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Current Appointments and Affiliations

2017 - Present	Assistant Professor of Global Development Policy, <i>Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies</i> Associate Director, Human Capital Initiative, <i>BU Global Development Policy Center</i> Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Economic Development Faculty Affiliate, African Studies Center Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Asia Faculty Affiliate, Center for Latin American Studies Faculty Affiliate, Center for Emerging Infectious Diseases Policy & Research
2020 - Present	Director, Program on Women's Empowerment Research, <i>BU Global Development Policy Center</i> Core Faculty, Rising Powers Initiative, <i>Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future</i>
2020 - 2022	Visiting Scholar, <i>Max Planck Institute of Demographic Research</i>

Past Appointments and Affiliations

2018 - 2021	Junior Faculty Fellow, Rafik B. Hariri Institute for Computing, <i>Boston University</i>
2017 - 2020	Visiting Scientist, <i>Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health</i>

Education

2012 - 2017	Harvard University Sc.D. Global Health Economics
2010 - 2011	Barcelona Graduate School of Economics M.Sc. Economics
2005 - 2008	McGill University B.A. Economics, Hispanic Studies (Joint Honours)

Previous Work Experience

2016 - Present	Research Associate, <i>Innovations for Poverty Action, Malawi</i>
2021 - Present	Senior Research Advisor, <i>Howard Delafield International</i>
2013 - 2015, 2020	Short Term Consultant, <i>The World Bank</i>
2018 - 2019	Consultant, <i>ideas42</i>
2017	Consultant, <i>Population Council</i>
2017	Consultant, <i>Demographic Dividend, Population Reference Bureau / Packard Foundation</i>
2012 - 2017	Graduate Affiliate, <i>Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies</i>
2013 - 2017	Graduate Affiliate, <i>Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS)</i>
2014 - 2016	Consultant, <i>The World Health Organization</i>
2013 - 2014	Research Assistant, <i>Harvard Kennedy School WAPP Program</i>
2013 - 2014	Research Assistant, <i>Harvard Business School, Professor Nava Ashraf</i>
2011 - 2012	Population Policy Analyst, <i>Population Reference Bureau</i>
2009 - 2010	Economic Analyst/Social Scientist, <i>The Futures Group International</i>

Teaching Experience

At Boston University:

2018 - 2022	IR500/480/680, Political Economy of Human Development
2018 - 2022	IR602, Quantitative Analysis for International Affairs
2017 - 2020	IR603, Economics for Global Policy
2018	IR700, Topics in International Health and Development
2020	EC522, Development Strategy

Previous Teaching Experience:

2013 - 2014	Teaching Fellow, Global Health Economics: Harvard College, Professor Guenther Fink
2011 - 2012	Private Tutor: Georgetown University, George Washington University
2008 - 2009	Upper and Middle School Teacher: Lake Ridge Academy

