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EDUCATION:

- **Ph.D (Economics):** The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD (1997).
- **M. A. (Economics):** Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, India (1990).
- **B.Sc (Economics (Honors)):** St. Xavier's College, University of Calcutta, India (1988).

ACADEMIC POSITIONS (selected):

- **Professor:** (August 2012 --); Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853. (Graduate Field Member: AEM, Economics and Public Affairs)
- **Graduate Field Faculty** – Cornell University: Applied Economics and Management, Economics, Public Affairs, Global Development, Regional Science.
- **Core Faculty** (South Asia Program), **Faculty Affiliate** (Cornell Center for Social Sciences) and **Faculty Fellow** (Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainability) – Cornell University.
- **Area Chair:** Applied Economics and Policy, S.C. Johnson College of Business, Cornell University (July 2025-June 2026)
- **Director of Graduate Studies:** Field of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.
- **Professor:** (August 2010 – July 2013); **Associate Professor:** (August 2004 – July 2010); and **Assistant Professor:** (August 1998 – July 2004); Department of Economics, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA 23187.
- **Research Fellow:** (Dec 2007 -); Institute for Labor Economics - IZA, Bonn.
- **Visiting Professor:** (July-August 2023); Department of Economics, University of Oxford, UK.
- **Visiting Scholar:** (July-August 2022); World Institute of Development Economics Research, United Nations University (UNU-WIDER), Helsinki, Finland.
- **Visiting Scholar:** (July 2013); Federal Reserve Board (St. Louis, MO)
- **Senior Fellow:** (May 2005 – Sept 2017); **Visiting Research Fellow** (May 1999 – April 2005); Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Bonn D-53113, Germany.
- **Short-term Visitor:** Institute of Environmental Economics and World Trade, Department of Economics and Management, Leibniz University, Hannover, Germany (July 2007 & 2008); Department of Economics, University of Nottingham, UK (October 2007).
- **Visiting Fellow:** (Spring 2003); Department of Economics and Finance, City University of Hong Kong, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

HONORS, PRIZES and AWARDS (selected):

- Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, Cornell University (2020).
- Plumeri Award for Faculty Excellence: College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA (2011-13).
- Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Fellowship, Germany 2007.
- Theodore W. Schultz Prize for Young Economist: XXV International Association of Agricultural Economists Meeting, Durban, South Africa, 2003. (with Nancy H. Chau and Ulrike Grote)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS and CONTRACTS:

- Institute of Social Sciences, Cornell University: Small Grants Program, 2014-2015.
- Center for Teaching Excellence Grant, Cornell University (Spring 2013).
- Faculty Diversity Institute Workshop, Cornell University (Spring 2013).
- British Academy-Leverhulme Small Research Grants, August 2015-June 2016.
- TransCoop Grant: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany, July 2009 – June 2011.
- Consultant: Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), Rome, Italy, Summer 2010.
- Fellowship: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany, 2007.
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship: Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany, Summer 1998.

RESEARCH (selected publications):

