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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Economics, Smith College (2022–present)

Assistant Professor of Economics, Smith College (2013–2022)

EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS

Associate Editor (handling papers), *Environment and Development Economics* (2022–present)

EDUCATION

Yale University

Ph.D., Economics (2013)

M.Phil., Economics (2009)

M.A., Economics (2009)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

B.S., Mathematics (2002)

PUBLICATIONS

Terry-Ann Craigie, **Vis Taraz**, and Mariyana Zapryanova. “Temperature and convictions: Evidence from India.” *Environment and Development Economics*, 28:6, pp. 538–558, December 2023.

Harriet Brookes Gray, **Vis Taraz**, and Simon Halliday. “The impact of weather shocks on employment outcomes: Evidence from South Africa.” *Environment and Development Economics*, 28:3, pp. 285–305, June 2023.

Maggie Liu, Yogita Shamdasani, and **Vis Taraz**. “Climate change and labor reallocation: Evidence from six decades of the Indian Census.” *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 15:2, pp. 395–423, May 2023.

Vis Taraz. “Public works programs and agricultural risk: Evidence from India.” *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 67:2, pp. 198–223, April 2023.

Kalle Hirvonen, Elia Machado, Andrew Simons, and **Vis Taraz**. “More than a safety net: Ethiopia’s flagship public works program increases tree cover.” *Global Environmental Change*, 75, p. 102549, July 2022.

Théo Benonnier, Katrin Millock, and **Vis Taraz**. “Long term migration trends and rising temperatures: The role of irrigation.” *Journal of Environmental Economics and Policy*, 11:3, pp. 307–330, September 2022.

Teevrat Garg, Maulik Jagnani, and **Vis Taraz**. “Temperature and human capital in India.” *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, 7:6, pp. 1113–1150, November 2020.

Anuska Jain, Roisin O’Sullivan, and **Vis Taraz**. “Temperature and economic activity: Evidence from India.” *Journal of Environmental Economics and Policy*, 9:4, 430–446, November 2020.

Susan Sayre and **Vis Taraz**. “Groundwater depletion in India: Social losses from costly well deepening.” *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 93, pp. 85–100, January 2019.

Vis Taraz. “Can farmers adapt to higher temperatures? Evidence from India.” *World Development*, 112, pp. 205–219, December 2018.

Vis Taraz. “Adaptation to climate change: Historical evidence from the Indian monsoon.” *Environment and Development Economics*, 22(5), pp. 517–545, October 2017.

Indicates Undergraduate Student

GRANTS RECEIVED

Smith College Humanities and Social Sciences Lab Grant. \$300. April 2021.

Smith College Writing and Public Discourse Curriculum Enhancement Grant. \$500. January 2021.

CV Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, Research program on Policies, Institutions and Markets (PIM), Flagship 4: Social Protection for Agriculture and Resilience Proposals. Joint with Kalle Hirvonen, Elia Machado, and Andrew Simons. \$63,000. November 2019.

Liberal Arts Colleges Development Economics Conference, post-conference collaboration award. Joint with Andrew Simons. \$750. November 2018.

Smith College Student Faculty Summer Research Grant “Group Decisions and The Economics of Climate Change.” Joint with Simon Halliday and Susan Stratton Sayre. May 2014.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Alternate, American Association of University Women Post-Doctoral Fellowship (Spring 2016)

Smith College Picker Fellowship (Fall 2015)

Yale University Dissertation Fellowship (Fall 2010)

Vardis and Opal Fisher Fellowship (2009–2010)

Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leader’s Fellowship, Yale University (2008–2009)

Summer Fellowship, Yale University (2005–2009)

University Fellowship, Yale University (2005–2009)

Economic Growth Center Prize, Yale University (2005–2009)

PRESENTATIONS

2022: University of Rhode Island, University of Oxford

2021: Eastern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA)

2020: Eastern Economics Association Annual Meeting (two papers), Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA)

2019: Paris School of Economics, Fordham University, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (AAEA), Northeast Universities Consortium Development Conference (NEUDC)

