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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, Expected Summer 2008

Minor: Business Administration (Finance)

M.S. Applied Economics, University of Minnesota (UMN), Spring 2006

M.A. Economics, University of Mumbai, India, 2001

B.S. Statistics, University of Mumbai, India, 1999

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota(UMN), Fall 2006 –Present

- Theoretical modeling of optimal investment strategies for safety of food systems
- Empirical analysis of organizational behavior with respect to food systems risks
- Developed a formative scale and a measurement model for safety risks within firms

Research Assistant, Departments of Applied Economics & Food Science and Nutrition, UMN, Summer 2006

- Cost-Benefit analysis of introducing whole grain quality in subsidized school foodservice operations

Research Assistant, Department of Applied Economics, UMN, Spring 2005-06

- Feasibility study by developing production and cost models for foodservice operations
- Financial ratio analysis, Comparative statics of foodservice budgeting and operations of 3 school districts
- Presentations to school districts, MN Department of Education and foodservice industry professionals

Research Assistant, Department of Finance, Carlson School of Management, UMN, Fall 2003

- Preliminary investigation of PayPal operations and transactions

Research Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Mumbai, India, Fall 2000

- Economics of large dams in India, with focus on Sardar Sarovar project

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Intern – Merrill Lynch, Global Wealth Management Division, October 2007-January 2008

Officer – Corporate Planning & Communications, The Great Eastern Shipping, India, June 2001- August 2002

- Monitoring market for oil, shipbuilding & sales, movement of oil, drybulk globally, global economic trends
- Company and competitor stock price and financial analysis
- Executive briefs and economic reports for senior management, Press releases, Investor correspondence
- Presentations on the company's financial, operational and market profile to investors and government

Field Trainee, Indian Market Research Bureau, India, Summer 1997

- Primary data collection, Data entry, Preliminary data analysis for Kodak India Pvt. Ltd.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota, Fall 2003–04

- MBA-level- Financial Management
- Undergraduate-level- Finance Fundamentals, Corporate Financing Decisions, Corporate Investment Decisions

RESEARCH PAPERS

- Economics of safety risk mitigating investments and strategies in the food supply chain, Agiwal, Swati and Hamid Mohtadi, *Working Paper, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota*
- Optimum Investments and Catastrophic Terrorism, Mohtadi, Hamid and Swati Agiwal, *Working Paper, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota*
- Resilience and Extreme Events: How Do Firms in Supply Chains Cope?, Agiwal, Swati, Mohtadi, Hamid and Jean Kinsey, *Working Paper, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota*
- Financial Analysis of School Lunch Programs in Hopkins, Minneapolis and St Paul School Districts, Agiwal, Swati., *M.S. Thesis Manuscript*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Conference (forthcoming), July 2008
- Sloan Industry Studies Annual Conference (forthcoming), May 2008
- American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Conference, January 2008
- Department of Applied Economics Seminar, November 2007
- Regional Mid-west Sloan Industry Studies Conference, October 2007, *Poster presentation*
- Western Economics Association International (WEAI) Annual Conference, June 2007
- National Center for Food Protection and Defense(NCFPD) Biennial Meeting, June 2007, *Poster presentation*
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science & Technology Stakeholders Conference, May 2007
- Midwest Economics Association (MEA) Annual Conference, March 2007
- Obesity Research Seminar, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, March 2006

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Department of Finance Fellowship, Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota, 2002-2003
- Department of Economics Scholarship, Department of Economics, University of Mumbai, India, 2000-2001
- 3rd place in M.A. at Department of Economics, University of Mumbai, India, 2001
- 1st place in B.S. in Statistics with Computer Programming & Systems Analysis at University of Mumbai, 1999
- 1st place in Bombay Management Association Case Study Competition, Mumbai, India, 1999
- Government of India Merit Scholarships for Undergraduate & Graduate studies, 1996-2001

LEADERSHIP ROLES

- Member, Program Priorities Committee, Department of Applied Economics, 2007-Present
- President -Elected, Graduate Student Organization, Department of Applied Economics, 2006-2007
- Officer, Association for India's Development-MN Chapter, 2003-Present
- International Student Representative -Elected, Department of Applied Economics, 2005-2006
- Initiated and managed outreach and placement division for Department of Economics

RELEVANT SKILLS

Computer Packages: Stata, SAS, SPSS, R , Arc, MATLAB, Mathematica, ScientificWorkPlace, MSOffice

Languages: English (Fluent), Hindi (Native), Marathi (Fluent), Gujarati (Intermediate)