- “On Terms of Trade, Offshoring Ties, and the Enforcement of Trade Agreements”, **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization**, **2025**.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jebo.2025.107215> (co-authors: S. Bandopadhyay, Nancy H. Chau and D. Mitra).
- “Social Connections and Covid19 Vaccination”, **Health Economics**, **34**:1188–1213, **2025**.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/hec.4953> (co-authors: Nancy H. Chau and Oleg Firsin).
- “Cooking Fuel Choice and Child Mortality in India”; **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization**, Forthcoming, **2024**. (co-authors: Tsenguunjav Byambasuren; Nancy H. Chau and Neha Khanna)
- “Education Gradient in Differential Health Reporting Error among Older Adults in India”; **Oxford Open Economics**, Forthcoming, **2024**. DOI: 10.1093/ooec/odae008 (co-authors: Anna Choi, Nancy H. Chau and T.V. Sekher).
- “Governance Matters: The Persistence of Rural-Governed Urban Settlements in India”; Forthcoming, **Economic and Political Weekly**, (co-authors: Komal Hiranandani and Nancy H. Chau).
- “Offshoring Barriers, Regulatory Burden and National Welfare”; **Indian Economic Review**, **58** (Suppl 1), 227–235, **2023**. (co-authors: Subhayu Bandopadhyay, Nancy H. Chau and Devashish Mitra).
- “Parental Risk Preferences, Women’s Bargaining Power and Educational Outcomes of Children: Lab-in-the-Field Evidence from Rural Côte d’Ivoire”; **Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics**, **102**, 101957, **2023**. (co-authors: Ralitza Dimova, Patrick Gbakou and Romane Viennet).
- “Household Behavioral Preferences and Child Labor: Evidence from Ethiopia”; **Journal of African Economies**, **ejac030**, **2022**. (co-author: Ralitza Dimova).
- “Négociation au sein des ménages ivoiriens: résultats expérimentaux du milieu rural” (English Title: Intra-household Negotiation in Côte d’Ivoire : Experimental evidence from rural areas), **Revue d’économie du développement**, **30** (1), **2022**. (co-authors: Ralitza Dimova, Pokou Abou and Romane Viennet).
- “Rethinking Border Enforcement, Permanent and Circular Migration”, **Economic Modelling**, **108**, 105733, **2022**. (co-authors: Nancy H. Chau and Brian Park).
- “Offshoring and Developing Country Labor Markets,” (co-author: Nancy H. Chau). **IZA World of Labor**. **2022**: 499. <https://doi.org/10.15185/izawol.499>

- “Contract Employment as a Worker Discipline Device”, **Journal of Development Economics**, 149, 102601, **2021**. (co-authors: Nancy H. Chau and Vidya Soundararajan).
- “Contract Labor in Developing Economies”; **Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics** edited by Klaus F. Zimmermann, Springer Nature, Heidelberg. **2021**. (co-authors: Nancy H. Chau and Vidya Soundararajan).
- “Offshoring to a Developing Nation with a Dual Labor Market”. **Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Review**, 102(3), pp. 237-53, **2020**. (co-authors: Subhayu Bandopadhyay, Nancy H. Chau and Devashish Mitra).
- “Paying for Freedom: Indentured Labour and Strategic Default”, **Economic Modelling**, 89, pp 502-511, **2020**. (co-authors: Pinaki Bose and Ryan Compton).
- “Consequences of Offshoring to Developing Nations: Labor-Market Outcomes, Welfare and Corrective Interventions”, **Economic Inquiry**, 58(1), pp 209-224, **2020**. (co-authors: Subhayu Bandopadhyay, Nancy H. Chau and Devashish Mitra).
- “Wage Fairness in a Sub-Contracted Labor Market”; **Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization**, 168, pp 24-42, **2019**. (co-authors: Nancy H. Chau and Vidya Soundararajan).
- “Job Creation in a Multi-Sector Labour Market Model for Developing Economies”, **Oxford Economic Papers**, 71(1), pp 1-26, **2019**. (co-authors: Nancy H. Chau, Gary Fields and Ravi Kanbur).
- **Contributions to the Economics of International Labor Standards** co-edited with Nancy H. Chau. World Scientific Press, V59, Singapore. **2018**.
- “Contractual Dualism, Market Power and Informality”; **Economic Journal**, 125, pp 1534-1573, **2015**. (co-authors: Nancy H. Chau and Ravi Kanbur).
- “Transnational Trafficking, Law Enforcement and Victim Protection: A Middleman’s Perspective”, **Journal of Law and Economics**, 57, pp 349-386, **2014**. (co-authors: Randy Akee, Arjun Bedi and Nancy H. Chau).
- “Impact of Rural Employment Guarantee Schemes on Seasonal Labor Markets: Optimum Compensation and Workers’ Welfare”; **Journal of Economic Inequality**, 11 (1), pp 1-34, **2011 (Lead Article)**.
- “The Elusive Productivity Effect of Trade Liberalization in the Manufacturing Industries of Emerging Economies”; **Emerging Markets Finance and Trade**, 47, pp 23-45, **2011**. (co-author: Berhanu Abegaz).
- “Turning a Blind Eye: Costly Enforcement, Credible Commitment and Minimum Wage Laws”; **Economic Journal**, 120, pp 244-269, **2010**. (co-authors: Nancy H. Chau and Ravi Kanbur).
- “A Theory of Employment Guarantees: Credibility, Contestability and Distributional Concerns”; **Journal of Public Economics**, 93 (3-4), pp 482-497, **2009**. (co-authors: Nancy H. Chau and Ravi Kanbur).
- “Combating Trafficking in Women and Children: A Review of International and National Legislation, Co-ordination Failures and Perverse Economic Incentives”; **The Protection Project Journal of Human Rights and Civil Society**, 2, pp 1-24, **2009**. (co-authors: Randall Akee, Arjun Bedi and Nancy H. Chau).
- “Label Transparency and the Willingness to Pay for Fair Trade Coffee: A Cross-National Perspective”; **International Journal of Consumer Studies**, 32, pp 470-478, **2008**. (co-author: Robert L. Hicks)
- “Child Labor”, in Vince Parillo (ed) *Encyclopedia of Social Problems*, Sage Publications, New Jersey. **2008**. (co-author: Nancy H. Chau)

