

ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Postdoctoral Fellow Notre Dame, USA <i>Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame</i> 2025–
EDUCATION	University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, USA <i>Ph.D. in Political Science</i> 2019–25 • Committee: Tariq Thachil (chair), Guy Grossman, Marc Meredith • Dissertation title: <i>Essays on Political Selection and Local Governance in Rural India</i> • Distinction in Comparative Politics comprehensive field exam University of Cambridge Cambridge, UK <i>M.Phil. in Development Studies</i> 2011–12 Tata Institute of Social Sciences Mumbai, India <i>M.A. in Development Studies</i> 2008–10 University of Delhi, St. Stephen's College Delhi, India <i>B.A. (Honours) Economics</i> 2005–08
RESEARCH FIELDS	Political economy, Governance, Decentralization, Political selection, Bureaucracy, Gender and politics, India
PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES	1. Bamezai, Apurva, Siddharth George, Siddharth Hari, and M. R. Sharan. Learning to Govern: The Impact of Politicians' Peer Networks. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>, accepted in the pre-results review track. Available at SSRN: https://ssrn.com/abstract=4664964. 2. Menon, Purnima, Apurva Bamezai, Ali Subandoro, Mohamed A. Ayoya, and Victor M. Aguayo. Age-appropriate Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices Are Associated with Child Nutrition in India: Insights from Nationally Representative Data. <i>Maternal & Child Nutrition</i> 11(1):73–87, 2015.
WORKS IN PROGRESS / UNDER REVIEW	1. Bamezai, Apurva. Public Sector Employment as a Pathway to Local Electoral Politics? Evidence from Rural India. Dissertation paper. 2. Amar, Priyadarshi, Apurva Bamezai, and Rithika Kumar. Mere Proxies or Genuine Leaders? Women in Local Politics in the Context of Gender Quotas. Available at SSRN: https://ssrn.com/abstract=5200785. 3. Bamezai, Apurva, Siddharth George, M. R. Sharan, and Borui Sun. Who Becomes a Local Politician? Evidence from Rural India. Working paper. 4. Bamezai, Apurva, Murad Banaji, Aashish Gupta, Shivani Pandey, M. R. Sharan, Kanika Sharma, and Chanchal Kumar Singh. Survey Evidence of Excess Mortality in Bihar in the Second COVID-19 Surge. <i>SocArXiv</i>, 2021.

AWARDS, GRANTS & FUNDING	• Fostering Peer Learning Among Local Elected Representatives: – The Weiss Fund (\$93,427) 2022–23 – J-PAL Governance Initiative (\$169,510) 2022–23 – International Growth Centre (\$82,000) 2023–24 • Understanding COVID-19-Induced Excess Mortality in Bihar: – University of Pennsylvania Institute for the Advanced Study of India & Penn Global (\$46,000) 2021 • SAS Dissertation Research Award, University of Pennsylvania (\$5,000) 2024 • Judith Rodin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (\$5,000) 2023 • Turner Schulman Graduate Fellowship, Center for the Study of Ethnicity, Race and Immigration, University of Pennsylvania (\$2,000) 2022 • Penn Development Research Institute Graduate Student Research Grant (\$2,000) 2022 • Browne Center for International Politics Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania (\$1,500) 2022 • Political Science Department Graduate Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania (\$1,500) 2022 • GAPSA-Provost Fellowship Award, University of Pennsylvania (\$6,000) 2022 • Presidential Graduate Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania 2020–21 • Sobti Family Fellowship, Center for the Advanced Study of India (\$12,500) 2020–21 • Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania 2019–24 • Cambridge Commonwealth Shared Scholarship 2011–12 • ETS TOEFL Scholarship (India) 2011–12 • J. N. Tata Scholarship (India) 2011–12 • Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Post-Graduate Studies (Govt. of India) 2008–10 • Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Scholarship (Govt. of India) 2005–08
PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS	Short-Term Consultant 2023, 2025 <i>The World Bank</i>
	Senior Researcher 2018–19 <i>Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania</i>
	Consultant 2013–18 <i>Oxford Policy Management, New Delhi</i>
	Associate 2012–13 <i>IDinsight, Patna</i>
	Research Analyst 2010–11 <i>International Food Policy Research Institute, New Delhi</i>
	Research Assistant 2010 <i>Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai</i>
TEACHING	Teaching Assistant, University of Pennsylvania
	– Courses: The Public Policy Process (Spring 2022, Spring 2021), Comparative Politics of Developing Areas (Fall 2021), International Political Economy (Fall 2020) – Completed training in Structured Active In-Class Learning (SAIL), Spring 2022

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS	Indian Statistical Institute Annual Conference on Economic Growth & Development, New Delhi, 2024 APSA Annual Conference, Philadelphia, 2024 MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, 2024 MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, 2022 Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2024 PDRI-DevLab Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2023, Fall 2024
SERVICE	PDRI-DevLab Political Economy of Development Conference (Discussant), Spring 2024 NEWEPS-22, Princeton University (Participant), Spring 2024 NEWEPS-18, New York University (Participant), Spring 2022
SELECT POLICY WRITING	1. Bamezai, Apurva and M. R. Sharan. The Particulars of Social Policy in India: Evidence, State Capacity, and Policy Design. <i>Ideas for India</i>, 12 September 2018. 2. Bamezai, Apurva, M. Jagmag, N. Kumar, P. V. Singh, P. Joshi, S. Joshi, S. Viswanathan, T. Newton-Lewis, and V. Grover. <i>Bihar Child Support Programme Midline Impact Evaluation Report</i>. New Delhi: Oxford Policy Management, 2016. Report submitted to DFID India in March 2016. 3. Ali, D., M. Tedla, A. Subandoro, Apurva Bamezai, R. Rawat, and P. Menon. <i>Alive & Thrive Baseline Survey Report: Ethiopia</i>. Washington, D.C.: Alive & Thrive, 2011.
INTERNSHIPS & VOLUNTEER WORK	CURE: COVID-19 Urgent Response Effort, Team Co-Lead, India (remotely from the U.S.), Summer 2020 Sahpathi Programme, Jharkhand, May–July 2016; June–July 2017 Institute for Human Development, New Delhi, May–June 2009 Centre for Development Economics, Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi, May 2007 Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability, New Delhi, May 2006
SKILLS	Technical: Stata, R, ODK, SurveyCTO, LaTeX Languages: Hindi (Native); English (Native); Urdu (Limited working); Kashmiri (Elementary) Courses: MUSA 2020 Summer Spatial Analysis Bootcamp (Penn Institute for Urban Research); Problem-Driven Iterative Adaptation (Building State Capability program, Center for International Development, Harvard Kennedy School)
FIELDWORK	India: Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Odisha Outside India: Bangladesh, Mongolia