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## EDUCATION

**Yale University** New Haven, CT, US  
Ph.D. Political Science (expected) 2013 -  
Fields: Political Economy, Comparative Politics, and Quantitative Methods  
Dissertation: "Essays on Democracy and Distribution"  
Committee: Alexandre Debs, Gregory Huber, Frances McCall Rosenbluth, and Steven I. Wilkinson

**University of Chicago** Chicago, IL, US  
M.A., Social Sciences Division 2009 - 11

**Colby College** Waterville, ME, US  
B.A., Economics 2004 - 08

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## RESEARCH

### Publications

Gautam Nair. "Misperceptions of Relative Affluence and Support for International Redistribution." *The Journal of Politics* 80 (3), 2018.

Gautam Nair and Nicholas Sambanis. "Violence Exposure and Ethnic Identification: Evidence from Kashmir." *International Organization*, forthcoming.

Dan Slater, Benjamin Smith, and Gautam Nair. "Economic Origins of Democratic Breakdown? The Redistributive Model and the Postcolonial State." *Perspectives on Politics* 12 (2), 2014, 353-374.

Edwin Adkins, Sandy Eapen, Flora Kaluwile, Gautam Nair, and Vijay Modi. "Off-grid Energy Services for the Poor: Introducing LED Lighting in the Millennium Villages Project in Malawi." *Energy Policy* 38 (2), 2010, 1087-1097.

### Working Papers

Gautam Nair. "The Public Provision of Private Goods in Developing Democracies."

Gautam Nair. "Self-Interest or Worldviews? Support for International Redistribution in a Representative Cross-Section of the United States."

Gautam Nair and Annabelle Hutchinson. "Subjective Perceptions and the Demand for Redistribution in the United States."

Gautam Nair and Hari Ramesh. "Ethnic Quotas and the Distribution of Public Benefits in India: A Replication and Reanalysis of Dunning and Nilekani (2013)."

### Selected Work in Progress

Gautam Nair. "Political Change in Modernizing India" (book project in progress).

Gautam Nair and Hari Ramesh. "Curbing Vote Buying: Evidence from a Field Experiment."

Itumeleng Makgetla, Gautam Nair, Molly Offer-Westort, and James Sundquist. "The Political and Economic Consequences of China's Demand for Natural Resources in Africa."

Vivekinan Ashok, Gregory Huber, Gautam Nair, Kyle Peyton, Molly Offer-Westort and Jerome Schafer. "Within vs. Between Subjects Designs in Survey Experiments."

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## EXPERIENCE

<b>Brookings Institution India Center</b> Visting Researcher	New Delhi, India 2016 - 17
<b>Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)</b> Initiative Associate, US Finance Initiative	New Haven, CT, US 2011 - 13
<b>Sustainable Engineering Lab, The Earth Institute at Columbia University</b> Research Analyst, Energy Group	New York, NY, US 2008 - 09

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## TEACHING

Designed and taught two-week course module on "State and Business in India under Socialism and Reform" for *Business and Government after Communism* (Yale School of Management, Prof. Ian Shapiro, 2015, 2016, 2017)

Lecture on "Modernization and Political Change" for *Comparative Politics* (Political Science, Prof. Adria Lawrence, 2015)

Teaching Fellow for *Capitalism and its Critics* (Yale School of Management, Prof. Douglas Rae) and *Comparative Politics* (Political Science, Prof. Adria Lawrence)

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

2018: Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference, Harvard-MIT-Tufts-Yale Political Violence Conference, Conference on Patronage Democracies, American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meetings (scheduled)

2017: Harvard Business School, Brookings Institution India Center, South Asia University-WISCOMP Dialogue on Kashmir, APSA Annual Meetings, Yale South Asia Studies Council Workshop

2016: APSA Annual Meetings (two papers), Yale MacMillan Comparative Politics Workshop, Extractive Resources and Global Governance Conference

2015: APSA Annual Meetings, Falling Walls Lab, Conference on Grand & Petty Corruption in Developing States (discussant), Yale Global Justice Workshop

2014: APSA Annual Meetings, Research and Innovation in Governance in Africa, Nairobi (co-organizer), Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies Experiments Workshop

2013: Urban Institute-Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Peer Learning Convening, Ford Foundation Workshop on Household Finance, Haverford College Microfinance and Impact Investing Conference, Center for Financial Services Innovation DevLab

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## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant	2018
National Science Foundation Time Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences (TESS)	2015
National Science Foundation TESS Real Stakes Competition Winning Proposal	2015
Yale John Hay Whitney Fellow	2017 - 18
Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies Field Experiments Grant	2017
Yale MacMillan Center International Dissertation Research Fellowship	2016 - 17
Yale Leitner Program in Political Economy Grant	2015 - 18
Yale South Asia Studies Council Grant	2015 - 17

Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies Policy Fellow	2015 - 16
Yale Overbrook Fellow	2014 - 15
Yale University Doctoral Fellowship	2013 - 18
University of Chicago M.A. Honors	2011
University of Chicago Committee on International Relations Thesis Honors	2011
University of Chicago Second Year Specialization Fellowship	2010 - 11
University of Chicago University Scholarship (full scholarship)	2009 - 11
Colby College Davis Scholarship (full scholarship)	2004 - 08
Colby College Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement Fellow	2007 - 08

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## SOFTWARE AND LANGUAGE

Software: R, Stata, Python, and ArcGIS

Language: English, Hindi, and French (beginner)

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## SERVICE

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *International Organization*, *Journal of Politics*

Student Coordinator: Leitner Political Economy Seminar (2015-2016) and MacMillan Comparative Politics Workshop (2014-2015)

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## REFERENCES

Alexandre Debs, Associate Professor of Political Science, Yale University

Gregory Huber, Professor of Political Science, Yale University

Frances McCall Rosenbluth, Damon Wells Professor of Political Science, Yale University

Ian Shapiro, Sterling Professor of Political Science, Yale University

Steven I. Wilkinson, Nilekani Professor and Chair, Political Science, Yale University

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