Peer-Reviewed Publications

2022	Karra, M., D. Maggio, M. Guo, B. Ngwira, and D. Canning. "The Causal Effect of a Family Planning Intervention on Women's Contraceptive Use and Birth Spacing (Accepted, <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i>).
2022	Anukriti, S., C. Herrera-Almanza, M. Karra, and R. Valdebenito. "Convincing the Mummy-ji: Improving Mother-in-Law Approval of Family Planning in India." <i>AEA Papers and Proceedings</i> .
2021	Karra, M. and K. Zhang. "User-Centered Counseling and Male Involvement in Contraceptive Decision-Making: Protocol for a Randomized Controlled Trial." <i>JMIR Research Protocols</i> 10(4): e24884. DOI: 10.2196/24884.
2021	de Silva, R., S. Huber-Krum, A. Samarasekera, M. Karra, E. Pearson, H. Senanayake, D. Canning, and I. Shah. "Provider perspectives in implementing the Postpartum Intrauterine Device Initiative in Sri Lanka: A qualitative study." <i>BMJ Sexual and Reproductive Health</i> . DOI: 10.1136/bmj.srh-2020-200876.
2020	Anukriti, S.*, C. Herrera-Almanza*, P. K. Pathak*, and M. Karra*. "Curse of the Mummy-ji: The Influence of Mothers-in-law on Women's Social Networks and Autonomy in Rural India." <i>American Journal of Agricultural Economics</i> . DOI: 10.1111/ajae.12114. Media Coverage: BBC, CNN News18, Live Mint, ThePrint, IndiaSpend, NEU News, Ideas for India
2020	Karra, M., D. Canning. "The Effect of Improved Access to Family Planning in Postpartum Women: Protocol for a Randomized Controlled Trial." <i>JMIR Research Protocols</i> 9(8): e16697. DOI: 10.2196/16697.
2020	Karra, M., D. Canning, and R. Sato. "Adding Measurement Error to Location Data to Protect Subject Confidentiality While Allowing for Consistent Estimation of Exposure Effects." <i>Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series C (Applied Statistics)</i> . 69(5): 1251-1268. DOI:10.1111/rssc.12439.
2020	Karra, M. and E. Sandoe. "A Polling Experiment on Public Opinion on the Future Expansion of Medicare and Medicaid." <i>Health Services Research</i> . 55(4): 578-586. https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6773.13295 .
2020	Pearson, E., L. Senderowicz, E. Pradhan, J. Francis, P. Muyangizi, I. Shah, D. Canning, M. Karra, N. Ulenga, T. Baernighausen. "Effect of a Postpartum Family Planning Intervention on Postpartum Interuterine Device Counseling and Choice: Evidence from a Cluster-Randomized Trial in Tanzania." <i>BMC Women's Health</i> . 20(1): 102. DOI:10.1186/s12905-020-00956-0.
2020	Miller, R. and M. Karra. "Birth Spacing and Child Health Trajectories." <i>Population and Development Review</i> . 46(2): 347-371. DOI: 10.1111/padr.12335.
2019	Karra, M., E. Pearson, E. Pradhan, R. de Silva, A. Samarasekera, D. Canning, I. Shah, D. Weerasekera, H. Senanayake. "The Effect of a Postpartum IUD Intervention on Counselling and Choice: Evidence from a Cluster-Randomized Stepped-Wedge Trial in Sri Lanka." <i>Trials</i> . 20(1): 407. DOI: 10.1186/s13063-019-3473-6.
2019	Karra, M., and G. Fink. "Long Run Height and Education Implications of Early Life Growth Faltering: A Synthetic Panel Analysis of 425 Birth Cohorts in 21 Low- and Middle-Income Countries." <i>BMC Public Health</i> . 19(1): 876. DOI: 10.1186/s12889-019-7203-5.
2019	Goyal, N., M. Karra, and D. Canning. "Early-Life Exposure to Ambient Fine Particulate Air Pollution and Infant Mortality: Pooled Evidence from 43 Low- and Middle-Income Countries." <i>International Journal of Epidemiology</i> . 48(4): 1125-1141. DOI: 10.1093/ije/dyz090.
2019	Sripad, P.*, M. Karra*, C. Warren, and M. Hindin. "Assessing the role of women's autonomy and ac-

- ceptability of intimate partner violence in maternal health-care utilization in 63 low- and middle-income countries." *International Journal of Epidemiology*. 48(5): 1580-1592. DOI: 10.1093/ije/dyy299/5309028.
- 2018 **Karra, M.**, E. Pearson, D. Canning, I. Shah, R. de Silva, and A. Samarasekera. "Ethnolinguistic Concordance and the Receipt of Postpartum IUD (PPIUD) Counseling Services in Sri Lanka." *International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*. 44(4): 133-145. DOI: 10.1363/44e6918.
- 2018 Haber, N., E.R. Smith, K. Andrews, R. Audy, W. Bell, A.T. Brennan, A. Breskin, J. Kane, **M. Karra**, E. McClure, E. Moscoe, E.A. Suarez. "Causal language and strength of inference in academic and media articles shared in social media (CLAIMS): A systematic review." *PLOS One*. 13(5) :e0196346. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0196346.
- 2018 Finlay, J., Y. Efevbera, J. Ndikubagenzi, **M. Karra**, D. Canning. "Reframing the Measurement of Women's Work in the Sub-Saharan African Context." *Work, Employment and Society*. 33(3): 518-528. DOI: 10.1177/0950017018774245.
- 2017 **Karra, M.**, D. Canning, S. Foster, I. Shah, H. Senanayake, U.D.P. Ratnasiri. "Location and Content of Counselling and Acceptance of Postpartum IUD in Sri Lanka." *Reproductive Health*. 14(1): 42. DOI: 10.1186/s12978-017-0304-7.
- 2017 **Karra, M.**, S.V. Subramanian, and G. Fink. "Height among Healthy Children in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: An Assessment." *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*. 105(1): 121-126. DOI: 10.3945/ajcn.116.136705.
- 2017 **Karra, M.**, D. Canning, and J. Wilde. "The Effect of Fertility Decline on Economic Growth in Africa: A Macrosimulation Model." *Population and Development Review*. 43(S1): 237-263. DOI: 10.1111/padr.12009.
Top Downloaded Article, Population and Development Review, 2017-2018
- 2016 **Karra, M.**, D. Canning, J. Hu, M. Ali, C. Lissner. "Community-Based Financing of Family Planning in Developing Countries: A Systematic Review." *Studies in Family Planning*. 47(4): 325-339. DOI: 10.1111/sifp.12000.
- 2016 Canning, D., I. Shah, E. Pearson, E. Pradhan, **M. Karra**, L. Senderowicz, T. Baernighausen, D. Spiegelman, A. Langer. "Institutionalizing postpartum intrauterine device services in Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Nepal: Study protocol for a cluster-randomized stepped wedge trial." *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*. 16: 362-373. DOI: 10.1186/s12884-016-1160-0.
- 2016 **Karra, M.**, G. Fink, and D. Canning. "Facility Distance and Child Mortality: A Multi-Country Study of Health Facility Access, Service Utilization, and Child Health Outcomes." *International Journal of Epidemiology*. 46(3): 817-826. DOI:10.1093/ije/dyw062.
- * Denotes joint first authorship / equal authorship.

