

PRASHANT BHANDARI

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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA

Aug 2022 -

PhD in Economics (GPA : 3.925)

Department of Economics

Kenyon College, Ohio USA

Aug 2018 - May 2022

Bachelor of Arts, Economics (Honors), Mathematics

Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH INTEREST

Development Economics, Political Economy

PUBLICATION

COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy by Smoking Status Among Ohio Adults, *with Teferra, A. A., Nau, M., Tosun, L., Sahr, T. R., Freedner, N., & Ferketich, A. K., Ohio Journal of Public Health (2023).*

WORKING PAPER

Why give up the ability to choose? Evidence from a Nepalese land allocation program, *with Abraham Holland and Bhishma K. Bhusal (under review).*

Beyond Generations: Effect of Old Age Allowance on Education Expenditure in Nepal.

Military Expenditure and Foreign Direct Investment Inflow: An Empirical Analysis, *with Narendra Regmi and Krishna Sharma. R&R from Review of International Economics*

WORK IN PROGRESS

Mental Health and Worker Performance: Evidence from the Public Sector, *with Muhammad Yasir Khan, Zain Chaudhry, Dietmar Fehr, and Karrar Hussain.*

Special Economic Zones and Health Impact: Evidence from India, *with Arpita Soni and Fizzah Malik.*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Professor Muhammad Yasir Khan

May 2025 - Aug 2025

College of Public Health, Ohio State University

May 2021 - Aug 2021

Advisor: Professor Amy Ferketich

Research Assistant to Professor Narendra Regmi

Aug 2021 - Aug 2022

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

- **Introduction to Mathematical Methods (PhD Level)** *Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025*
- **Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory (Undergraduate)** *Spring 2024*
- **Empirical Methods (PhD Level)** *Spring 2025*

Grader

- **Market Structure & Competition (Undergraduate)** *Spring 2024*

Tutor

- **Intermediate Microeconomics (Kenyon College)** *Fall 2021*
- **Introductory Macroeconomics (Kenyon College)** *Spring 2022*

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

The Reuben E. Slesinger Fellowship

Aug 2022

Awarded annually to the most promising entering PhD student, as determined by the graduate admissions committee.

The Paul Titus Economics Prize

Apr 2022

Presented annually to a graduating student who has demonstrated unusual competence in economics and in the use of the tools of economic analysis.

The Reginald B. Allen Prize

Apr 2022

Presented annually to a graduating student who has shown unusual promise in mathematics.

The Jeffrey S. Williams Memorial Award

Apr 2022

Presented annually to a graduating student who seeks integration between Psychology and Economics.

SUMMER SCHOOL

The Economics of Poverty and Inequality: Global Challenges in the 21st Century

Jul 2024

University of Barcelona

SKILLS

Proficient in R, L^AT_EX, Python, STATA, ArcGIS, Matlab, MS-Excel, C++

OTHER INFORMATION

Languages: English (Fluent), Nepali (Fluent) and Hindi (Fluent)

Citizenship: Nepali

REFERENCES

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