

# Suvekshya Gautam

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## Career Profile

Development economist with 7+ years of experience conducting field research, impact evaluations, and data analysis across low- and middle-income countries. Expert in designing field experiments, applying advanced econometric methods, and translating evidence into policy. Proven ability to lead cross-country collaborations and engage with stakeholders across academia and multilateral institutions.

## Experience

**Graduate Research Assistant**, Center for Education Data & Research Nov 2021–Present  
Seattle, Washington

- Conduct longitudinal analyses on student achievement, mobility, post-secondary, and labor market outcomes to evaluate the impact of educational interventions.
- Apply econometric models and utilize STATA and R for data analysis, statistical modeling, and visualization to derive robust, policy-relevant insights.
- Work on drafting and revising academic reports and papers for publication, including handling revisions.

**Graduate Research Assistant**, University of Washington Jun 2022–Sep 2024  
Seattle, Washington

- Led data analysis for research projects across LMICs, focusing on financial inclusion, gender, and labor markets, and designed survey instruments and experimental protocols for field implementation with international teams.
- Conducted high-frequency survey checks to improve data quality, implemented reproducible STATA workflows for data cleaning and analysis, and visualized statistical results for clear communication with stakeholders.
- Contributed to writing academic papers and progress reports, synthesizing results, and presenting findings for both academic and policy audiences.
- Projects:
  - Livelihood program impact on household outcomes (with Riley & Mahmud)
  - Mobile money and microfinance clients in Tanzania (with Riley & Heath)
  - COVID-19 impacts on garment workers in Bangladesh (with Boudreau & Heath)

**Research Associate**, BBC Research & Consulting Feb 2020–Sep 2020  
Denver, Colorado

- Conducted disparity analysis for Minority- and Women-Owned Businesses on federal and state-level contracts, identifying procurement disparities and systemic barriers
- Managed data processes using STATA, R, and SQL, transforming raw data into actionable policy insights
- Presented findings to stakeholders, translating technical results into actionable recommendations

**Research Fellow**, Colorado Center on Law and Policy Nov 2019–Mar 2020  
Denver, Colorado

- Received grant funding from the Women's Foundation of Colorado by developing a successful proposal on women's economic security, outlining a mixed-methods research design.
- Conducted data analysis and a comprehensive desk review of state and national policies to examine intersectional barriers to women's economic advancement.

**Consultant**, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization      July 2017–May 2018  
New Delhi, India

- Analyzed education policies across eight SAARC nations, identifying regional trends and country-specific challenges for SDG 4 monitoring
- Developed simulation models to forecast Bhutan's education funding gap, contributing to successful Education Sector Program grant proposals

**Research Associate**, Social Science Baha      Nov 2016–Jul 2017  
Kathmandu, Nepal

- Developed baseline report on health services reconstruction in post-earthquake Nepal, leading data collection and analysis
- Conducted mixed-methods analysis for studies on female returnee migrants, contributing to policy reports that informed reintegration efforts. Published reports: [Women's Integration into the Labour Market](#) and [Returning Home: Challenges and Opportunities for Women Migrant Workers](#)

## Education

**University of Washington - Seattle**      Ongoing

PhD in Economics

Fields: Development Economics and Econometrics

**South Asian University – New Delhi, India**      June 2016

Master of Arts in Development Economics

*Silver Jubilee Scholarship Scheme under SAARC collaboration*

**University of Delhi — Lady Shri Ram College for Women – New Delhi, India**      June 2013

Bachelor of Commerce (Honors)

*General Cultural Scholarship Scheme by ICCR*

## Research

### Working Papers

**Course Corrections? The Labor Market Returns to Correctional Education Credentials**

With Dan Goldhaber and James Cowan (Revise and Resubmit) [Link to paper](#)

### Selected Work in Progress

**Mobile money and women's empowerment: a lab-in-the-field experiment** (with Emma Riley)

**Integrating AI in remedial education- A pilot study in Nepal**

**Assessing the Academic Mobility on Test and Non-test Outcomes for Students from Third Grade through High School** (with Dan Goldhaber and Stephanie Liddle)

**Impact of in-person versus phone assessments on students' performance** (with Uttam Sharma, Shwetlena Sabarwal, and Karthika Radhakrishnan)

**Women's job market opportunities and marriage quality** (with Rachel M. Heath and Jagori Chatterjee)

## Training and Professional Development

- SQL for Data Science (University of California Davis, Coursera)
- CGE Modeling Training (SANEM, SAWTEE, Centre for WTO Studies)
- Social Mobilization Training (BPRC Pvt. Ltd.)
- Participatory Rural Appraisal and Monitoring and Evaluation (BPRC Pvt. Ltd.)

## Skills

**Research Methods:** Causal Inference — Econometric Analysis — Survey Design and Implementation — Impact Evaluation — Qualitative Research — Mixed Methods Analysis

**Policy Areas:** Development Economics — Education Policy — Labor — Financial Inclusion — Gender

**Technical:** STATA —  $\text{\LaTeX}$  — R — SQL — MATLAB — SPSS — NVivo — Atlas.ti — Tableau

**Languages:** Nepali (Native) — English (Advanced) — Hindi (Advanced)