

Vinitha Rachel Varghese (She/Her/Hers)

CONTACT INFORMATION	SAC 247 Department of Economics Alma College 614 W. Superior St. Alma, Michigan, USA - 48801.	<i>Voice:</i> +1 (989) 463 - 7390 <i>E-mail:</i> varghesevr@alma.edu <i>Website:</i> vinitharachelvarghese.com <i>Country of Citizenship:</i> India <i>Last updated:</i> March 3, 2024
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Alma College Assistant Professor of Economics	Michigan, USA 2023 -
	United Nations University - WIDER Visiting PhD Fellow	Helsinki, Finland April - June, 2022
EDUCATION	University of Illinois Chicago Ph.D. Economics M.A Economics	Chicago, Illinois, USA 2023 2019
	University of Hyderabad M.A Economics	Hyderabad, Telangana, India 2013
	St.Stephen's College B.A (Hons.) Economics	Delhi, India 2010
PUBLICATION	“The Impact Of An Adult Education Program On Mothers: Evidence From India” (with Ashwini Deshpande, Christopher Ksoll and Annemie Maertens) <i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i> 71, no. 2 (2023)	
WORKING PAPERS	“Elementary Education In India Versus China: Guidelines For NEP Implementation” (with Naveen Kumar) <i>Under Review</i>	
	“Impact Of Right To Education On School Enrollment Of Children With Disabilities: Evidence From India” <i>UNU-WIDER Working Paper</i>	
	“Literacy Created Highly Satisfied Women: RCT Evidence From India ”	
	“Impact Of Vertical School Consolidation On School Choice, Dropouts, Exam Taking And Achievement”	
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS	Mitch Krask Award for excellent performance in coursework and comprehensive exams, Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2019 Graduate Winifred Geldard Memorial Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching, Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2018 National eligibility test for lectureship of the University Grants Commission, India, 2013	

TEACHING	<p>Alma College Michigan, USA</p> <p><i>Instructor</i></p> <p>Econometrics Spring, 2024</p> <p>Principles of Microeconomics Spring, 2024 and Fall, 2023</p> <p>Quantitative Methods Fall, 2023</p>
	<p>University of Illinois Chicago Chicago, Illinois, USA</p> <p><i>Instructor</i> (Evaluation score: 4.72/5)</p> <p>Econometrics (Undergraduate) Spring, 2022</p> <p>Statistics for Economics (Undergraduate) Summer, 2019</p> <p><i>Teaching Assistant</i></p> <p>Introductory Macroeconomics (Undergraduate) Spring, 2023 and Fall, 2022</p> <p>Econometrics (Undergraduate) Fall, 2021</p> <p>Econometrics II (Ph.D) and Behavioral Economics (Undergraduate) Spring, 2019</p> <p>Econometrics I (Ph.D) and Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate) Fall, 2018</p> <p>Statistics for Economics (Undergraduate) Summer, 2018</p> <p>Introductory Microeconomics (Undergraduate) Spring, 2018 and Fall, 2017</p>
LEADERSHIP & SERVICE	<p>Mentor - APPAM job market candidates 2023 - 2024</p> <p>Mentor - SEA CSWEP women and non-binary PhD scholars 2023</p> <p>Co-organizer of PhD - Economics Virtual Seminar (PhD-EVS) Series 2021 - 2022</p> <p>Economics department representative at UIC Graduate Student Council 2019 - 2021</p> <p>Co-organizer of UIC Economics Department Graduate Student Seminars 2019 - 2020</p> <p>Founder - Primary Education Needs & Community Initiated Learning (PENCIL), India 2013 -</p>
OTHER PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS	<p>School of Public Health, University of Illinois Chicago Chicago, Illinois, USA</p> <p><i>Research Assistant (Part-time)</i> 2019 - 2021</p> <p>Oxford Policy Management Delhi, India</p> <p><i>Research Assistant (Consultant)</i> 2017</p> <p>International Food Policy Research Institute Delhi, India</p> <p><i>Senior Research Assistant</i> 2016</p> <p>Delhi School of Economics Delhi, India</p> <p><i>Research Assistant</i> 2014 - 2015</p> <p>IILM Institute for Higher Education Delhi, India</p> <p><i>Faculty Associate</i> 2010 - 2011</p>
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>2022: AEFPP; APPAM; Midwest Economics Association; Helsinki GSE; Canadian Economics Association; Aalto University, Helsinki; UNU-WIDER, Helsinki; Missouri Valley Economic Association Annual Conference; Economic Graduate Students' Conference, Washington University at St.Louis; Illinois Economics Association, Chicago; Global Labor Organization Conference</p> <p>2021: Bavarian Young Economists' Meeting; Illinois Economics Association, Chicago; Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, India</p> <p>2020: H2D2 at University of Michigan; AEFPP; Western Illinois University</p> <p>2019: Illinois Economics Association, Chicago</p> <p>2018: Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, India; Economic Graduate Students' Conference, Washington University at St.Louis; Illinois Economics Association, Chicago.</p>
REFEREE SERVICES	Journal of Happiness Studies