Book Chapters

- 2015 "Economic Effects of the Demographic Dividend" (with D. Canning, J. Wilde, D. L. Newhouse, P. Eloundou-Enyegue, Y. Cho, B. Tien, D. Robalino, and C. Wolff), in *Africa's Demographic Transition: Dividend or Disaster?* Eds. Canning, D., S. Raja, and A. S. Yazbeck, Africa Development Forum Series. Washington, DC: World Bank. doi:10.1596/978-1-4648-0489-2.

Working Papers / In Progress

- 2021 **Karra, M.**, D. Maggio, and D. Canning. *Family Planning and Female Labor Supply: Experimental Evidence from Malawi*.
- Karra, M.** and J. Wilde. *Economic Theories of Contraceptive Transitions* (In preparation for the IUSSP Panel on Contraceptive Transition Theories).
- Karra, M.**, M. Hernandez, K. Brennan, and M. McConnell. *Gendered Mobile Banking to Expand Women's Financial Inclusion: Experimental Evidence from Mozambique*.
- Canning, D. and **M. Karra**. *Unwanted Family Planning: Prevalence Estimates for 56 Countries* (In preparation).
- Karra, M.** *Measurement of Unmet Need for Family Planning: A Counterfactual Approach* (Submitted).
- Maggio, D., **M. Karra**, and D. Canning. *Family Planning and Children's Human Capital: Experimental Evidence from Urban Malawi*.
- Karra, M.** and K. Zhang. *User-Centered Counseling in Contraceptive Decision-Making: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Urban Malawi*.
- Anukriti, S., C. Herrera-Almanza, and **M. Karra**. *Bring a Friend: Strengthening Women's Social Networks*

and Reproductive Autonomy in India.

- Meng, S., N. Halim, M. Karra, and P. Mozumder. *Understanding Household Evacuation Preferences during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Puerto Rico*.
- 2020 Canning, D., M. Karra, R. Dayalu, M. Guo, and D.E. Bloom. *The association between age, COVID-19 symptoms, and social distancing behavior in the United States* (Submitted).
- Cunningham, W., S. Gupta, M. Karra, M. Del Bono, and J. Wilde. *Liberian Women Count: Measuring the Costs of Women's Exclusion* (under review).
- Wilde, J. and M. Karra. *Savings and the Demographic Dividend*.
- 2019 Senderowicz, L. E. Pearson, J. Rohr, J. Francis, H. Siril, M. Puri, R. de Silva, M. Karra, I. Shah. *Quality of family planning counseling and the ability to realize fertility intentions in Nepal, Sri Lanka and Tanzania* (Under review).
- Karra, M. and R. Brulé. *Examining the Association between Women's Political Participation, Health Care-Seeking, and Well-Being: Evidence from 63 Low- and Middle-Income Countries* (In preparation).
- Karra, M. and S. Mako. *Exploring the Effect of the Iraq War on Women's Health Care Seeking Behavior and Well-Being* (In preparation).

