

Current Position

Postdoctoral Fellow, J-PAL South Asia 2026–
 • Pls: Dr Karthik Muralidharan (UC San Diego) and Dr Abhijeet Singh (Stockholm School of Economics)

Education

PhD in Economics, University of California, Santa Cruz 2026
 Committee Chair: Dr Laura Giuliano
MPhil in Economics, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research 2018
MSc in Economics, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research 2017
 Awarded the Chancellor's Gold Medal for the Best-Performing Student in The M.Sc. Program.
BA (Hons) Economics, University of Delhi 2015

Publications

Affirmative Action, Faculty Productivity, and Caste Interactions: Evidence from Engineering Colleges in India with Robert Fairlie, Saurabh Khanna, and Prashant Loyalka 2026
 Forthcoming, *Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics*

Working Papers

Relative Skills in the Classroom: Teachers' Gender-Differentiated Impacts on Test Scores and Course Grades 2026
 (Job Market Paper)
Female Faculty Reduce Anxiety About STEM and Raise Academic Achievement Among Female Undergraduates with Robert Fairlie, Mridul Joshi, Saurabh Khanna, and Prashant Loyalka 2026
 Revise and Resubmit, *Nature Communications*
Nonlinear Segregation Dynamics in Schooling Markets: the Case of Caste in India with Moumita Das, Shreya Dutt, and Kartik Srivastava 2026

Works in Progress

Class Size Effects in Developing Countries: Longitudinal Evidence from India with Arushi Kaushik and Karthik Muralidharan (*Draft coming soon*)
Contract Teachers: Experimental Evidence from India with Karthik Muralidharan and Venkatesh Sundaram
Long-Term Effects of Teacher Performance Pay with Karthik Muralidharan
Friday Night Lights, Monday Morning Grades: How High School Football Success Affects Student Achievement with Evan Bennett, Derek Rury, and Sofia Shchukina

Teaching and Mentoring Experience

Instructor of Record, Department of Economics, UCSC 2024
Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, UCSC 2020-2026
Graduate Pedagogy Fellow, Teaching and Learning Center, UCSC 2022-2026

Peer Mentor, Summer GSI Support Team, Teaching and Learning Center, UCSC	2024
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Research and Work Experience

Graduate Student Researcher, UC Santa Cruz	2020-2024
Research Associate, Economic Research Unit, Koan Advisory	2019
Research Assistant, Delhi School of Economics	2017

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Department of Economics, UCSC	2025
Summer Dissertation Fellowship, Division of Social Sciences, UCSC	2025
Summer GSI Peer Support Fellowship, Teaching and Learning Center, UCSC	2024
Dissertation Research Grant, Department of Economics, UCSC	2024, 2023, 2022
Graduate Pedagogy Fellowship, Teaching and Learning Center, UCSC	2022
Regents' Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCSC	2019
Chancellor's Gold Medal for the Best-Performing Student in The M.Sc. Program, IGIDR	2017

Conferences, Invited Talks, and Summer Schools

Center for Education Policy Research, Harvard University	2026
Behavioral Insights and Parenting Lab, University of Chicago	2026
Grad Slam, UCSC Graduate Division	2026
Brown Bag Seminar, Oregon State University	2025
47th Fall Research Conference, APPAM	2025
Socio-Economic Mobility and Inequality, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago	2024
Graduate Symposium, UCSC Graduate Division	2024
Southern Economic Association, 93rd Annual Meeting, New Orleans	2023
Biennial Conference on Development, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research	2022
Theory-Driven Experiments, Center for Theoretical and Experimental Social Sciences, CalTech	2022
All-California Labor Economics Conference, UCSC (poster session)	2019

Technical Skills

Data analysis and plotting with STATA, R, SPSS, and MICROSOFT EXCEL.
 Optimization, computation, and plotting with WOLFRAM MATHEMATICA.
 Typesetting with L^AT_EX

References

Available on Request