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Education

August 2021	Ph.D in Economics, University of Iowa (Committee Chair - Dr. David Frisvold)
May 2017	M.A in Economics, University of Iowa
May 2015	M.S in Mathematics, Missouri State University
December 2012	B.S in Mathematics (M: Chemistry), Missouri State University

Employment

■ Current Appointment

Aug 2023-Present Assistant Professor of Economics, Western Illinois University

■ Past Appointment

August 2021-May 2023 Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Missouri

Research Interests

Primary: Health Economics, Development Economics, and Public Policy

Secondary: Experimental and Behavioral Economics

Publications

Tiwari, M. (2023). Financial incentives and delivery care: Evidence from the Safe Delivery Incentive Program in Nepal. *Health Economics*, 32(10), 2372-2389.

Tiwari, M. (2024). Land ownership and nutrition in Nepal. *Review of Development Economics*. 28 (4), 1838-1870

Mayfield, W. A., **Tiwari, M.**, Knight, E. M., Ralston, J. A. S., DeSpain, R., & Gable, S. **(2025).** Participation in the Missouri Parents as Teachers Parent Education Program and third grade math and English language arts proficiency. *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, 70, 234-242.

Taylor, E., Zars, J., **Tiwari, M.**, Hansen, J., Schmitt, C., Johnson, E., Gable, S. **(2025).** Community reentry program characteristics associated with outcomes over five years for individuals on probation and parole. *Justice, Opportunities, and Rehabilitation*, 1-19.

Work in Progress

“Housing Wealth Shocks and Health” (w/ Padmaja Ayyagari & David Frisvold)

“Does Revealing Ethnic/Racial Background Impact Faculty Teaching Evaluations?” (w/ J. Jobu Babin & Andrew Hussey)

“Courage and Connection: Loneliness and Prosociality Across Veterans and Non-veterans” (w/ J. Jobu Babin, Haritima Chauhan, & Anna Klis)

“Do Only Children Behave Differently in Social Dilemmas from those with Siblings?” (w/ J. Jobu Babin & Haritima Chauhan).

“Food Insecurity and Student Outcomes” (w/ Thomas Sadler & Emily Shupe)

Technical Reports

Mayfield, W., **Tiwari, M.**, Jamtgaard, K., DeSpain, R., Dicke, R., “The Effects of Missouri Parents as Teachers Participation on Child Outcomes”, Institute of Public Policy, University of Missouri, Columbia, March 2022

Buckler, Z., **Tiwari, M.**, Haxton, C., “Missouri Department of Corrections Community Reentry Funding Initiative”, Institute of Public Policy, University of Missouri, Columbia, January 2022

Presentations and Invited talks

Missouri Valley Economic Association Conference

Midwest Economics Association Conference

Southern Economic Association Conference

Professional Development and Workshop

Experimental Summer School with John List, University of Chicago (August 2024)

2024 Conference and Summer School on Socioeconomic Opportunity and Inequality, University of Chicago (July 2024)

Pre-Conference Workshop/Data-Intensive Research Conference, University of Minnesota (August 2023)

Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research (CITR) Best Practices in Online Teaching Course, Western Illinois University (Fall 2023)

Professional Memberships

American Economic Association, Economics Science Association, Midwest Economic Association, Nepali Academics in America, Missouri Valley Economic Association, Behavioral Economics and Organization Research Group

Service

Professional Service

Referee

American Journal of Health Economics

Journal of Policy Analysis and Management

Journal of Economic Insight

PlosOne

Mentor

Graduate Applications International Network (GAIN), 2024-2025

Young Women in Economics Program, Women in Economics and Policy (WiEP), 2024-2025

The Women in Economics Initiative, 2024-2025

Master's Thesis Advising

Gabriela Galindo (Quantitative Economics), Master's Thesis Chair, Western Illinois University (Fall 2024-Present)

Janvi Patel (Applied Statistics and Decision Analytics), Master's Thesis Committee Member, Western Illinois University (Spring-Fall 2024)

Undergraduate Research Advising

Samantha Hole, Undergraduate Independent Research Advising, University of Missouri (Fall 2022)

University and Departmental Service

Council on Curricular Programs and Instruction (CCPI), Western Illinois University

Undergrad Curriculum/Assessment for Economics, Western Illinois University

Academic Integrity Hearings, Western Illinois University

Teaching

Instructor of Record

Advanced Mathematical Techniques (Graduate, In-person), Western Illinois University, Fall 2023 & Fall 2024

Applied Business Forecasting and Regression Analysis (Undergraduate, In-person, Livestream), Western Illinois University, Fall 2023-Spring 2024

Global Poverty (Undergraduate, In-person, Online), Western Illinois University, Spring 2024-Present

Global Economic Environment (Undergraduate, Online), Western Illinois University, Fall 2023-Spring 2024

Economic Development (Undergraduate, Graduate, In-person), University of Missouri, Spring 2022-Spring 2023

Principles of Microeconomics (Honors, In-person), University of Missouri, Fall 2021

Principles of Microeconomics (Undergraduate, In-person), University of Iowa, Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant

Principles of Macroeconomics (Head Teaching Assistant, Online), University of Iowa, Fall 2020-Spring 2021

Principles of Macroeconomics, University of Iowa, Spring 2020

Principles of Microeconomics, University of Iowa, Fall 2019

Statistics for Strategy, University of Iowa, Spring 2016-Fall 2017

Pre-Algebra, Missouri State University, Missouri State University, Fall 2013-Spring 2014

Awards

2024	Dean's Targeted Research Impact Program Award (Travel) Western Illinois University
2024	Provost Travel Award for Faculty Western Illinois University
2021	Data Fellowship for R Code for Nepal
2019	Graduate College Summer Fellowship University of Iowa
2019	Graduate College Post-Comprehensive Research Fellowship University of Iowa
2018	Graduate College Summer Fellowship University of Iowa
2015-2021	Graduate Teaching Assistantship Department of Economics, University of Iowa
2014	Math is Fundamental Scholarship Missouri State University
2013-2015	Graduate Teaching Assistantship Department of Mathematics, Missouri State University

Skills

Technical Skills: Stata (Advanced), L^AT_EX (Advanced), R (Intermediate), Matlab (Basic)