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EDUCATION

Harvard University | Department of Government
Ph.D. student in Government and Political Science
Awards: **Presidential Scholar**
Cambridge, MA
Expected 2027

Columbia University | School of International and Public Affairs
Master of Public Administration
Concentrations: Economic and Political Development; Data Analytics/ Quantitative Analysis
Awards: **SIPA Scholarship Award**
New York, NY
December 2020
GPA: **3.7/4.0**

The University of Chicago
Bachelor of Arts, with Honors
Major: Political Science; Minor: Creative Writing
Awards: **Dean's List** (2013-17)
Chicago, IL
June 2017
GPA: **3.7/4.0**

GRE: Verbal **169/170**, Quantitative **168/170**

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Harvard University, Department of Government
Lead Research Assistant to Dr. Danielle Allen
Cambridge, MA
August 2022 – present

- Drive Dr. Allen's research agenda through managing and coordinating operations for a team of 9 RAs over 5 projects while supporting work on democracy renovation
- Manage Dr. Allen's curriculum related workshop and programs on justice and democracy

Harvard University, Department of Government
Research Assistant to Dr. Mashail Malik
Cambridge, MA
August 2022 – present

- Produce a literature review supporting Dr. Malik's research, including reading, summarizing, and annotating academic and non-academic articles
- Build an organization framework for articles relevant to Dr. Malik's research through keyword tagging and tools such as Zotero

Council on Foreign Relations
Research Intern, Global Health Department
Washington, DC
September 2020 – present

- Write analytical reports using data to demystifying global health issues, including the COVID-19 pandemic and universal health coverage, for publication
- Provide research assistance to Dr. Tom Bollyky, the director of the program, through studying policy issues around non-communicable diseases, performing data analyses and creating data visualizations

Council on Foreign Relations
Research Intern, India, Pakistan, and South Asia Studies
Washington, DC
June – August 2020

- Drafted memos and collected data from academic and government sources on urban issues in South Asia, to support Dr. Alyssa Ayres' latest book project
- Produced reports for CFR's Asia Unbound platform, analyzing current events in the regions

Columbia University, Saltzman Institute of War and Peace
Research Assistant to Dr. Dipali Mukhopadhyay
New York, NY
February 2019 – August 2020

- Manipulated longitudinal survey datasets, performed regression modelling, and created visualizations using STATA to contribute to Dr. Mukhopadhyay's research around governance in Afghanistan
- Edited and updated sections of Dr. Mukhopadhyay's latest book project on Syrian rebel governance as well as compiled literature reviews on counterinsurgency and foreign intervention
- Handled administrative tasks such as dataset maintenance and correspondence with co-authors.

Columbia University
Research Assistant to Dr. Tamar Mitts
New York, NY
February – August 2020

- Created memos identifying the key categories of identity-based hate speech prevalent on the internet through analyzing data scraped from social media platforms
- Annotated social media datasets to support Professor Mitt's machine learning work evaluating hate speech and de-radicalization policies

- Conducted research on anti-minority sentiment using data from Facebook's CrowdTangle platform

Education for Employment Tunisie

Tunis, Tunisia/New York, NY

Researcher

November 2019 – May 2020

- Evaluated Tunisia's USAID-funded employment development initiatives in public universities to outline recommendations for improving employment outcomes
- Conducted field research across universities, public agencies, and private employers in Tunis and Jendouba in Tunisia, as well as desk research on literature in employment generation

Evidence for Policy Design (EPoD), Harvard Kennedy School

New Delhi, India

Summer Research Associate

June – August 2019

- Quantitatively analyzed focus group data using NVivo to identify social barriers to women's access to government services for an RCT measuring the effect of self-help groups on female unemployment
- Analyzed Bihar community public health datasets to evaluate infant mortality and malnutrition outcomes, uncovering key issues in data collection processes

Jawaharlal Nehru University

New Delhi, India

Research Assistant to Dr. Tanika Sarkar

July – August 2015

- Synthesized existing literature on global trends between industrialization and female labor participation as well as the declining female workforce in rural South Asia
- Gathered archival data around urban planning in colonial India to support Dr. Sarkar's research

