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## CURRENT POSITION

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Assistant Professor of Economics *August 2020 to present*  
Department of Economics, Finance and Real Estate, University of South Alabama

## PAST POSITION(S)

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Postdoctoral Scholar *August 2018 to August 2020*  
Center for Economic and Social Research, University of Southern California  
(Faculty mentor: Jinkook Lee)

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Economics, University of Southern California *2018*  
(Advisor: John Strauss)  
M.A., Economics, University of Southern California *2014*  
M.Sc. in Quantitative Economics, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi *2011*  
B.A.(Hons.) in Economics, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi *2008*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Economics of Ageing, Health Economics, Development Economics

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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1. Height Shrinkage, Health and Mortality among Older Adults: Evidence from Indonesia (with Mingming Ma) – *Economics and Human Biology*, May 2020
2. Methodological Considerations in Designing and Implementing the Harmonized Diagnostic Assessment of Dementia for Longitudinal Aging Study in India (2<sup>nd</sup> author, with Joyita Prakash, Jinkook Lee, et al.) – *Biodemography and Social Biology*, July 2020
3. Gender Differences in Late-Life Cognition: Findings from the Longitudinal Aging Study in India–Diagnostic Assessment of Dementia (with Marco Angrisani and Jinkook Lee), *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, August 2020

## WORKING PAPERS

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1. Early-life Exposure to Malaria Eradication and Later-life Cognition: Evidence from India (*Job Market Paper*)
2. Together in Sickness and in Health: Spillover of Physical, Mental and Cognitive Health among English Older Couples (with Mingming Ma)

## PERMANENT WORKING PAPERS

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1. Harmonization of Cross-National Studies of Aging to the Health and Retirement Study – User Guide: Family Transfer – Informal Care (with Jinkook Lee, Joohong Min), *CESR-Schaeffer Working Paper Series No. 2016-008*.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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1. Growing Old in Low- and Middle- Income Countries in Asia (with Jinkook Lee, T V Sekher, Dipti Govil, Alyssa Lubet), *Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, forthcoming*

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

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### Presentations (including scheduled)

2 <sup>nd</sup> IUSSP Population, Poverty and Inequality Research Conference	December 2020
American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO*	June 2020
International Comparisons of Healthy Ageing Workshop, Harvard University, MA <sup>†</sup>	April 2020
University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB	February 2020
Annual Population Health Science Research Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, PA	December 2019
USC CESR Brown Bag, Los Angeles, CA	October 2019
Western Economic Association International, San Fransisco, CA	June 2019
Population Association of America, Austin, TX	April 2019
Michigan Retirement and Disability Research Center Researcher Workshop, MI	March 2019
Midwest Economics Association, St. Louis, MO	March 2019
Population Association of America, Denver, CO	April 2018
USC Economics, Development seminar, Los Angeles, CA	October 2017
Western Economic Association International, San Diego, CA	June 2017
Conference on Health and Development, Academia Sinica, Taipei	June 2017
Western Economic Association International, Denver, CO	June 2014

### Workshops

Healthy Cognitive Aging Project (HCAP) Training, University of Michigan	April 2016
HRS Workshop, University of Michigan	June 2015
RAND Summer Institute, Santa Monica, CA	July 2014

## REFEREE SERVICE

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**Journals:** *Labour Economics, Economics Bulletin, Journal of Pension Economics and Finance, Economics and Human Biology, Journal of Health Economics.*

**Conferences:** *2021 ASHEcon Scientific Review Committee*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Research Assistant</b> Jinkook Lee (Center for Economic and Social Research, USC)	May 2014- Aug 2017
<b>Research Assistant</b> Tarun Jain (Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, India)	Aug 2011- May 2012

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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\*declined due to Covid-19 pandemic

<sup>†</sup>canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic

**Instructor**, Principles of Microeconomics, Labor Economics

*Fall 2020*

**Teaching Assistant**, Principles of Microeconomics

*Fall 2013, Spring 2014*

## FIELD EXPERIENCE

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### **Trainer**

*Nov- Dec 2016*

Diagnostic Assessment of Dementia, a sub-study of the Longitudinal Aging Study in India (LASI)

### **Supervisor & Enumerator**

*2011- 2012*

Data collection for the Project "Barriers to Skill Acquisition: Evidence from English Training in India"  
Data collection for the Project "Letting the briber go free: An experiment on mitigating harassment bribes"

### **Field Investigator**

Member of Survey Team for Social Audits of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA),  
under Jean Dreze, Jharkhand, India

*May 2007*

Monitoring & Evaluation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), Chattisgarh,  
India

*May 2006*

## REFERENCES

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### **John Strauss**

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Professor, Department of Economics and Davis School of Gerontology  
University of Southern California

### **Jinkook Lee**

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Director, Program on Global Aging, Health, and Policy  
Professor (Research) of Economics, University of Southern California  
Senior Economist, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica

### **James P. Smith**

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Distinguished Chair in Labor Markets and Demographic Studies  
RAND Corporation, Santa Monica

## NON ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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### **Analyst**

*July- December, 2008*

Business Research & Analytics, Boston Analytics, Mumbai

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Software: STATA, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

Citizenship: Indian

US Visa: H1B

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