Policy Briefs, Technical Reports, and Op-Eds

- 2022 Maggio, D. M. Karra, and D. Canning. *Access to Family Planning Services Improves Child Growth Patterns and Cognitive Development Findings from the Malawi Family Planning Study (MFPS)*. BU Global Development Policy Center Brief.
- 2021 Karra, M., D. Canning, D. Maggio, M. Guo, and B. Ngwira. *Increased Access to Postpartum Family Planning Services Encourages Modern Contraceptive Use and Healthy Birth Spacing: Findings from the Malawi Family Planning Study (MFPS)*. BU Global Development Center Policy Brief.
- 2021 Karra, M. and K. Zhang. *Understanding Women's Preferences For and Use of Family Planning in Urban Malawi*. BU Global Development Center Policy Brief.
- 2021 Karra, M. "Devising Ways to Measure Unmet Need in Family Planning: A Thought Experiment." *BU Global Development Policy Center*. Blog Post. 2 August 2021. <https://www.bu.edu/gdp/2021/08/02/devising-ways-to-measure-unmet-need-in-family-planning-a-thought-experiment>.
- 2021 Zhang, K. and M. Karra. "Tailored couples counseling helps Malawian women choose contraceptives." BU Rafik B. Hariri Institute. Blog Post. 25 May 2021. <https://www.bu.edu/hic/2021/05/25/tailored-couples-counseling-helps-malawian-women-choose-contraceptives>.
- 2021 Karra, M. "Prioritising maternal and child health in the COVID-19 era." *Open Access Government*. Blog Post. 14 April 2021. <https://www.openaccessgovernment.org/maternal-and-child-health-2/108570>.
- 2021 Radin, M. and M. Karra. *A Cost-Benefit Analysis of Postpartum Family Planning Counseling in Malawi*.
- 2019 Kohler, H. P. and M. Karra. *The Benefits and Costs of Scaling up Family Planning in Africa*. Copenhagen, Denmark: Copenhagen Consensus Center Policy Brief.
- Media Coverage: The Economist** (November 2019)
- 2013 Belohlav, K. and M. Karra. *Household Decisionmaking and Contraceptive Use in Zambia*. Washington, DC: PopPov Network Policy Brief, Population Reference Bureau.
- 2012 Karra, M. and M. Lee. *The Economics of Reproductive Health in Accra, Ghana*. Washington, DC: PopPov Network Policy Brief, Population Reference Bureau.
- Karra, M. and J. Gribble. *Costs of Induced Abortion and Cost-Effectiveness of Universal Access to Modern Contraceptives in Uganda*. Washington, DC: PopPov Network Policy Brief, Population Reference Bureau.
- Karra, M. and M. Lee. *The Effects of an Economic Crisis on Contraceptive Use*. Washington, DC: PopPov Network Policy Brief, Population Reference Bureau.
- Karra, M. and M. Lee. *Human Capital Consequences of Teenage Childbearing in South Africa*. Washington, DC: PopPov Network Policy Brief, Population Reference Bureau.
- 2010 Foreit, K., M. Karra, and T. Pandit-Rajani. *Disentangling the Effects of Poverty and Place of Residence for Strategic Planning*. Washington, DC: Futures Group, Health Policy Initiative, Task Order 1.
- Karra, M., S. Sharma, and M. Vargas. *Fostering Public-Private Partnerships to Reduce Health Inequities in Peru*. Washington, DC: Futures Group, Health Policy Initiative, Task Order 1.
- 2009 Sharma, S. and M. Karra. *Effective Policy Approaches to Address Inequities in Health: Examples from Jordan and Egypt*. IUSSP Health Equity Conference Paper, November 2–4.

Ongoing Research

2022

2021	Karra, M., A. Malik, A. Arbuzova, and T. Getahun. <i>Gendered Differences in Mobility and the Demand for Transport: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Urban Ethiopia.</i> Fiszbein, M. and M. Karra. <i>Understanding Low-Income Traps: The Long-term Effects of Poverty on Human Capital and Development.</i> Karra, M., S. Howard, et al. <i>The Game of Choice, Not Chance (GOC): Evaluation of a Serious Game on Adolescent Health and Well-Being in India.</i> Karra, M. et al. <i>The Causal Impact of Careband SafeTrack on Social Distancing Behavior and Contact Tracing for COVID-19: Evidence from a Field Experiment.</i>
2020	Karra, M. and K. Zhang. <i>Exploring User-Centered Counseling and Male Involvement in Contraceptive Decision-Making: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Urban Malawi.</i> Karra, M., P. Cortés, T. Gautier, and D. Mookherjee. "Can I get that in writing?" Lessons from a Contracting Field Experiment in Urban Malawi. Karra, M. and R. Brulé. <i>Global Evidence on the Role of Women's Political Participation on Women's Empowerment and Well-Being.</i>
2018	Anukriti, S., C. Herrera-Almanza, M. Karra, and P. Pathak. <i>The impact of social networks on young women's reproductive health, fertility, and well-being: Evidence from a field experiment in rural India.</i>
2017	Karra, M., H. Leslie, M. Kruk, and D. Canning. <i>Assessing the Relationship between Service Provision Quality, Family Planning Use, and Fertility Intentions in Malawi.</i>
2014	Shah, I., D. Canning, T. Baernighausen, et al. <i>Studying the impact and performance of institutionalizing immediate postpartum IUD services as a routine part of antenatal counselling and delivery room services in Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Nepal.</i>

