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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Applied Economics , Auburn University	2017-2022
Dissertation Committee - Dr. Henry Kinnucan (Chair), Dr. Joel Cuffey (Co-Chair)	
M.A., Economics , Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics	2012-2014
B.Sc., Economics , St. Xavier's College, University of Calcutta	2009-2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Practice	January 2025-Present
Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics, Texas Tech University	
Coordinator, Master of Agribusiness (MAB)	January 2025-Present
Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics, Texas Tech University	
Assistant Professor of Economics	August 2023-Dec 2024
Department of Finance & Accounting, Alabama State University	
Postdoctoral Scholar	November 2022-August 2023
Department of Agricultural Sciences, Texas State University-Supervisor: Dr. Madan Dey	
Lecturer (Per Course)	Spring 2023
Department of Agricultural Science, Texas State University	
Postdoctoral Research Scholar	June-October 2022
W.P. Carey School of Agribusiness, Arizona State University	

RESEARCH

Working Papers

Estimation of the effects of generic advertising on market demand: An ADL Approach (with Henry Kinnucan)

Work in Progress

How does the Emergency Allotment of Money during COVID-19 impact the beneficiaries of Food banks? (with Joel Cuffey)

Financial Liquidity Constraints and Food Security (with Joel Cuffey & Shouli Zhao)

Household Fish Consumption Pattern in Bangladesh (with Dr. Dey and other collaborators)

Estimation of food demand and nutrient elasticities: A disaggregated analysis of the Bangladesh household income and expenditure survey of 2000, 2005, 2010, and 2016 (with Dr. Dey and other collaborators)

Publications (Ph.D.)

Kinnucan, H.W., **Das, A.**, Pettersen, I., 2021. A Welfare Analysis of Norways Export Promotion Program for Whitefish. *European Review of Agricultural Economics*

The World Trade Organization must prohibit harmful fisheries subsidies. *Letter in Science* (Project led by Dr. Sumaila Rashid and there are 273 co-authors from 222 institutions in 44 countries across 6 continents)

Kinnucan, H.W., Nguyen, L. and **Das, A.**, 2021. Benefits of Agricultural R&D International Spillovers: The case of aquaculture. *Aquaculture*, 535, p.736308.

Reddy, A.A., Sarkar, A., Rani, C.R., **Das, A.**, Reddy, C.P. and Sneha, A.V., 2024. Aligning Government Initiatives with Sustainable Development Goals: A Village-Level Mapping in India. Pre-Print.

Publications (Pre-Ph.D.)

Reddy, A., Rani, C.R. and Das, A., 2016. How South Asia Performed in Food and Nutrition Security? *Journal of Income & Wealth (The)*, 38(1), pp.87-104.

Book Chapter

Deepayan Debnath and Abhispita Das. Third-generation biofuels and Food Security. In 3rd Generation Biofuel: Disruptive technologies to enable commercial production. May 2022. Elsevier

RESEARCH GRANTS

Principle-Investigator-Alabama State University, \$ 4000. Spring 2024

- Project Title: “Race & the association between food insecurity & financial liquidity constraints”
- Prepared the full proposal & the budget.
- I will leverage an online survey among the individuals at Alabama State to investigate the impact of financial liquidity constraints on food insecurity across races.
- My objective is to publish a paper in a peer-reviewed journal.

Co-Principal-Investigator-Feed the Future Food Systems for Nutrition Innovation Lab, U.S. \$699,984. 2023-2026

- Project Title: “Upgrading value chains of nutrient-dense perishable agricultural commodities in Bangladesh: Technological interventions and IT-based business model development to reduce postharvest and nutrient loss”.
- Prepared the full budget of the project.
- Responsible for evaluating the cost-effective analysis of the innovation bundles used in this project.
- Responsible for preparing a review report analyzing the economic sustainability of the co-created innovation bundles and IT-based Lean management business model to reduce the post-harvest and nutrition loss of the value chains of fruits, vegetables, and fish.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Scholar, Texas State University

November 2022-August 2023

- Project 1: Focused on how Household Expenditure impacts nutrition.
 1. To measure nutrition from the household expenditure survey data, nutrition elasticity is formulated.
 2. Demand model (QUAIDS) is used to measure the nutrition elasticity for consumption of fish of different species of households belonging to each quantile of income group.
- Project 2: Study of intrahousehold fish consumption pattern in Bangladesh.
 1. Household Income Expenditure Survey (HIES) data is used to measure the share of fish consumption, fish expenditure & average prices of fish of different species among households of each quantile of income groups.
 2. Average fish consumption, average fish expenditure & share of average fish expenditure to food expenditure is also delved across the households of the quantiles.

Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Arizona State University

June-October 2022

- Project Title: “Data Integration in Food & Agriculture”
 1. Identifying papers that use data integration in food and agriculture.
 2. Creating data inventory with various data sets from the selected papers that discuss data integration.
 3. Systematic Literature Review from the selected papers.

- Designed survey for food preferences and economic decision-making that is launched in Qualtrics.
- Data cleaning and data management of large panel datasets in Stata.
- Applied Autoregressive Distributive Lagged model (ADL) in time-series data in Eviews.
- Stochastic simulations in SIMETAR.
- Worked in an AFRI Foundational & Applied Science Competitive Grants Program, USDA. \$500,000. 2021-2024
 1. Project Title: “Challenges and Opportunities for Beginning Small and Medium-Sized Producers in the Southeast”.
 2. Reaching out to the collaborators updating the literature.
 3. Testing empirically how beginning farmers and ranchers impact agriculture in the southeastern region of the US.
 4. We also focused on the contribution of female farmers in US agriculture.

Research Assistant, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, India

June 2014-Sept 2014

- Project Title: “Insurance Information-Input (3I) Supply Integration to Improve Productivity in Agriculture”.
 1. Proposed a tripod model consisting of Insurance agency, Extension agency and Input Supply agency.
 2. The insurance agency tries to reduce the claim of the farmers through proper extensive service and supply of quality input.

Research Internship, ICRISAT, Hyderabad, India

June 2013-August 2013

- Project Title: “Returns to Education and its effect on the Agricultural Wage Rates: A District level panel data analysis”.
 1. Analyzed the VDSA (Village Dynamics in South Asia) data collected on real wages of three states Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.
 2. Modified mincer equation and log linear model in Stata to study the relationship between real wage rates and literacy rate.
 3. The result of the district-level panel data analysis is ambiguous regarding the effect of literacy rate on real wage rate with heterogeneity across states.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor -Principles of Macroeconomics (ECO 251)	Fall 2024
Assistant Professor -Business Statistics II (MGT 252)	Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024
Assistant Professor -Business Statistics I (MGT 202)	Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024
Instructor -Agricultural Policy (AG 4381)	Spring 2023
Graduate Instructor -Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 2020)	Fall 2021
Graduate Instructor -Principles of Agribusiness Management (AGEC 4000)	Spring 2021
Teaching Assistant for Dr. James Novak-Agricultural Business Management (AGEC 5100, 6100)	Fall 2020
Teaching Assistant to Mr. Mitch Henry-Agricultural Law (AGEC 4070)	Fall 2020
Teaching Assistant to Dr. Regina Grambling-Business Analytics (Statistics) (BUAL 2650, 2500)	Spring 2021

