member, Economics Search Committee, 2016/17 and 2017/18
- Member, Adjunct & 3/4 Review Committee, 2017/18
- Open House Staffing, 2017/18 - Present
- Summer Orientation Staffing, Economics, Summer 2017
- Transfer Credit Evaluator – Economics, 2017/18
- Member, PSEC Adjusted Load Committee, 2017/18
- Member, Masters in Public Policy program development group, 2019/20
- Sponsor, ‘International Trade’ course, 2019
- Organizer, Research Talk on US Trade Policy and Trade War, February 2020

At Rowan University – College Level:

- Member, International Studies Advisory Board, 2016-Present
- Summer Orientation Staffing, International Studies, Summer 2018
- Member, Asian Studies Program, 2017-Present
- Gave a talk – Asian Month, April 10, 2018
- CHSS Dismissal Appeals Committee member, Summer 2018
- CHSS Case Study competition authoring committee member, 2018/19
- Member, Model UN Selection Faculty Panel, 2018- Present

At Rowan University - University Level:

- Member, Research Committee, 2020/21
- Member, Research Restart Committee, 2020/21-present
- Member, International Education Council, 2019/20 and 2020/21
- Member, CUGS on Blockchain Applications Development Group, 2019/20
- Member, Masters in Public Policy Program Development Group, 2019/20
- Member, Blockchain Applications Course Development Group, 2018/19
- University Senate Representative, 2018/19 and 2019/20
- Interviewer: Boren Fellowship Interview, Rowan University, Spring 2017

- Member, COGS in Applied Economics courses development group, 2018/19

External:

- Executive Officer/ Member Secretary: USNPRC, September 2022-Present
- Review a paper for “International Conference on Nepal’s Reconstruction-2020”
- Editor: Journal of Development Innovations, June 2020 - Present
- Reviewer: The World Economy, The International Trade Journal, Economics, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, Sustainability, Journal of Development Innovations, Transnational Corporations Review, International Review of Economics and Finance, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, The World Bank Economic Review, Review of Development Economics, The European Journal of Development Research, Review of Policy Research, Social Sciences, World Development Sustainability, Applied Economics
- Conference Session Chair: Southern Economic Association Meetings, 2014 & 2015
- Discussant: Canadian Economics Association Meeting- 2018, 2019
Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting- 2014
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting- 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Interviewer: Trustees’ Scholarship, Saint John’s University- Spring 2015
- Non-Technical Writing:
 1. “*Blockchain technology and SDGs*” 04/18/2021
<https://kathmandupost.com/columns/2021/04/18/blockchain-technology-and-sdgs>
 2. “*Returnee Migrants and Their Management*” 09/13/2020.
<https://kathmandupost.com/columns/2020/09/13/returnee-migrants-and-their-management>
 3. “*Why Economic Growth?*” 09/20/2017 (in Nepali Language).
<http://www.akhabardainik.com/2017/09/20/104446>

Professional Development:

Participated Workshops and other meetings

2022

- Participated and presented on Rowan Virtual Faculty Research Day, March 30
- Participated and presented in PSEC research workshop, April 25

2021

- Attended 19th Annual Faculty Conference on Teaching Excellence, Temple U., January
- Participated and presented on Rowan Virtual Faculty Research Day, March 31
- Participated and presented in PSEC research workshop, April 23
- NSF CAREER Award Workshop, April 28

2020

- Attended 18th Annual Faculty Conference on Teaching Excellence, Temple U., January
- Rowan Teaching Connection (RTC) Fall Mini-Conference on “Teaching Well and Being Well in 2020.” November 20, 2020

- Presented at DEI Virtual Research Mixer at Rowan University, November 2020
- Attended Global Virtual Seminar on “The Ages of Globalization: Geography, Technology and Institutions”
- Participated Corporate Foundation Relations (CFR) Seminar Series, June 2020.
- Participated Webinar on “The impact of COVID-19 on international remittances and financial inclusion” organized by International Growth Center, June 16, 2020
- Poster presentation on Rowan Faculty Research Day, March 25, 2020 (Cancelled)
- Magna Mini-Series Webinar on “Practical Ways to Support First-Generation College Students in the College Classroom” March 5, 2020

2019

- Rowan Teaching Connection (RTC) Conference on “Great Ideas For Teaching Students,” April 12, 2019
- Poster presentation on Rowan Faculty Research Day, March 27, 2019
- Meeting with Altinbas University Delegates, October 14, 2019
- Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) Workshop, October 25, 2019

2018

- Academic Conference Call: U.S. Economic Security and the Future of Work, Council on Foreign Relations, November 15, 2018
- Poster presentation, Research Symposium in Cooper Medical School of RU (CMSRU), Oct 03, 2018
- Tenure and Recontracting Workshop, June 20, 2018
- Summer Grant Assistance, June 11, 2018
- Writing Retreat, May 2018
- Rowan Teaching Connection (RTC) Conference, April 6, 2018
- Magna Online Seminar on Teaching Strategies, March 29, 2018
- Poster presentation on Rowan Faculty Research Day, March 28, 2018
- Junior Faculty Meeting with the Dean’s Fellow for Research and Graduate studies, March 9, 2018
- Faculty Conference on Teaching Excellence, Temple University, January 10, 2018

2017

- Introduction to Grant Budgeting workshop, February 13, 2017
- An Overview of the Grant Application Process at Rowan University, September 20, 2017
- Rowan Teaching Connection (RTC) Fall Conference, October 27, 2017

2016

- Expanding Your Audience: Increasing the Visibility of Your Research, November 1, 2016
- Writing Winning Grant Proposal, October 25, 2016
- Tenure and Recontracting Workshop, September 20, 2016
- The New Faculty Orientation, August 22-24, 2016
- Junior Faculty Learning Community Meetings, Fall 2016

Affiliation:

American Economic Association, Canadian Economics Association
Southern Economic Association, Midwest Economics Association, US-Nepal Policy
Research Center, Omicron Delta Epsilon

References:

Available upon request

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