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EDUCATION

Yale University

New Haven, CT, US

Ph.D. in Political Science (in progress)

Fields: Political Economy, Comparative Politics, and Quantitative Methods

Research Interests: Political Economy of Democracy and Redistribution; South Asia; Group Politics

University of Chicago

Chicago, IL, US

M.A., Social Sciences Division

2009 - 11

Colby College

Waterville, ME, US

B.A., Economics

2004 - 08

RESEARCH

Publications

Gautam Nair and Nicholas Sambanis. "Violence Exposure and Ethnic Identification: Evidence from Kashmir." *International Organization* 73 (2) 2019, 329-363.

Gautam Nair. "Misperceptions of Relative Affluence and Support for International Redistribution." *The Journal of Politics* 80 (3) 2018, 815-830.

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.

Selected Working Papers

Gautam Nair. "Firms, Voters, and Distributive Politics in Developing Democracies" (book project).

Gautam Nair. "The Rise of the Right in Modernizing India."

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

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

Gautam Nair. "The Fortunes of Minorities under Majoritarian Democracy."

PRESENTATIONS

2020: American Economic Association ASSA Annual Meeting (scheduled)

2019: American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting (scheduled), Ashoka University

(scheduled), UCLA-COMPASS Conference, MPSA Conference, CESS-NYU Experimental Political Science Conference (poster)

2018: Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference, Harvard-MIT-Tufts-Yale Political Violence Conference, Columbia University, Conference on Patronage Democracies, APSA Annual Meetings, Yale Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale South Asia Studies Council Workshop

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, Yale 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, 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

TEACHING

Designed and taught course “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, 2018)

Essay mentor to 30+ senior thesis writers in the Ethics, Politics, & Economics major (2018, 2019)

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), *Comparative Politics* (Political Science, Prof. Adria Lawrence), and *Globalized World* (Political Science, Prof. Frances Rosenbluth)

EXPERIENCE

University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA
Doctoral Fellow, Center for the Advanced Study of India 2019 - 20

Brookings Institution India Center New Delhi, India
Visiting Researcher 2016 - 17

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) New Haven, CT, US
Initiative Associate, US Finance Initiative 2011 - 13

Sustainable Engineering Lab, The Earth Institute at Columbia University New York, NY, US
Research Analyst, Energy Group 2008 - 09

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant SES 1747451 2018

National Science Foundation Time Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences 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

CONFERENCES CO-ORGANIZED

Yale Political and Economic Development Conference, New Haven, CT, US	2019
Research and Innovation in Governance in Africa, Nairobi, Kenya	2015

GENERAL INTEREST WRITING

Most Americans vastly underestimate how rich they are compared to the rest of the world. Does it matter? *Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog*, August 23, 2018.

Why the Poor Don't Soak the Rich: They Don't Know How Poor (or Rich) They Really Are. *Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies Blog*, January 27, 2016.

SOFTWARE AND LANGUAGE

Software: R, Stata, Python, and ArcGIS

Language: English, Hindi, and French (beginner)

SERVICE

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

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

REFERENCES

Alexandre Debs, Associate Professor of Political Science, Yale University

Gregory Huber, Forst Family Professor of Political Science, Yale University

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

Nicholas Sambanis, Presidential Distinguished Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania

Ian Shapiro, Sterling Professor of Political Science, Yale University

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

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