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Sethy, Priyanka. "[The Role of the State: Pathways from Ethno-Linguistic Nationalism to Conflict in South Asia](#)." *Journal of International Affairs* 73, no. 2 (2020).
- Sethy, Priyanka. "Explaining Fragmentation Within the Khalistan Insurgency in Punjab." *Small Wars and Insurgencies*. Revised and resubmitted.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Singh, Ajeet, and Priyanka Sethy. "[Health Starts at Home: The Crisis of Rising Evictions During a Pandemic](#)." *Think Global Health*. December 2020.
- Sethy, Priyanka. "[The Long Road to Universal Health Coverage](#)." *Think Global Health*, November 2020.
- Kiernan, Samantha, Caroline Kantis, and Priyanka Sethy. "[Spare the Vote, Spoil the Virus?](#)" *Think Global Health*, November 2020.
- Sethy, Priyanka, and Samantha Kiernan. "[Leading by Example: COVID-19 Infections at the Highest Levels of Government](#)." *Think Global Health*, October 2020.
- Sethy, Priyanka. "[The Myth of South Asian Exceptionalism](#)." *Think Global Health*, October 2020.
- Fliegauf_Erik, and Priyanka Sethy. "[Coronavirus in South Asia, July 2020: No End in Sight for India](#)." *CFR Asia Unbound*, July 2020.
- Sethy, Priyanka. "[Calls for Change: Universal Health Coverage and the Problem of Collective Action in the United States](#)." *Columbia Public Policy Review*, July 2020.
- Fliegauf_Erik, and Priyanka Sethy. "[Coronavirus in South Asia, June 2020: Cases in India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan Spike](#)." *CFR Asia Unbound*, June 2020.
- Priyanka Sethy. "[Delhi Government Performance: Data Compendium 2015-19](#)" Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi, February 2019, since managed by Commission.
- Priyanka Sethy. "[The Indo-Chinese Geo-Economics Of The Nepal Fuel Crisis](#)." *The Undergraduate Business Journal, University of Chicago*, January 2016.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Columbia University

New York, NY

Teaching Assistant - Quantitative Analysis II

September 2020 – present

- Assisted in teaching a graduate level class on applied quantitative and econometric analysis in public policy including STATA, regression modelling, panel data, and causal inference
- Instructed 2 weekly recitation/discussion sections, develop class material for the same, as well as hold office hours to clarify key concepts and student issues

Columbia University

New York, NY

Writing tutor

September 2019 – May 2020

- Tutored graduate students in writing effective papers through one-on-one consultations

- Guided students in building their theoretical arguments, while proof-reading and editing papers in progress for structure and flow
- Supported students in writing papers/statements for applications for jobs, fellowship, etc

The Writing Desk

Founder, Director

Dehra Dun, India

May 2019 – present

- Founded a writing program in India to support high school children in writing more effectively and creatively, as well as primers to research writing for high schoolers
- Instructed 7 workshops online and across North India with cumulatively ~180 student participants
- On average, 80% participants reported improvements in their writing through the workshops

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi

Consultant

New Delhi, India

December 2018 – January 2019

- Evaluated the Delhi Government's social services through defining critical performance indicators and conducting statistical analyses on public data across departments
- Created a reporting and visualization framework to standardize outcome-based reporting and trained ~50 senior gov. officials to create and present effective data-based reports

McKinsey & Company

Senior Analyst, Social, Healthcare, and Public Entities practice

San Francisco, CA; Chicago, IL

March 2021 – present

- Led strategy-based projects for government clients with 80% work in the public health domain, including involving Medicaid managed care, state COVID-19 responses, and data modernization initiatives
- Utilized independent and discretionary judgement in solving problems through research and analysis
- Produced original knowledge documents codifying key research and client case studies

Business Analyst

August 2017 – December 2018

- Led cases in strategy and operations across industries to develop recommendations for clients to deliver lasting and impactful solutions
- Contributed chapters and managed production of long-form McKinsey publications on public health
- Practiced case studies with prospective hires as part of the Midwest recruitment team

Summer Business Analyst

June – August 2016

- Built dynamic models and Tableau dashboards to benchmark quality metrics for a leading healthcare payer to align provider-payer incentives to implement value based care

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EXTRA-CURRICULARS

Paper Airplanes, English Tutor

June 2018 – present

- Tutor refugees based in Syria over Skype in English reading, writing, listening, and speaking
- Prepare students for the IELTS exam through one-on-one weekly meetings

Young India Foundation, Lead Strategist, Board Member

October 2017 – present

- Advise on organizational structure, management practices, strategy, and fundraising for a non-profit foundation aimed at increasing youth participation in local politics in India
- Established the research wing at inception, kicking off data collection and maintenance projects

CERTIFICATIONS

CITI Program courses

Human Research, Social & Behavioral Research Investigators

Completed in June 2019

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Skills: STATA; R; Tableau; NVivo; ArcGIS; Carto; Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint; Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom,

Languages: Hindi (*Native*); Urdu (*Proficient*); Punjabi (*Conversational*); French (*Classroom Study*); Persian/Farsi (*Elementary*)

FIELD/EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

Tunisia, 2020: Field research in Tunis and Jendouba for a research project EFE- Tunisia

Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, 2019: Two week educational trip with Columbia SIPA's Eurasia group, involving meetings with political leaders, public agencies, and NGOs

India, 2019: Fieldwork at India's National Academy of Administration in Mussoorie as part of an international development internship at Evidence for Policy Design (EPoD)

Canada, 2018: Field research for a project with McKinsey & Company over four months

United Kingdom, 2016: UChicago Study Abroad program in British History and Literature