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CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (2021-)

EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham, NC
Dual Ph.D. in Public Policy and Political Science (2021)
Dissertation: Negotiating Informality: Essays on Policy Needs and Political Problem-Solving in Indian Slums
— Awarded Best Dissertation, Duke University Department of Political Science, 2021
M.A., Political Science, 2017

Stanford University, Stanford, CA
B.A., Economics with Interdisciplinary Honors, 2011

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [4] **Rains, Emily** & Anirudh Krishna (2020). “Precarious gains: social mobility and volatility in urban slums.” *World Development*, DOI: 10.1016/j.worlddev.2020.105001.
- [3] Krishna, Anirudh, **Emily Rains** & Erik Wibbels (2020). “Negotiating Informality – ambiguity, intermediation, and a patchwork of outcomes in slums of Bengaluru.” *Journal of Development Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/00220388.2020.1725483.
- [2] **Rains, Emily**, Anirudh Krishna & Erik Wibbels (2018). “Combining Satellite and Survey Data To Study Indian Slums: Evidence on the Range of Conditions and Implications for Urban Policy.” *Environment & Urbanization* 31(1): 267-292.
- [1] **Rains, Emily** & Ronald Abraham (2018). “Rethinking Barriers to Electrification: Does Government Collection Failure Stunt Public Service Provision?” *Energy Policy* 114: 288-300.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- [1] **Rains, Emily** & Anirudh Krishna. “Informalities, volatility, and precarious social mobility in urban slums.” Forthcoming in V. Iversen, A. Krishna, & K. Sen (Eds.), *Social Mobility in Developing Countries: Concepts, Methods, and Determinants*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

UNDER REVIEW

- [5] **Rains, Emily**. “Women and (Informal) Work: Gender, Informal Labor, and the Civic Participation Gap in Urban Slums.” *Submitted*.
- [4] **Rains, Emily** & Jeremy Spater. “Toward a Local View of Between-Group Inequality: Implications for Political Mobilization Across Urban Slums.” *Submitted*.

- [3] Krishna, Anirudh, Sujeet Kumar & **Emily Rains**. “Living in Slums of Patna: Before, During and Beyond the Pandemic.” *Forthcoming at Journal of Asian Development Research*.
- [2] Downs-Tepper, Harlan, Anirudh Krishna & **Emily Rains**. “A Threat to Life and Livelihoods: Examining the Effects of Covid-19 on Health and Wellbeing in Bengaluru and Patna Slums.” *Forthcoming at Environment & Urbanization*.
- [1] **Rains, Emily** & Erik Wibbels. “Informal Work, Risk and Clientelism: Evidence from 223 Slums Across India.” Conditionally accepted at *British Journal of Political Science*.

OTHER
WRITING

- [4] Krishna, Anirudh & **Emily Rains**. “India needs policy intervention to uplift its urban poor.” *LiveMint*, October 28, 2020.
- [3] Krishna, Anirudh & **Emily Rains**. “The virus has exposed India’s Dickensian urbanization.” *LiveMint*, October 22, 2020.
- [2] Downs-Tepper, Harlan & **Emily Rains**. “A localized approach to address the economic fallout of covid-19.” *LiveMint*, September 23, 2020.
- [1] **Rains, Emily** (2017). “Paying for Power: The Political Economy of Energy Insolvency in Bihar, India.” In F. Usmani & R. Fetter (Eds.), *Energy & Development (Global Energy Access Network Case Studies)*, Durham: Global Energy Access Network, Duke University.

TEACHING

- Louisiana State University*
— Politics of Urban Poverty & Development (Honors): Fall 2021
— Politics of Gender & Development: Fall 2021
- Duke University*
— Urban Poverty & Politics in Developing Countries: Spring 2020

CONSULTING &
EMPLOYMENT

- Millennium Challenge Corporation*, Urban land tenure evaluation, Mozambique (2019-2020)
Techo, Survey of informal settlements, Mexico (2018)
IDinsight, Research Associate, Bihar, India (2013-2015)
Worked as lead associate on a project developing a technical cell embedded in publicly run state energy company. Worked with IDinsight Asia Director on randomized controlled trial measuring the impact of electrification program.
- Compass Lexecon*, Analyst, New York (2011-2013)
Worked as research analyst to support Ph.D. Economists and Mathematicians to prepare expert economist testimony in legal cases. Conducted quantitative analyses on secondary data using SAS and Stata.

SELECT
PRESENTATIONS

- The State of Cities Series, Impact and Policy Research Institute, India (2021)
Workshop on Clientelism, London School of Economics (2021)
Workshop on Clientelism as Electoral Linkage Mechanism, Duke University (2020)
Dvara Research Policy Forum, Dvara Research, India (2020)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
Sustainability and Development Conference, University of Michigan (2019)
Workshop on Social Mobility in Developing Countries, UNU-WIDER, Finland (2019)
Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2018)
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2017, 2018)
Conference on Entangled Urbanization, Rockefeller Foundation, Italy (2017)
Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics Book Manuscript Workshop, Duke University (2017)
Health and Society in South Asia Conference, University of Pennsylvania (2017)
International Growth Centre India Development Policy Conference, India (2016)
Workshop on Urban Poverty in Developing Countries, Duke University (2016)

FELLOWSHIPS
AND AWARDS
(ABOVE \$5,000
SPECIFIED)

Outstanding Dissertation Award, Duke University Department of Political Science, 2021
Duke Center for the Study of Philanthropy and Voluntarism, 2020 (\$12,770)
Bass Instructional Fellowship: Instructor of Record, 2019 (\$11,925)
UNU-WIDER Award to Develop Book Chapter, 2019 (\$5,000)
Walter Molano and Alona Evans Research Grant, 2019, 2020
International Dissertation Travel Award, 2019
James B. Duke International Research Fellowship, 2018 (\$25,370)
Duke India Initiative Student Research Funding Grant, 2018
Bass Connections Student Research Funding Grant, 2018
Duke University Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020 (\$5,500)
Population Research Institute Travel Award, 2018
Center for International and Global Studies Travel Award, 2018
Global Energy Access Network Award to Develop Case Study, 2017
Sanford School Ph.D. Small Grants Award, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Social Science Research Institute Education and Human Development Scholar, 2016

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

University service:
Graduate Research Workshop Organizer (2018-2019)
Student Representative to Ph.D. Executive Committee (2017-2018)
Bass Connections Student Advisory Council Member (2017-2018)
Duke Development Lab Member (2016-2021)
Duke Women's Center Mentoring Program (2016-2017)
Sanford School Ph.D. Program Distinguished Speaker Committee Co-chair (2016-2017)
Bass Connections Nominee for Outstanding Mentorship (2017)
Sanford EQUITY Fellow for Racial Equity Training (2016)

Reviewer:

World Development, Environment and Planning: Urban Analytics and City Science, Energy Policy

FIELDWORK
EXPERIENCE

India: 2008 (Karnataka), 2013-2015 (Bihar), 2015 (Bihar, Rajasthan, Delhi), 2016 (Bihar, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Delhi), 2017 (Karnataka, Delhi), 2018 (Karnataka), 2019 (Bihar, Rajasthan)
Mozambique: 2019
Zambia: 2013
Tanzania: 2010

REFERENCES

Available upon request

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