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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

Present Assistant Professor of Economics, Troy University

Past Appointment

Aug 2023-May 2025 Assistant Professor of Economics, Western Illinois University
August 2021-May 2023 Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Missouri

Research Interests

Primary: Development Economics, Health Economics, and Public Policy

Secondary: Experimental and Behavioral Economics

Publications

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. [DOI link](#)

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. [DOI link](#)

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

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

Work in Progress

Sibling Kinship, Prosociality, and Norms w/ J. Jobu Babin & Haritima Chauhan.

“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, & Rong Zheng)

“Mental health outcomes and Aging” (w/ Subhasree Basu)

Policy Work/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

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

Managerial Economics (Graduate, Online), Troy University, Fall 2025

Principles of Macroeconomics (Undergraduate, Online/In-person), Troy University, Fall 2025

International Economic Development(Graduate, Online), Troy University, Summer 2025

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-Spring 2025

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

Presentations and Invited Talks

“Using AI to Support Data Work”, Institute of Public Policy, University of Missouri (Invited), 2025

“Housing Wealth Shocks and Health”, Missouri Valley Economic Association Conference, 2025

“Land ownership and nutrition in Nepal”, Midwest Economics Association Conference, 2024

“Financial incentives and delivery care”, Southern Economic Association Conference, 2021

Professional Development Workshop

AEA CSWEP CeMENT Mentoring Workshop (July 2025)

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

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

Thesis and Research Advising

Gabriela Galindo (Quantitative Economics), Master's Thesis Chair, Western Illinois University (Fall 2024-Spring 2025)

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

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

Technical Skills

Data Analysis and Programming: Stata (*Advanced*), R (*Intermediate*), Matlab (*Basic*)

Research and Document Preparation: L^AT_EX (*Advanced*), R Markdown (*Intermediate*)

Survey and Experimental Tools: Qualtrics, Prolific

Languages: Nepali (*Native*), English (*Fluent*), Hindi (*Fluent*), Urdu (*Conversant*), Turkish (*Beginner*)

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