

# ASHWINI SHRIDHAR

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## SUMMARY

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PhD student in Public Policy, with a Master's in International and Development Economics seeking to expand skills in research and data analysis and build a career in public policy and academia. Research interests include gender, health, and sustainability. Experience in drafting policy briefs, impact evaluation design, coordinating field data collection, data analysis, and working with global and local research teams in LMICs.

## EDUCATION

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| <b>PhD</b> | <b>University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, Minnesota</b><br>Humphrey School of Public Affairs   Public Policy Track<br>Advisor: Dr. Audrey Dorélien  | <b>Ongoing</b>  |
| <b>MS</b>  | <b>University of San Francisco, San Francisco, California</b><br>International and Development Economics (GPA: 3.66/4.0)<br>Thesis: "Are Menstrual Cycles a Biological Determinant of Well-Being amongst Sierra Leonean Schoolchildren?" | <b>May 2019</b> |
| <b>BA</b>  | <b>San Francisco State University, San Francisco, California</b><br>Major in Economics (Overall GPA: 3.38/4.0; Major GPA: 3.6/4.0)<br>Minored in Cinema  | <b>May 2016</b> |
|            | <b>City College of San Francisco, San Francisco, California</b><br>Major in Economics  | <b>May 2014</b> |

## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Research Associate</b> , Wageningen University and Research<br>Freetown, Sierra Leone  | Aug 2019- Sep 2020   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervised the <i>Rural Renewable Energy Project</i> impact evaluation led by UNOPS and DFID. Analyzed impacts of implementing solar mini-grids by UNOPS-Ministry of Energy in villages in Sierra Leone. Led an associated RCT for Oxford Policy Management funded <i>Energy and Economic Growth</i> program.</li><li>Created instruments, data collection plans and protocols for a nationwide phone survey on economic impact of COVID-19 crisis.</li><li>Responsible for training and managing over 75 enumerators in full-scale household survey created using ODK and implemented over 190 villages across Sierra Leone.</li><li>Created field plans using QGIS and managed project finances and budgets of over \$200,000 USD.</li><li>Merged and cleaned big datasets, conducted high frequency monitoring of incoming data, and analysis and visualizations for policy briefs.</li><li>Liaised with Primary Investigators and field teams, conducted weekly calls and updated research design documents. Wrote reports presented to main stakeholders- UNOPS, DFID, and Ministry of Energy in Sierra Leone.</li></ul> |                      |
| <b>Research Coordinator</b> , University of San Francisco- BRAC<br>Freetown, Sierra Leone   | May 2018 to May 2019 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Managing the <i>Menstrual Health Management in Sierra Leonean Schoolgirls</i> project, a Quasi-RCT (N=800) conducted as part of my MS Thesis.</li><li>Responsible for the research design, power calculations, random sampling, survey design on ODK, field manuals, supervision of baseline enumerators, and data monitoring.</li></ul>  |                      |

- Wrote concept notes, IRB proposals, and liaised with local governments.
- Successfully crowdsourced funds of \$4000 USD.

**Research Associate**, University of San Francisco May 2018 to July 2019  
San Francisco, California

- Assisted Dr. George Gmelch on anthropological films on effects of climate change on fishing community in Bay de Verde, Newfoundland, Canada.
- Helped manage social media and fundraising for film '*Village at the End of the Road*'. Second film from the research and footage, '*A Year in the Field*' currently being distributed by Documentary Educational Resources, Boston.
- '*A Year in the Field*' screened at Helsinki Education Film Festival International- 2020.

**Commercial Officer**, Consulate General of India Oct 2016- June 2017  
San Francisco, California

- Successfully organized trade symposiums with attendance from over 150 members of Western US trade fraternity in San Francisco and Seattle to promote government trade policies.
- Performed market research on trade related companies, compiled and visualized statistics on industry performance over time.
- Created reports and presented to government officials.

**Research Assistant**, L. Luster & Associates July 2016- Oct 2016  
Oakland, California

- Analyzed large scale labor market datasets from IPUMS and performed descriptive data analysis and visualization under supervision of Dr. Michael Potepan
- Provided policy input as part of Labor Market Analysis of San Francisco construction industry sponsored by SFPUC and SFOEWD.

**Research Assistant**, San Francisco State University Feb 2016- June 2016  
San Francisco, California

- Assisted Dr. Anoshua Chaudhuri in researching Asian H1-B workers in USA who are remotely providing healthcare to elderly relatives in their country of origin.
- Drafted literature reviews and created survey questionnaire using Qualtrics.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**University of San Francisco**, San Francisco, California Jan 2018 to May 2019  
**Teaching Assistant**, Department of Economics

- Assisted in Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics courses at undergraduate level.
- Tutored up to 100 students per semester.
- Graded quizzes, exams, and homework

**San Francisco State University**, San Francisco, California Aug 2013 to Aug 2014  
**Teaching and Grading Assistant**, Department of Economics

- Assisted in Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics courses at undergraduate level.
- Graded quizzes, exams, and homework for up to 120 students each semester.

#### PRESENTATIONS

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- **Poster Presentation**, "Impact of Menstrual Cycles on Competitive and Risk Preferential Behavior," Creative Activity and Research Day- USF, April 26, 2019.

## SOFTWARE

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- MS Office; Google office tools
- Data Analysis and Geospatial mapping: Stata; R; QGIS .
- Survey design: Qualtrics; Open Data Kit (ODK), SurveyCTO

## LANGUAGES

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English (Native); Hindi (Native); Kannada (Native); Sierra Leonean Krio (Intermediate)

## EXTRA-CURRICULARS

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| Women and Diversity in Economics Club, University of San Francisco   | 2019        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Held office position as ‘Secretary’</li><li>• Organized ‘Meet and Greet’ events</li></ul>                |             |
| Economics Student Association, San Francisco State University  | 2015 - 2016 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Head of ‘Women of Econ’</li><li>• Organized events and coordinated between members and faculty</li></ul> |             |

## REFERENCES

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