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### Current Position

- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Williams College (Since July 2002)

### Other Positions

- Visiting Professor, Lally School of Management and Technology, RPI (Fall 2005)
- Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Cornell University (Spring 2006)

### Education

- Ph. D. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 2002
- M.A. Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, India 1997
- B. Com. Mumbai University, Mumbai, India 1995

### Teaching

#### Undergraduate

- Intermediate Microeconomics
- Analytical Views of Political Economy
- Game Theory and Information Economics
- Public Choice

#### Graduate

- Topics in Economic Theory

### Research

#### Fields

- Microeconomic Theory, Game Theory
- Political Economy
- Public economics

## Publications

- “The Signaling Role of Municipal Currencies in Economic Development” (with R. Jayaraman), *Economica*, Vol. 72 (November 2005), pp 597-613.
- “Approval Voting with Endogenous Candidates”, (with A. Dellis), *Games and Economic Behavior*, Vol. 54(1) (January 2006), pp 47-76.
- “On the Role of the Primary System in Candidate Selection”, *Economics and Politics*, Vol. 18(2) (July 2006), pp 169-190.
- “A Case for Bundling Contributions to Public Goods” (with S. Ghosh and A. Karaivanov). *Journal of Public Economic Theory* (forthcoming).
- “Policy Convergence under Approval and Plurality Voting: The Role of Policy Commitment”, (with A. Dellis). *Social Choice and Welfare* (forthcoming).
- “Evolution of Credit Market Regulation (in India)”, *Oxford Companion to Economics in India*, K. Basu (Editor), Oxford University Press: New Delhi (forthcoming).

## Working Papers

- “Party Formation and Coalitional Bargaining in a Model of Proportional Representation”, January 2004 (with S. Bandyopadhyay). **Under revise and resubmit at *European Journal of Political Economy*.**
- “Only Twice as much: A Simple Rule for Regulating Lenders” (with A. Swamy), February 2006. **Under review at *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.**

## Work in Progress

- “Policy Responsiveness to Conflict: the Case of a Hawkish Drift in Leadership?” February 2006 (with S. Bandyopadhyay).
- “On the Weakness of Weak Dominance in Voting Games” (with A. Dellis).
- “Public Goods and Inequality” (with S. Ghosh).

## Referee Work

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Games and Economic Behavior, Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics, Economics and Politics, Journal of Public Economic Theory

## Seminars/Conferences

- Department of Economics Seminar Series, Williams College (March 2003)
- Public Choice Society Meetings at Nashville (April 2003)
- Department of Economics, University of Birmingham (March 2004)
- Royal Economic Society Meetings at Swansea, Wales (April 2004)
- Stony Brook Game Theory Festival (July 2004, July 2005)
- NEUDC at Brown University (September 2005)
- Florida Atlantic University (October 2005)
- Williams College, Dept Seminar (November 2005)
- University of Western Ontario (Nov 2005)
- Cornell University (Feb 2006)

- Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, India (June 2006)
- Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, India (July 2006)

### **Grants**

Henry George Research Grant, Department of Economics, Williams College (Summer 2004), Oakley center Research Fellowship (Fall 2005), Sage Graduate Fellowship and Best TA Award (1997, 2001)

### **References**

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