Fieldwork

2021 - Present	Game of Choice, Not Chance (GOC) Study, Delhi, Jaipur, and Patna, India
2021 - Present	Ethiopia Women's Transport Study, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2016 - Present	Malawi Family Planning Study, Lilongwe, Malawi Collaboration with Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), Malawi Reproductive Health Directorate (RHD) and Population Services International (PSI Malawi).
2019 - Present	Malawi Behavioral Biases Study, Lilongwe, Malawi Collaboration with Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Malawi, Malawi Reproductive Health Directorate (RHD) and Population Services International (PSI Malawi).
2019 - Present	Malawi Print Shop Study, Lilongwe, Malawi Collaboration with Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Malawi, Malawi Stationery Association.
2018 - 2020	Jaunpur Social Networks Study, Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh, India Collaboration with Delhi School of Economics, Boston College, and Northeastern University.
2014 - 2020	Immediate Postpartum IUD (PPIUD) Study, Sri Lanka, Nepal Collaboration with Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (SLCOG) in Sri Lanka and Center for Research on Environment Health and Population Activities (CREHPA) in Nepal.
2018 - 2020	Willows Reproductive Health Study, Turkey, Pakistan, Tanzania, Ghana
2013 - 2015	Burundi Family Planning Study, Bujumbura, Burundi Collaboration with Health Systems and Development Consult (HSD Consult), Burundi Ministry of Health (MOH), National Program of Reproductive Health (PNSR), and Population Services International (PSI Burundi).

Planned Field Experiments and Projects

2021	Sudharsanan, N., M. Triyana, and M. Karra. <i>Moving the margin: The impact of a behavioral information intervention on the demand for hypertension screening in rural Indonesia .</i>
2017	Lori, N. et al. <i>Urban Refuge: Mapping Aid for Vulnerable Communities.</i>
2017 - 2020	Shah, I., D. Canning, et al. <i>Implementation and Impact of the Willows' Reproductive Health Programs in Ghana, Pakistan, Tanzania and Turkey.</i>

Individual Grants, Fellowships, Honors

2020 - 2021	Max Planck Sabbatical Award Laureate
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2017 - 2018	Boston University Blended Learning Challenge (BLC) Teaching Fellowship
2015	Clarence James and Sarah Bradley Gamble Endowment Scholarship
2015	Uwe Brinkmann Memorial Travel Fellowship
2015, 2016	Harvard Center for African Studies Summer Grant
2014 - 2015	Dillon Family Fellowship
2014	Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS) Research Grant
2013, 2014	Harvard Center for African Studies J-Term Grant
2013 - 2014	Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies Seed Grant
2013	Michael von Clemm Traveling Fellowship, <i>Bujumbura, Burundi</i>
2012 - 2014	John F. and Virginia B. Taplin Fellowship

Funded Research

2022 - 2023	Gendered Differences in Mobility and the Demand for Transport: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Urban Ethiopia Role: Principal Investigator Funder: International Growth Centre (IGC) Amount: GBP £18,400
2021 - 2023	Networks and Global Health: Longer-Term Evidence of Women's Social Networks, Reproductive Health, and Well-Being in Rural India Role: Co-Principal Investigator Funder: World Bank Amount: USD \$100,000
2021 - 2022	Understanding Low-Income Traps: The Long-term Effects of Poverty on Human Capital and Development Role: Co-Principal Investigator Funder: BU Global Development Policy Center Amount: USD \$15,000
2020 - 2022	The Impact of Gendered Transport on Women's Empowerment, Mobility, and Market Access: Evidence from a Field Experiment Role: Principal Investigator Funder: Max Planck Institute of Demographic Research (MPIDR) Amount: EUR €150,000
2020 - 2022	Networks and Global Health: Experimental Evidence of Women's Social Networks, Reproductive Health, and Well-Being in Rural India Role: Principal Investigator Funder: BU Global Programs and BU Foundation-India (BUFI) Amount: USD \$29,500
2020 - 2023	The Program on Women's Empowerment Research (POWER) Role: Principal Investigator Funder: The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Amount: USD \$500,000
2019 - 2020	"Can I get that in writing?" Lessons from a Contracting Field Experiment in Urban Malawi Role: Principal Investigator Funder: BU Hariri Institute of Computing Amount: USD \$29,912
2018 - 2020	Women's Decision-Making and Empowerment in Reproductive Health: Experimental Evidence from Malawi and India Role: Principal Investigator Funder: The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Amount: USD \$100,000
2017 - 2019	The Impact of a Comprehensive Family Planning Intervention in Malawi: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial Role: Co-Principal Investigator Funder: The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Amount: USD \$275,000

