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PRINCIPAL INTERESTS

Gender, ethnicity, and politics, political behavior, sustainability governance, social policy, India, experiments

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

<i>Ph.D. Political Science</i>	2024 (Expected)
University of Colorado, Boulder, USA	
Dissertation: Pathways to political power through electoral quotas	
Committee: Krister Andersson, Andrew Philips, Carew Boulding	
<i>M.A. Political Science</i>	2021
University of Colorado, Boulder, USA	
<i>MBA Forest Management</i>	2013
Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, India	
<i>B.S. Crop Science, Economics, and Sociology</i>	2011
Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, India	
<i>Post Graduate Diploma - Computer Applications</i>	2011
Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, India	

PUBLICATIONS

- Kaur, Komal Preet, Kimberlee Chang, and Krister Andersson. 2023. “Collective forest land rights facilitate cooperative behavior.” *Conservation Letters*, e12950. [Link](#)
- Kaur, Komal Preet and Andrew Q. Philips. 2022. “A moveable benefit? Spillover effects of quotas on women’s numerical representation.” *Political Research Quarterly*: 1-17. [Link](#)
 - 2022 Robert H. Durr Award: Best paper applying quantitative methods to a substantive problem at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting
 - 2022 Richard E. Matland Award: Best paper by an emerging scholar in representation, elections, or voting at the MPSA Annual Meeting
 - 2022 Sophonisba Breckenridge Award: Best paper on the topic of women and politics at the MPSA Annual Meeting

WORKING PAPERS Drafts available upon request

- Whose Upward Mobility?: The Spillover Effects of Gender Quotas in Advancing Women’s Political Career [Under review]
- How do voters evaluate quota beneficiaries for their career progression in politics? (with Andrew Philips) [Under review]
- The challenge of governing complex forest ecosystems: Can a polycentric approach help? (with Varnitha Kurli and Krister Andersson) [Under review]
- The impact of women’s political representation on collective action (with Nathan Cook, Hannah Paul Lynn)

**WORK
IN PROGRESS**

- Labor market risk and social insurance (with Andrew Philips and Mallory Compton)
- The paradox of inclusive institutions: evaluating the underlying drivers of voters' discrimination towards quota beneficiaries
- Examining question hour of Indian legislature (with Elizabeth Cupp¹)
- Lessons for local governance from Indore's waste management initiatives
- Unraveling biases in visual framing using image-as-data approach (with Andrew Philips)

TEACHING

Instructor of Record, CU Boulder

- PSCI 3012: South Asian Politics Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant

- Panel Data and Longitudinal Analysis, ICPSR Summer School, University of Michigan Summer 2022
- PSCI 2075: Quantitative Research Methods Fall 2020, 2021, Spring 2021
- PSCI 3123: War, Peace, and Strategic Defense Spring 2020
- PSCI 2223: Introduction to International Relations Fall 2019

Grader

- PSCI 4016: Inequality and Public Policy in the U.S. and Europe Spring 2022
- PSCI 2223: Introduction to International Relations Summer 2020, 2021

**RESEARCH
ASSISTANT**

Methods Lab Coordinator (Department-wide support for quantitative methods and coding issues) Fall 2022

Graduate Research Assistant for Prof. Krister Andersson Summer 2020

Graduate Research Assistant for Prof. Andrew Philips 2020-present

ACHIEVEMENTS

Grants

- Small Grant, APSA's Women, Gender, and Politics section (USD 1000) 2023
- Seed Grant, Institute of Behavioral Science, CU Boulder (with Krister Andersson) (USD 15000) 2023
- Summer Grants, Institute of Behavioral Science, CU Boulder (USD 7000) 2020-2023
- Dissertation Research Grant, Department of Political Science, CU Boulder (USD 6700) 2023
- Ptolemy Graduate Student Award, CU Boulder (USD 1000) 2023
- Training Grant, CU Boulder (USD 1950) 2022
- Center to Advance Research and Teaching in Social Sciences, CU Boulder (With Andrew Philips) (USD 4,000) 2020
- Small grant, Department of Political Science, CU Boulder (USD 650) 2020

Awards and Scholarships

- Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics, Iowa State University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (USD 2,000) 2022

¹Undergraduate mentee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John A. Garcia Scholarship by the Society for Political Methodology at ICPSR Summer School Program (USD 2800) 2022 • MPSA Robert H. Durr Award 2022 • MPSA Richard E. Matland Award 2022 • MPSA Sophonisba Breckenridge Award 2022 • Qualifying paper award, Department of Political Science, CU Boulder 2021
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>Midwest Political Science Association 2021-23</p> <p>Annual Conference on South Asia 2021</p> <p>International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) Conference 2021</p> <p>Workshop on Political Economy of South Asia (WPESA) 2020</p>
SERVICE	<p><i>Co-organizer:</i> Gender and Political Participation (GPP) Graduate working group seminar series Fall 2022 - Present</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPSA Fall 2021 - 2022 • Gender and Public Participation (GPP) Graduate Working Group 2022 <p><i>Mentor:</i> Advisor, STUDIO research lab, CU Boulder AY 2022 - Present</p> <p><i>Volunteer:</i> Design team member for creating a graduate certificate on equity and social justice, Center for Teaching and Learning, CU Boulder AY 2020-21</p>
NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE	<p>Consultant, InsPIRE Network for Environment, New Delhi 2018, 2021</p> <p>Consultant, The Nature Conservancy, New Delhi 2020-21</p> <p>Consultant, Nuvo Environmental and Rural Development Solutions (India) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2018-19</p> <p>Program Officer, InsPIRE Network for Environment, New Delhi 2015-17</p> <p>Senior Officer, IL&FS Cluster Development Initiative Ltd., New Delhi 2013-15</p> <p>Young Professional, Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, India 2013</p> <p>Intern, Center for International Projects Trust, New Delhi 2012</p>
OTHER TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS	<p>Race, Ethnicity, and Quantitative Methodology, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan 2022</p> <p>Machine Learning, Summer Workshop in Political Methodology, CU Boulder 2021</p> <p>Applied Bayesian Analysis, Summer Workshop in Political Methodology, CU Boulder 2020</p> <p>Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) Recognition of Achievement in Professional Development Series, Kansas State University 2019</p> <p>GSC Professional Development Certificate, Kansas State University 2019</p> <p>University Grants Commission, India - National Eligibility Test for lectureship 2012-13</p>
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	<p><i>Programming:</i> R, Stata, ArcGIS, Python</p> <p><i>Tools:</i> L^AT_EX, Qualtrics</p> <p><i>Languages:</i> Punjabi (native), Hindi, Urdu (conversational)</p> <p><i>Fieldwork:</i> 13 states of India (2012-2017)</p>