- “On the Adoption of Genetically Modified Seeds in Developing Countries and the Optimal Types of Government Intervention”, **American Journal of Agricultural Economics, 89:3, pp 784-804, 2007.** (co-author: Matin Qaim)
- “An Exploration into the Determinants of the Worst Forms of Child Labor: Is Redemption a Viable Option?”, pp 37-76 in K. Anthony Appiah and Martin Bunzl (eds) *Buying Freedom: The Ethics and Economics of Slave Redemption*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey, **2007.** (co-author: Nancy H. Chau)
- “Employment Guarantee Act of India”; in Kaushik Basu (ed), *Oxford Companion to Development Economics*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, **2007.** (co-authors: Nancy H. Chau and Ravi Kanbur).
- “A Risk-Based Rationale for Two-Way Capital Flows: Why do Capital Flight and Foreign Direct Investment Co-exist?” **International Review of Economics and Finance, 16, pp: 37-59, 2007.** (co-author: Nancy H. Chau).
- “Guaranteed Manufactured without Child Labor: The Economics of Consumer Boycotts, Social Labeling and Trade Sanctions”, **Review of Development Economics, 10:3, pp 466-491, 2006.** (co-authors: Nancy H. Chau and Ulrike Grote)
- “Eco-labeling and Strategic Rivalry in Export Markets”, in Ulrike Grote, Arnab K. Basu and Nancy H. Chau (eds) *New Frontiers in Environmental and Social Labeling*, Physica Verlag, New York and Heidelberg, pp 111- 132, **2006.** (co-authors: Nancy H. Chau and Ulrike Grote).
- **New Frontiers in Environmental and Social Labeling**, Phsyica Verlag, New York and Heidelberg, **2006.** (co-edited with Nancy H. Chau and Ulrike Grote)
- “On Export Rivalry and the Greening of Agriculture: The Role of Eco-labels”, **Agricultural Economics, 31, pp 135-147, 2004.** (co-authors: Nancy H. Chau and Ulrike Grote).
(Reprinted in **Labelling Strategies in Environmental Policy** edited by Mario Teisl, Ashgate Publishers, United Kingdom, 2007.)
- “Exploitation of Child Labor and the Dynamics of Debt Bondage”, **Journal of Economic Growth, 9(2), pp 209-238, 2004.** (co-author: Nancy H. Chau).
- “Targeting Child Labor in Debt Bondage: Evidence Theory and Policy Prescriptions”; **The World Bank Economic Review, 17 (2), pp 255-281, 2003.** (co-author: Nancy H. Chau,).
- “The International Debate and Economic Consequences of Eco-labeling” (co-authors: Nancy.H. Chau and Ulrike Grote) in “Trade and Environment—Recent Controversies” edited by Sir Hans Singer, Neelambar Hatti and Rameshwar Tandon. Delhi, B.R., **2003.**
- “Eco-Labeling and Stages of Development”; **Review of Development Economics, 7, pp 228-247, 2003.** (co-authors: Nancy H. Chau and Ulrike Grote).
Reprinted in **Labelling Strategies in Environmental Policy** edited by Mario Teisl, Ashgate Publishers, United Kingdom, 2007.
- “Oligopsonistic Landlords, Segmented Labor Markets and the Persistence of Tied-Labor Contracts”; **American Journal of Agricultural Economics, 84, pp 438-453, 2002.**
- “Labor Standards, Social Labeling and the WTO”, in Ramesh Adhikari and Prema-Chandra Athukorala edited “Developing Countries in the World Trading System: The Uruguay Round and Beyond”. Edward Elgar (Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, USA), **2002.** (co-authors: Nancy H. Chau and Ulrike Grote).
- “Adverse Selection, Asymmetric Information and Optimal Foreign Investment Policies”; **International Review of Economics and Finance, 8, pp 239-252, 1999.** (co-author: Nancy H. Chau, Cornell University).