2017 - 2019	Examining the impact of social networks on young women's reproductive health, fertility, and well-being: Evidence from a field experiment in rural India Role: Co-Principal Investigator Funder: Northeastern University Tier-1 Grant Amount: USD \$47,280
2014 - 2017	The Impact of Family Planning Interventions in Africa: Evidence from Two Randomized Trials Role: Co-Investigator Funder: The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Amount: USD \$675,000

Other Funding

2018 - 2021	Boston University Human Capital Initiative Role: Associate Director Funder: Boston University Global Development Policy Center Amount: USD \$150,000 (2018-2019), \$175,000 (2019-2021)
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Conference Presentations

2022	Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2022, <i>Atlanta, GA (virtual)</i> 2022 Conference on Behavioral Economics and Development, <i>Stanford University</i> Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, <i>Chicago, IL (virtual)</i> Eastern Economic Association (EEA) Annual Conference, <i>Jamaica</i> CSAE Conference 2022, <i>Oxford, UK (virtual)</i>
2021	2022 American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) Annual Meeting, <i>Austin, TX</i> Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2021, <i>St. Louis, MO (virtual)</i> 13th World Congress of the International Health Economics Association, <i>Boston, MA (virtual)</i> Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference 2021, <i>Boston, MA (virtual)</i> 2021 IUSSP International Population Conference (IPC2021), <i>Hyderabad, India (virtual)</i> 91st Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, <i>Houston, TX (virtual)</i> 16th Annual Himalayan Policy Research Conference (<i>virtual</i>) Global Digital Health Forum 2021 (<i>virtual</i>)
2020	2nd Population, Poverty and Inequality Research Conference, <i>Paris, France (virtual)</i> Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2020, <i>Washington, DC (virtual)</i> Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, <i>Chicago, IL (virtual)</i> Eastern Economic Association (EEA) Annual Conference, <i>Boston, MA (virtual)</i>
2019	15th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, <i>New Delhi, India</i> 8th UAPS African Population Conference, <i>Kampala, Uganda</i> IUSSP Population, Poverty and Inequality Research Conference, <i>Ann Arbor, MI</i> 13th World Congress of the International Health Economics Association, <i>Basel, Switzerland</i>
2018	Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2019 (Presenter and Session Chair), <i>Austin, TX</i> International Conference on Family Planning (Presenter and Workshop Lead), <i>Kigali, Rwanda</i> Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2018, <i>Denver, CO</i> 5th International Conference on Nutrition & Growth, <i>Paris, France</i> Global Food+ Symposium, Tufts University, <i>Boston, MA</i>
2017	13th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, <i>New Delhi, India</i> 3rd Science Congress of the Ethiopian Academy of Sciences, <i>Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</i> XXVIII IUSSP International Population Conference, <i>Cape Town, South Africa</i> 12th World Congress of the International Health Economics Association, <i>Boston, MA</i>
2016	Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2017, <i>Chicago, IL</i> Malawi Conference on Population and Development, <i>Lilongwe, Malawi</i> European Population Conference 2016, <i>Mainz, Germany</i> Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2016, <i>Washington, DC</i> International Conference on Family Planning, <i>Bali, Indonesia</i>
2015	Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference 2015, <i>Providence, RI</i> Ninth Annual PopPov Conference, <i>Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</i> Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2015, <i>San Diego, CA</i>

2014	Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2014, <i>Boston, MA</i>
2013	Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference 2013, <i>Cambridge, MA</i> Harvard Latin American Relations Conference, <i>Cambridge, MA</i>
2012	Sixth Annual PopPov Conference, <i>Accra, Ghana</i>

