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APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

Pitzer College

Visiting Professor of Political Studies 8/2016 to Present

Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania

Non-Resident Scholar 9/2015 to Present

Swarthmore College

Visiting Professor of Political Science 1/2015 to 5/2016

Freedom House

South Asia Consultant_(India), Freedom in the World Survey 2014 to 2015

EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York City

PhD in Political Science 2015

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations

Committee: Robert Shapiro, Kimuli Kasara, Devesh Kapur, Andrew Nathan, Daniel Corstange

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Bachelors of Arts with Highest Honors in Political Science 2005

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Distributive Politics, Clientelism, Local Governance and Political Behavior, Electoral Integrity, State Capacity

BOOK PROJECT

Quotidian Democracy: The Local Roots of Representation and Responsiveness in Rural India

GRANTS AND AWARDS

American Political Science Association Small Research Grant Recipient, 2018.

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant Recipient, 2012-2013.

GSAS Summer Teaching Scholar, 2013.

ICPSR Warren E. Miller Scholar, University of Michigan, Summer 2009.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Local Democracy

The Discerning Voter: Partisan Alignment and Local Distribution Under Multi-Level Governance, *Forthcoming at Party Politics*.

(with Neelanjan Sircar) Does Local Democracy Serve the Poor? Identifying the Distributive Preferences of Local Leaders in India, *Under Review*.

Clientelism

Do Brokers Know Their Voters? A Test of Guessability in India, *Under Review*.

(With Milan Vaishnav et al.) Rethinking Electoral Politics in India, *Under Review*.

Does Vote Buying Work? A Test of the Informational Requirements of Clientelism in India. In Leonard Wantchekon, Jorge Gallego, and Jenny Guardado (Eds.), *Clientelism Revisited* (In Progress).

State Capacity and Electoral Integrity

(With Rahul Verma). Do India's State Election Commissions Measure Up? Institutional Quality and the Conduct of Local Elections Across Indian States (Data Collection In-Progress).

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Faculty Seminar in International Relations. Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies, Claremont McKenna College, September 6, 2017.

India at 70: Governance and Democratic Challenges (Workshop), Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies, Claremont McKenna College, April 13-15, 2017.

Rethinking Electoral Politics in India (Workshop), Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, September 30, 2016.

Clientelism and Redistributive Politics Seminar, Department of Politics (Princeton University), April 21, 2016.

Indian Politics Workshop (Center for the Advanced Study of India) March 2015, 2016.

Swarthmore College Inter-Departmental Lunch Series, September 30, 2015.

South Asian Politics Workshop (Washington DC) September 24, 2015.

Brokering Votes: Clientelism in Comparative Perspective (Conference), Center on the Politics of Development, University of California at Berkeley, February 2015.

Comparative Politics Seminar, Columbia University, October 2014, 2015.

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, 2015, 2016, 2017.

CONFERENCES

Annual Political Science Association, Annual Meeting	2014-2018
Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting	2013-2015
Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin	2014-2015

INVITED COLUMNS AND BOOK REVIEWS

“How Savvy is the Rural Indian Voter?” *The Hindu Business Line*. <27 January 2018>.

“Do Elected Local Leaders Prioritize the Poor?” *The Hindu Business Line*, <14 December 2015>.

“Can Benefits Be Tied to the Vote?” *The Hindu Business Line*. <13 January 2014>.

2016. “Pathways to Power: The Domestic Politics of South Asia, Arjun Gunaratne and Anita Weiss, Eds. *Studies in Indian Politics*, 4 (1) 134-5.

2018. “Why Representation Matters: The Meaning of Ethnic Quotas in Rural India by Simon Chauchard.” *India Ink*, June 2018.

TEACHING

Pitzer College, Assistant Professor of Political Studies (Visiting)

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2016, Fall 2017.

Introduction to Development Policy, Fall 2016, Spring 2018.

Local Democracy in Comparative Perspective, Spring 2018.

Challenges for Developing Democracies, Spring 2017, Fall 2017.

Ethnic Politics, Spring 2017, Spring 2018.

Parties, Voters, and Elections in the Developing World, Spring 2017.

Swarthmore College, Assistant Professor of Political Science (Visiting)

Challenges for Developing Democracies, Spring 2015, Spring 2016

The Politics of Poverty Alleviation, Spring 2016.

Ethnic Politics, Spring 2016.

South Asian Politics, Spring 2015

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Uttar Pradesh (2003-4), Rajasthan (2009, 2012-13, 2018), Maharashtra (2010, 2011), Karnataka (2011), Rajasthan (2018).

SKILLS

Intermediate Proficiency in Hindi
Survey Design and Implementation in India
Linear and Generalized Regression with STATA and R.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Creator and Organizer of the Annual Indian Politics Workshop (2015 - Present).

Creator and Organizer of the Annual South Asia Political Science Happy Hour—a national networking event at APSA (2014-Present).

Participant and Contributor for South Asia Reading Group, (2018 – Present).

Reviewer for the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Electoral Studies*, and *Democratization*.

REFERENCES

Robert Shapiro. Professor of Political Science, Columbia University. rys3@columbia.edu; 212-854-3944.

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Leonard Wantchekon. Professor of Politics, Princeton University. wantche@princeton.edu.

Kimuli Kasara. Associate Professor of Political Science. Columbia University; kk2432@columbia.edu

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