

SUPREET KAUR

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APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley (2023 – present)

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley (2016 – 2023)

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics & School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University (2012 – 2016)

AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) (2014 – present)

Fellow, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD) (2014 – present)

Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) (2014 – present)

Research Affiliate, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) (2014 – present)

Research Affiliate, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) (2015 – present)

Affiliate, Poverty Action Lab (JPAL) (2015 – present)

Affiliate, CESifo (2016 – present)

Affiliate, Center for Effective Global Action (2017 – present)

Member, European Society of Labor Economists (EALE) (2021 – present)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Economy and Government (Economics), Harvard University (2007-2012)

M.P.A. in International Development (MPA/ID), Harvard University (2007)

B.S., Operations Research: Engineering Management Systems, Columbia University (2004)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

National Science Foundation CAREER Award (2019-2024)

Sloan Research Fellowship (2018-2020)

Distinguished CESifo Affiliate Award in Behavioural Economics (2015)

David A. Wells Prize for “outstanding original research in a dissertation,” Harvard Economics Department (2012)

Giorgio Ruffolo Doctoral Fellow in Sustainability Science, Harvard University (2010-2011)

Dissertation Fellow, Project on Justice, Welfare, and Economics, Harvard University (2009-2010)

Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School (2005-2007)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

LEADERSHIP

Scientific Co-Director, Psychology and Economics of Poverty Initiative, UC Berkeley and CEGA
Faculty Advisory Committee, Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA)
Executive Committee, Institute for South Asia Studies (ISAS), UC Berkeley

REFEREEING

Awards: Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review: Insights*, 2022

Referee for Economics journals: American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Review, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organizations, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Management Science, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies

Referee for general interest journals: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Nature, Science

PUBLISHED AND ACCEPTED PAPERS

“Retrieval Failures in Consumption Smoothing: A Field Experiment on Seasonal Hunger” (with Ned Augenblick, Kelsey Jack, Felix Masiye, and Nicholas Swanson), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2026.

“Social Norms as a Determinant of Aggregate Labor Supply” (with Emily Breza and Nandita Krishnaswamy), *Journal of Political Economy*, 2026.

“The Social Tax: Redistributive Pressure and Labor Supply” (with Aletheia Donald, Eliana Carranza, and Florian Grosset), *Econometrica*, 2025.

“Cognitive Endurance as Human Capital” (with Christina Brown, Geeta Kingdon, and Heather Schofield), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2025.

“Do Financial Concerns Make Workers Less Productive?” (with Sendhil Mullainathan, Suanna Oh, and Frank Schilbach), Conditionally accepted, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2022.

“Labor Rationing” (with Emily Breza and Yogita Shamdasani), *American Economic Review*, 2021, 111(10): 3184-3224.

“Nominal Wage Rigidity in Village Labor Markets,” *American Economic Review*, 2019, 109(10): 3585-3616.

“The Morale Effects of Pay Inequality” (with Emily Breza and Yogita Shamdasani). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2018, 133(2): 611-663.

“Self-Control at Work,” (with Michael Kremer and Sendhil Mullainathan). *Journal of Political Economy*, 2015, 123(6): 1227-1277 [lead article].

“Self-Control and the Development of Work Arrangements,” (with Michael Kremer and Sendhil Mullainathan). *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 2010, 100(2): pp. 624-628.

WORKING PAPERS

“Habit Formation in Labor Supply” (with Luisa Cefala, Heather Schofield, and Yogita Shamdasani)

“The Limits of Neighborly Exchange” (with Ryan Bubba and Sendhil Mullainathan)

“When One Market Fails, Another Adjusts: Land Reallocation under Labor Market Frictions” (with Grady Killeen)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“The Persistent Impacts of Savings Accumulation” (with Grady Killeen and Jeremy Magruder)

“Savings Constraints and the Value of Illiquidity” (with Leonor Castro Stanley, Gautam Rao, and Nick Swanson)

“Biased Beliefs and Substance Abuse” (with Aprajit Mahajan and Shreya Sarkar)

“Wealth Effects in Female Labor Force Participation” (with Emily Breza, Madeline Duhon, and Yogita Shamdasani)

SELECTED GRANTS

CEGA Psychology and Economics of Poverty Initiative research grant (2023)

Agency Fund research grant (2022)

Structural Transformation and Economic Growth small research grant (2021)

USAID Development Innovation Ventures grant (2020)

Weiss Fund research grants (2019, 2020)

JPAL Jobs and Opportunity Initiative (2020)

Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Markets, Risk, and Resilience (2019)

National Science Foundation CAREER award SES 1848452 (2019)

National Science Foundation research grant SES 1658937 (2017)

National Science Foundation research grant SES 1658931 (2017)

National Science Foundation research grant SES 1658924 (2017)

Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative pilot grant (2016)

National Science Foundation research grant SES 1459928 (2015)

Spencer Foundation small research grant (2015)

Columbia President’s Global Innovation Fund research grant (2015)

Research grant, Growth and Labour Markets in Low Income Countries Programme (2014)

Research grant, International Growth Centre (2014)

Exploratory grant, Private Enterprise Development for Low-Income Countries (PEDL) (2014)

Junior faculty grant, Office of the Provost, Columbia University (2013)

USAID Development Innovation Ventures grant (2012)

National Science Foundation research grant SES 0961857 (2009)

Warburg Funds research grant, Department of Economics, Harvard University (2009)