Workshops, Meetings, and Invited Seminar Presentations

2021	Nanyang Technological University Economics Department Seminar, <i>Singapore (virtual)</i> International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Research Seminar, <i>Boston, MA (virtual)</i> CSIS Congressional Foresight Series, Demographics and Security, <i>Boston, MA (virtual)</i> BosMUNXX Conference, <i>Boston, MA (virtual)</i> Rhodes College Guest Lecture, INTS222: Global Health Politics, <i>Boston, MA (virtual)</i> Guest Lecture, Epsilon Consulting and Development, <i>Boston, MA (virtual)</i> Health Economics Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, <i>Rotterdam, Netherlands (virtual)</i> Rising Powers Initiative Panel, “Demographic Trends and the Making of a Superpower”, <i>Boston, MA (virtual)</i> Pardee School of Global Studies Book Event, “Interpreting Politics”, <i>Boston, MA (virtual)</i>
2020	Perspectives from India: Gender Equity in Women’s Health Webinar, <i>Boston, MA (virtual)</i> Equity in Family Planning Strategic Planning Guide Meeting, <i>Boston, MA (virtual)</i> IUSSP Panel Meeting, “Couples and Reproductive Health”, <i>Boston, MA (virtual)</i> IUSSP Panel Meeting, “Contraceptive Transition Theories”, <i>Boston, MA (virtual)</i>
2019	PardeeWorks Careers in International Development Panel (Moderator), <i>Boston, MA</i> Labor Productivity and Fertility – Using the Canning-Karra-Wilde Model, <i>Kampala, Uganda</i> BU Questrom School of Business Executive MBA Lecture, <i>Boston, MA</i> Willows Reproductive Health Speaker Series, Harvard School of Public Health, <i>Boston, MA</i> BU Institute for Economic Development Seminar, <i>Boston, MA</i> JSNS Delhi School of Economics Works-in-Progress Seminar, <i>New Delhi, India</i> Malawi Ministry of Health (MOH) and Reproductive Health Dissemination Seminar, <i>Lilongwe, Malawi</i> International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Research Seminar, <i>Lilongwe, Malawi</i> World Bank Brown Bag Seminar, <i>Lilongwe, Malawi</i> BU Undergraduate Economics Association Seminar, <i>Boston, MA</i> “Social Statistics and Population Dynamics” Seminar Series, McGill University, <i>Montreal, Quebec</i>
2018	Willows Reproductive Health Speaker Series, Harvard School of Public Health, <i>Boston, MA</i> Boston University UROP Research Workshop, <i>Boston, MA</i> ideas42 Invited Speaker Series, <i>New York, NY</i> PRB Expert Consultation: The Four Dividends, <i>Washington, DC</i> Pardee School 7th Annual Student Conference on Advancing Human Progress, <i>Boston, MA</i> Willows Reproductive Health Speaker Series, Harvard School of Public Health, <i>Boston, MA</i>
2017	Pardee Graduate Council Simulation - Improving International Access to Healthcare, <i>Boston, MA</i> Second Annual Population Health Science Research Workshop (PHS2017), <i>Boston, MA</i> Workshop on the Demographic Dividend in DRC, <i>Kinshasa, DRC</i>
2016	PRB-CREFAT Workshop - Modeling the Demographic Dividend, <i>Washington, DC</i>
2015	WHO Technical Meeting, Financing Family Planning, <i>Boston, MA</i> NAS Workshop on Recent Trends in Fertility in Sub-Saharan Africa, <i>Washington, DC</i> WHO Technical Meeting, Financing Family Planning, <i>Geneva, Switzerland</i> WHO Technical Meeting, Financing Family Planning, <i>Washington, DC</i> UNC CSPro Data Entry and CAPI Workshop, <i>Chapel Hill, NC</i>

Referee Activities

European Journal of Health Economics
World Development
Studies in Family Planning
The Lancet
Social Science and Medicine
Population Horizons
Economics of Transition

PLOS One
Trials
BMJ Open
Reproductive Health
International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health
Population Health Metrics
Population Studies
Implementation Science

Professional Affiliations

American Economic Association (AEA)
European Association for Population Studies (EAPS)
American Political Science Association (APSA)
American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)
International Health Economics Association (iHEA)
Population Association of America (PAA)
Population and Poverty (PopPov) Research Network
International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)
Junior Fellow, Society of Family Planning (SFP)
Union for African Population Studies (UAPS)
American Society for Nutrition (ASN)
American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies (AISLS)

Professional Activities

Service:

2021 **Member**, Editor Search Committee, *Population and Development Review*
2020 - Present **Member**, Editorial Committee, *Studies in Family Planning*
2020 - 2021 **Member**, Editorial Advisory Committee, *International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*
2017 - Present **Co-Chair**, Pardee Research Seminar Series
2018 - Present **Member**, Pardee School General Education Committee
2020 - Present **Member**, Pardee School Academic Council
2018 - Present **Member**, *Pardee Periodical* Faculty Advisory Board
2018 - 2019 **Member**, Pardee School Faculty Search Committee
2019 - Present **Member**, BU UROP Faculty Advisory Committee
2019 - Present **Member**, BU University Council
2019 - Present **Member**, Pardee School M.A. Program Assessment Review Committee
2019 - Present **Member**, Pardee School MGP Curriculum Reform Committee