- “Asymmetric Country-of-Origin Effects on Intra-Industry Trade and the International Quality Race”. **Review of Development Economics**, 2, pp 140-166, 1998. (co-author: Nancy H. Chau, Cornell University).
- “Locational Choice for Free Trade Zones: A Comment”. **Journal of Development Economics**, 50, pp 381 - 387, 1996.
- “Unemployment Reduction in the Presence of a Rural Based Free Trade Zone: Some Policy Implications”. **Journal of Economic Integration**, 11, pp 453 - 477, 1996.

Professional Service (selected)

- Associate Editor: *Journal of Economic Policy Reform* (January 2015 --)
- Academic Editor: *PLoS One* (July 2022 -).
- Co-Editor: *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* for Special Issue on Institutions, Behavior and Development Economics (September 2022 -).
- Editor (January 2013 – June 2015); Managing Editor (June 2015 – Oct 2016): *Agriculture and Resource Economics Review*.
- Editorial Board Member: *Economies* (August 2012 --- January, 2020).
- Plenary Speaker & advisory Panel --- European Union Development Network (EUDN) Doctoral Thesis Workshop, Bonn, Germany. May 2006 and Leibniz University, Hannover, Germany. November 2014.
- External Advisor for Ph. D Students at the BIGS-DR (Bonn International Graduate School) Program of the Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany and the United Nations University-Environmental and Human Security Program, Bonn.
- Advisory Committee Member – International Conference on Green Marketing: Emerging Issues in Sustainable Development, Institute of Management Technology, Ghaziabad, India (September, 2008).
- Review Committee Member: “A Study of Environmental Standards and their Trade Impacts: The Case of India” (SESTI) – Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS), India and the Norwegian Institute for Consumer Research (SIFO) joint project.
- Co-Organizer (with Nancy Chau (Cornell) and Ulrike Grote (ZEF, Bonn)): Conference on “Eco – and Social Labeling in the context of Globalization and International Trade”; March 13-15, Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany.
- Co-Organizer (with Randall Akee (Tufts), Arjun Bedi (ISS, Hague and Erasmus), Nancy Chau (Cornell), Melanie Khamis (IZA, Bonn) and Hilmar Schneider (IZA, Bonn)): Alexander von Humboldt Foundation/IZA Conference on “Legal and Illicit Migration: Theory, Empirics and Policy”; July 30-31, 2010. Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany.