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Education Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, Expected: May 2018
Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Methods

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
M.A. Political Science, 2013

University of Madras, India
M.Sc. Chemistry, 2004

M.S. University, India
B.Sc. Chemistry, 2002

Research Interests Ethnic Conflicts, Interregional Inequality, Party System Regionalization, Conflicts in India, Social Media and Elections

Dissertation Party System Regionalization, Socioeconomic Outcomes and Ethnic Conflicts in India
Committee: Frank Thames (Chair), Stephen Meserve and Dennis Patterson

Publications Meserve, Stephen, Sivagaminathan Palani, and Daniel Pemstein. Forthcoming. "Measuring Candidate Selection Mechanisms in European Elections: Comparing Formal Party Rules to Candidate Survey Responses." *European Union Politics*. Advance Access <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1465116517729539>

Working Papers "Twitter and State Assembly Elections@2017 in India: #Gujarat, #Himachal-Pradesh" (with Surachanee Sriyai)
"Political Competition and Clientelism in India: When Do Parties Stop Distributing Free Laptops and Sarees?" (with Stephen Meserve)
"Party System Nationalization and Ethnic Rebellion: Does Incongruous Level of Nationalization Breed Ethnic Rebellion?"
"Party System Regionalization and Intraregional Economic Inequality"
"Party System Nationalization and Women Legislative Representation" (with Frank Thames)
"Globalization and Electoral Volatility" (with Hoon Lee and Dennis Patterson)

Teaching Experience Instructor (Undergraduate Upper-division Courses)
War and Security Fall 2017
Comparative Politics Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant (Graduate Courses)
 Advanced Quantitative Methods Spring 2015
 Instructor: Prof. Stephen Meserve

Data Analysis Fall 2012, Fall 2016
 Instructor: Prof. Frank Thames

Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate Courses)
 American Government, Organization (Online Course) Summer I 2016
 Instructor: Prof. Toby Rider

Comparative Politics Spring 2015
 Instructor: Prof. Stephen Meserve

American Government (Online Course) Fall 2014
 Instructor: Prof. Kristina Mitchell

Game Theory Spring 2013
 Instructor: Prof. Kristina Mitchell

Intro. Political Analysis Spring 2013
 Instructor: Prof. Kristina Mitchell

International Politics Summer 2012
 Instructor: Prof. Kristina Mitchell

American Government Spring 2012
 Instructor: Prof. Aie-Rie Lee

U.S. Government Fall 2011
 Instructor: Prof. David Lektzian

Academic Tutor (American Government Courses)
 Marsha Sharp Center for Student Athletes June-August 2012, 2015
 Texas Tech University

**Research
 Experience**

Graduate Research Assistant Fall 2015 - Spring 2016
 Prof. Stephen Meserve (Google Faculty Research Fellowship)
 Data Collection, Management, Analysis and Reporting

Graduate Research Assistant Summer I 2013 - Spring 2014
 Prof. Stephen Meserve (Google Faculty Research Fellowship)
 Data Collection, Management, Analysis and Reporting

**Conference
 Presentations**

“Regionalization of Party System and Armed Conflicts in India” Paper Presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago

“Party System Nationalization and Ethnic Rebellion: Does Incongruous Level of Nationalization Breed Ethnic Rebellion?” Poster Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia

“Regionalization of Party System and Intraregional Economic Inequality” Paper Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago

“Assessing the Reliability of Survey Measures of Political Institutions” (with Stephen Meserve and Daniel Pemstein) Paper Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago

“Party System Nationalization, Group Concentration and Ethnic Conflict” Paper Presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago

“Party System Nationalization and Women Legislative Representation” (with Frank Thames) Paper Presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago

Awards & Fellowships	Texas Tech University Graduate Student Fellowship Dr. William A. Jackson Scholarship	2011-2017 2014
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Honors and Affiliations	Pi Sigma Alpha Midwest Political Science Association American Political Science Association
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Technical Skills	STATA, R, LaTeX, Tableau, Microsoft SQL Server
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Languages	Tamil (native), Hindi(basic), Kannada(fluent), Malayalam(fluent), Telugu(basic)
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