Doctoral Committees:

2017 - 2018 **Zahra Akbari**, *University of South Florida*
2020 - Present **Dan Maggio**, *Cornell University*

Undergraduate Thesis Committees:

2018 **Terrens Muradzikwa**, *Harvard College*
Recipient of Rhodes Scholarship, Thomas T. Hoopes Prize for outstanding undergraduate thesis
2019 **Carolyn Hoffman**, *Boston University*
Recipient of CAS Honors Research Travel Award, UROP Travel Award (Fall 2018)
2019 - Present **Yuchen Liu**, *Boston University*

Master's Thesis Committees:

2018	Xiaoyun Luo Xiao Sun
2019	Federico Pisani Kuo Wang Yue Wu Temur Hannan Salah Uddin Molly Joyce
2020	Amelia Dangerfield Sean Marquis Mary Rezk

Undergraduate Advisor or Mentor:

2017	Shreyans Kothari Recipient of UROP Award (Summer 2018, Fall 2018) Anamika Sinha Recipient of UROP Award (Summer 2018, Fall 2018)
2017 - Present	Prachi Aneja Recipient of UROP Award (Spring 2019, Summer 2019, Fall 2019)
2018	Xiao Chen
2019 - Present	Sarah Safi Recipient of UROP Travel Award (Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020) Avantika Tandon Recipient of UROP Travel Award (Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020) Madison Calvert Recipient of FLAS Scholarship (Spring 2020)
2020	Lexie van Waes Maneesha Khalae Jackson Moore-Otto

Graduate Advisor or Mentor (Masters):

2017	Sarah Dymecki Dina Wyler Sarah Ritterspach Jacob Howe Xinyi Min Kuo Wang Zach Crawford Federico Pisani Recipient of GDP Center "Summer in the Field" Travel Award (Summer 2018)
2018	Amelia Dangerfield Recipient of GDP Center "Summer in the Field" Travel Award (Summer 2019) Leah Eyob Mary Rezk Recipient of Pardee School Graduate Travel Grant (Fall 2019) Dan Maggio (M.A. Economics) Dixita Gupta (M.A. Economics) Recipient of Manual Abdala Research Grant (Summer 2019) Sakshi Goel (M.A. Economics) Recipient of Manual Abdala Research Grant (Summer 2019)
2019	Maria Santarelli Ashini Patel Charles (CJ) Ray Samantha Miller

Hyun Soo Suh (M.A. Economics)
Recipient of Manual Abdala Research Grant (Summer 2020)
Tanya Mishra (M.A. Economics)
Recipient of Manual Abdala Research Grant (Summer 2020)
2020
Nikhil Kumar
Kareena Satia
Manav Sinha
Danielle Aron
José Ramos Morales
Anastasia Demidova
Swareena Jones
Supriya Ukey
Trevor Bergqvist
Christina Meyer (Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health)
2021
Lisette Martinez (Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health)

Graduate Advisor or Mentor (Doctoral):

2017
2018
Fatima Aqeel (Economics, BU)
Kexin Zhang (Economics, BU)
Recipient of Manual Abdala Research Grant (Summer 2019)
Recipient of Hariri Institute Graduate Student Fellowship (Fall 2019)
Thomas Pearson (Economics, BU)
Recipient of Manual Abdala Research Grant (Summer 2019)
Thomas Gautier (Economics, BU)
Recipient of Manual Abdala Research Grant (Summer 2019, Summer 2020)
2020
Anastasiia Arbuzova (Economics, BU)
Yunus Kurt (Economics, BU)
Recipient of Manual Abdala Research Grant (Summer 2022)
Laura Aquino Arriaga (Economics, BU)
Recipient of Manual Abdala Research Grant (Summer 2022)

Programming and Technical Skills

Programming Languages: Java, C++, HTML, CSS, JavaScript
Mathematics and Statistical Software: Maple, Matlab, Mathematica, DataLyser, Stata, SAS, SPSS, R
Other Skills: Microsoft Office suite, \LaTeX and applications (\LaTeX , \LyX), CSPRO, ArcGIS, QGIS, Comm-Care, Atlas.ti, NVivo, SurveyCTO, ODK, Survey Solutions, Adobe suite (Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Fireworks)

Languages

English, Spanish, French, Telugu, Hindi, Arabic

Personal

Citizenship

United States
Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)