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## EDUCATION

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### Ph.D. Economics

Expected May 2024

Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

Dissertation: “Does SNAP Purchasing Power Impact Labor Supply?”

Committee: Augustine Denteh (Chair), Nora Lustig, Elliott Isaac, and William Dodds.

### M.A. International Political Economy

2014

New York University, New York, NY

### B.A. Finance (minor: Mathematics, Statistics), Honors

2011

Lahore School of Economics, Lahore, Pakistan

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Economics of Transfer Programs, Labor Economics, Health Economics, Public Economics, Development Economics

## WORKING PAPERS

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Khan, Farah “Does SNAP Purchasing Power Impact Labor Supply?” (*Job Market Paper*)

Abstract: Despite being the largest means-tested federal program in the U.S., there is sparse evidence on the intensive margin labor supply impact of SNAP in recent years. Labor supply theory predicts that participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will create disincentives to work across the intensive and extensive margin. Leveraging quasi-experimental variation in local purchasing power of SNAP, I investigate the impact of geographic variation in SNAP purchasing power on participants labor supply decisions. Although SNAP benefits are standardized across the United States, geographical variation in food prices creates substantial variation in the real value or purchasing power of SNAP benefits. Consistent with standard labor supply theory, I find strong evidence of labor supply disincentives especially across the intensive margin. The magnitude of response varies across demographic groups such as single mothers and hourly wage workers indicating substantial preference heterogeneity. Quantifying post-transfer behavioral changes in labor supply for heterogeneous groups reveals unique preferences which can guide optimal policy design of transfer programs especially in the contexts of local economic conditions.

Khan, Farah, and Augustine Denteh. “Does SNAP Purchasing Power Impact Nutrition and Health Outcomes? Evidence using Restricted Access Scanner and Monthly Food Price Data.”

Khan, Farah, and Augustine Denteh. “Misreporting of Program Participation and its Consequences for Estimates of SNAP’s Effects on Food Insecurity”

Khan, Farah, and James Alm. “Extending Fiscal Incidence Analysis to Government Infrastructure Spending: Applications to Indonesia and Mozambique”

Khan, Farah, Chloe Boutron, Joaoa Braga, Jon Jellema and Louise Kessler. 2023. “Social and Climate Budget tagging: insights from Indonesia.” Policy working paper. Institute of Climate Economics (I4CE)

Khan, Farah, Truc Bui and Zehra Farooq. “The Impacts of Adolescent Mental Health on Educational and Labor Market Outcomes.”

## PUBLICATIONS

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Khan, Farah, Thomas Walker, Ezgi Canpolat, and Adea Kryeziu. 2016. “Residential electricity subsidies in Pakistan: targeting, welfare impacts, and options for reform.” World Bank Policy Research Working Paper

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### **Tulane University**

New Orleans, Louisiana

Research Assistant for Augustine Denteh. 2023

Research Assistant for Nora Lustig 2021-22

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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The World Bank

Islamabad, Pakistan

Consultant - Education. 2018-19

Consultant - Social Protection and Jobs. 2015-17

Nexquare - Education Technology

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Project Manager 2017 - 2018

Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan

Islamabad, Pakistan

Research Associate 2014 - 2015

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Tulane University**

*Teaching Assistant & Lab Instructor*

Spring 2022

Economics of Poverty, Inequality Poverty in Latin America (Graduate courses)

*Head Teaching Assistant*

Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2022

Intro to Microeconomics, Micro-II, Intro to Macroeconomics (Undergraduate courses)

### **National University of Science and Technology (NUST)**

Fall 2016

*Instructor*

Public Sector Reforms and Development

## PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

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### **Three-Semester Pedagogical Series**

Expected May 2024

Tulane University, The Center for Engaged Learning & Teaching

## PRESENTATIONS

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**“Variation in local food prices of healthy vs. unhealthy food using different price indices and Monthly Food Price Dataset (MFAD)”** (Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting 2023)

**“Does SNAP Purchasing Power Impact Labor Supply?”** (Southern Economic Association Annual Conference 2023)

Discussant for Session on Income & Poverty (Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2023)

**“The Impacts of Adolescent Mental Health on Educational and Labor Market Outcomes.”** Tulane ECON lunch Seminar (New Orleans, LA, April 2022)

## **GRANTS, HONORS & AWARDS**

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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, “Examining the impact of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Purchasing Power on Adults’ Food Security, Nutrition, and Health”; \$99,724	2023-2025
Tulane University Graduate Fellowships	2019 - Present
Data Hub Graduate Write-up Awards, Tulane University, \$2,000	2023
Summer Write-up Awards, Tulane University, \$7,000	2022, 2023
Fulbright Scholarship Masters Award	2012-2014
Davis Peace and Diplomacy Grant 2012 at International House New York	2012-2013
Full Merit scholarship & Deans Honors List at Lahore School of Economics	2008-2011

## **SERVICES**

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Economics Department Representative to Graduate Studies Student Association (GSSA), Tulane University (2021-22)

## **REFERENCES**

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