2018: Wesleyan University, Bard College, Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA), Liberal Arts Colleges Development Economics Conference (LAC-DEV), Northeast Universities Consortium Development Conference (NEUDC), Sustainability and Development Conference (SDC) (two papers)

2017: Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA)

- 2016: Virginia Tech (Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics); Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meetings (two papers); Williams College; UMASS Amherst (Department of Resource Economics)
- 2015: Liberal Arts Colleges Development Economics Conference (LAC-DEV) at Lafayette College; Five College Junior Faculty Economics Seminar
- 2014: Siena College
- 2013: Williams College; Smith College; Swarthmore College; Rice University; Clark University; Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings
- 2012: Northeast Universities Consortium Development Conference (NEUDC) at Dartmouth College; Michigan State University (Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics)

COURSES TAUGHT

- Introductory Microeconomics
- Economic Development
- Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics
- Economics of Climate Change
- Economic Development of India (seminar)

SUPERVISION OF STUDENT RESEARCH

- Vatsala Ramanan, "Child health, weather shocks, and female headship: Evidence from Nepal," honors thesis, 2022. Co-awarded the South Asian Studies Mona Ghosh prize for best paper.
- Prachi Adhikari, "Gendered impacts of climate change on labor force participation in India," honors thesis, 2021.
- Harriet Brookes-Gray, "How weather shocks drive sectoral labor reallocation in South Africa," honors thesis, 2020, co-advised with Simon Halliday.
- Harriet Brookes-Gray, "Gender equality as a matter of life and death: Can the effects of tertiary sector growth on gender equality be observed in India's sex ratio?" seminar paper, Spring 2020. Co-awarded the South Asian Studies Mona Ghosh prize for best paper.
- Isabel Kitschelt, "Like mother, like daughter? Evidence from Ethiopia, India, Peru, and Vietnam on the impact of mothers' educational attainments on daughters' schooling," honors thesis, Spring 2020. Co-awarded the 2020 Economics Department Bowles prize for best paper and the South Asian Studies Mona Ghosh prize for best paper.
- Nouhaila Norredine, "For better or worse: What role does education play in arranged marriages?" seminar paper, Spring 2020. Co-awarded the 2020 Economics Department Bowles prize for best paper.
- Alba Loureiro Gonzalez "Child marriage in India: Potential effects of precipitation and temperature," special studies, Spring 2020
- Anuska Jain, "Impact of temperature shocks on the economy of India," honors thesis, 2018-2019, co-advised with Roisin O'Sullivan. Awarded the 2019 South Asian Studies Mona Ghosh prize for best paper.
- Natalia Perkins, "Economics of wildfires," special studies, Fall 2018, co-advised with Roger Kaufman.
- Danielle Jacques, "Agent-based models in Cuban agriculture, special studies, Fall 2015, co-advised with Charles Staelin.

Noor Sethi, “The extent to which social networks mitigate the effects of shocks on well-being: An empirical study of households in Andhra Pradesh, India,” honors thesis, 2014-2015. Awarded the 2015 Economics Department Bowles prize for best paper.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Scientific committee, Liberal Arts Colleges Development Economics Conference (LAC-DEV), Amherst College, September 2023.

Participant, Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges Workshop on Equity and Inclusion in Economics at Liberal Arts Colleges, San Diego, January 2020.

Organizer and chair, American Agricultural Economics Association session, “Climate Change Adaptation in Developing Countries: Constraints on Adaptation and Mechanisms for Relaxing Them,” American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, January 2020.

Chair, American Agricultural Economics Association session, “Fertility in a Changing Environment,” American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, January 2020.

Short-term Visitor, Paris School of Economics, January 2019.

Reviewer for *Agricultural Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*, *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, *Climatic Change*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Ecological Economics*, *Economic Journal*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Environment and Development Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics*, *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *Nature Human Behavior*, *Science*, *World Development*

Smith College Liaison, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP), 2014–present.

Participant, Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges Workshop on Enhancing Inclusivity in Economics at Liberal Arts Colleges, Pomona College, February 2016.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Agricultural Economics Association

American Economic Association

Association of Environmental and Resource Economists

Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association

PERSONAL

Citizenship: USA

Gender: Female

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