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Southern Agricultural Economic Association (SAEA) 2025, Irving, Texas** February 1-4, 2025
How does the Emergency Allotment of SNAP benefits impact the demand for food pantries?
- Southern Economic Association (SEA) 2024, Washington D.C.** November 23-25, 2024
How does the Emergency Allotment of Money during COVID-19 impact the beneficiaries of Food banks?
- Southern Economic Association (SEA) 2023, New Orleans** November 17-20, 2023
Financial Liquidity Constraints and Food Insecurity (Paper)
- Aquaculture America 2023, New Orleans** February 23-26, 2023
Estimating the Effects of Generic Advertising on Market Demand: An ADL Approach (Paper)
Household Fish Consumption Pattern in Bangladesh (Paper)
- Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA), Anaheim, California** July 13-Aug 2, 2022
Induced Financial Concerns and Willingness-to-pay for organics (Poster)
- Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA), New Orleans** February 13-15, 2022
Estimating the Effects of Generic Advertising on Market Demand: An ADL Approach (Poster); Financial Liquidity Constraints and Food Insecurity (Paper)
- Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) & Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA), Austin, Texas** August 1-3, 2021
Estimating the Effects of Generic Advertising on Market Demand: An ADL Approach; How does financial liquidity constraint impact food security?
- North American Association of Fisheries Economics (NAAFE) Student Presentation Competition (virtual)** June 2021
Welfare Analysis of Norway's Export Promotion Program for Whitefish (Paper)
- Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) (virtual)** August 10-11, 2020
International R&D Spillovers: The Case of Aquaculture (Poster)
- Graduate Student Poster Showcase, Auburn University** October 2021
Financial Concerns and Willingness to Pay for the organics
- Graduate Student Poster Showcase (Virtual), Auburn University** September 2020
The Effects of Norway's Export Promotion of Whitefish on Market Demand: A Co-integration Analysis
- Graduate Student Poster Showcase, Auburn University** October 2019
Technology Spillovers: The Case of Aquaculture R&D
- Conferences (Papers selected) could not attend:
- Aquaculture America 2021, San Antonio, Texas August 11-13, 2021
 - Aquaculture Canada & WAS North America, St. Johns Newfoundland, Canada Sept 26-29, 2021

ANNUAL MEETINGS

- Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Security (FSIL) November 9-10, 2022
- Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Fish February 27-March 1, 2023

PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

- KPMG Conference for Masters in Data Analytics Program June 1, 2023
- Professional Development-Federal Reserve Bank Atlanta November 1, 2023
- Panelist at Nutrition & Health Conference- Alabama State University March 1, 2024

HONORS AND AWARDS

Faculty Research Award from Alabama State University	Spring 2024
Travel grant from Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA)	2021
Featured as a PhD student in the department, Auburn University	2021
Awarded best Masters dissertation, Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics, Pune, India	2014
Indira Gandhi Post Graduation Single Girl Child Scholarship	2012-2014
Awarded 2nd best undergrad dissertation, St. Xavier's College, Calcutta	2012
Scholarship for the result of Higher Secondary Examination in college, Government of West Bengal, India	2009

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)
Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA)
Southern Economic Association (SEA)
North American Association of Fisheries Economics (NAAFE)

REVIEWER

Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies-Editor: Dr. Ashok Mishra

REFERRED MANUSCRIPTS

Factors influencing paddy farmer's choice of marketing channels: Study of a nationally representative survey from India- *Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies*
Inter-firm relations and resource-based performance: A contingent relational view of small-scale farmers in Zambia- *Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies*
Market Participation, Market Impact, and Marketing Efficiency: An Integrated Market Research on Smallholder Paddy Farmers from Eastern India- *Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies*
Blockchain-Based Smart Dairy Supply Chain: Catching The Momentum For Digital Transformation- *Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies*
Agricultural extension in Papua New Guinea: The challenges facing demand-driven extension from the perspective of practitioners- *Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies*
Examining claims on food packages in India: Are they inadequate and deceptive?- *Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies*

COMMITTEE & ADVISOR

College of Business and Administration (COBA) Scholarships at Alabama State University (Fall 2023)
Advising 26 undergraduate students at Alabama State University
Faculty Lead Advisor of Student Business Organization of Public Trust at Alabama State University

SERVICE

Professional Service

Organizing seminar series, Morrison School of Agribusiness, Arizona State University (2022)
Moderator at Graduate Research Symposium, Auburn University (2021)

Community Service

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance to the students at Alabama State University (2024)
Organizing the Annual Ball at Alabama State University (2024)

Promoting Diversity and Equality

Member of Auxiliary Committee, Bangladesh Student Organization, Auburn University, organized events to promote diversity & the culture of Bangladesh
Joined National Social Services in undergrad. Taught primary-level underprivileged students in low socioeconomic suburbs of Calcutta

TECHNICAL SKILLS & TRAINING

Statistical Packages: STATA, R, EViews, and SAS

Other Packages: Latex, Qualtrics (web-based survey design tool)

Microsoft Office: Excel including Simetar, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook Express, and Access.

IRB Training in Behavioral Subjects

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Bengali-Native Language, English and Hindi (Fluent)

Nationality: Indian

REFERENCES

Dr. Henry Kinnucan (Chair of Ph.D. Dissertation Committee)
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