Shisham Adhikari

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EDUCATION

University of California, Davis (UC Davis)

Davis, CA

Ph.D. in Economics

May 2026 (expected)

M.S. in Economics (Best First-Year Student Award)

Sep 2022

Research Areas: Macroeconomics, Labor, Time Series Analysis, Transition Policies

Reed College Portland, OR

B.A. in Mathematics and Economics (Academic Commendation for Excellence)

May 2021

Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh, PA

Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Fellow (Data Analytics Track)

Aug 2019

RELEVANT COURSES AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Courses: Advanced Macroeconomics, International Macroeconomics, Time Series Analysis, Econometrics, Spatial Data Analysis, Statistical Learning, Linear Algebra, Real Analysis, Data Science, Probability, Computer Science **Programming:** Python, R, MATLAB, Stata, SQL

Tools & Platforms: Jupyter, RStudio, Git/GitHub, UNIX/Linux, Microsoft Office, LaTeX, Spark, GIS tools

RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

International Monetary Fund (IMF)

PhD Fund Intern - FADCP

Washington, DC

Summer 2025

- Studied adaptation assumptions in climate-economy losses and built projection framework for future impacts.
- Developed global grid-level geo-spatial datasets to quantify macroeconomic costs of extreme weather events.

University of California, Davis

Davis, CA

Graduate Researcher

Sep 2021 - Present

- Resolving Coordination Frictions in Green Labor Transitions (Paper): Showed that dual-targeted subsidies to firms and workers, rather than one-sided support, reduce unemployment by up to 18% and fiscal costs by 24%.
- Bridging the Manufacturing Gap: Modeled how search frictions and endogenous skill choice depress manufacturing labor supply, showing that targeted subsidies can raise sectoral employment by 3% at modest fiscal cost.
- Emissions Forecasting Under Uncertainty: Developed dynamic factor models in R and Python to produce state-level forecasts of GHG emissions under uncertainty from high-dimensional climate and economic data.
- A Task-Based Model for Targeted Green Subsidies (Paper): Calibrated a structural model showing subsidies work best when green tasks align with traditional productivity; welfare gains occur only if externalities exceed ≈4.3% consumption-equivalent, with lump-sum or capital-income taxes least distortionary relative to labor taxes.

RStudio PBC Remote

Data Science Educator

Sept 2021 - December 2022

• Built interactive R tutorials and projects for RStudio Academy to train professionals in data science.

Software Developer (Intern)

May 2021 - August 2021

Developed an R package (shinymodels) for interactive model exploration to facilitate model deployment.

PUBLICATIONS

Adhikari, S., Geromichalos, A., Gursoy, A., & Kospentaris, I. (2025). **How Much Work Experience Do You Need to Get Your First Job?** *Review of Economic Dynamics*, 58, Article 101301. Paper | Appendix | Slides

- Reveals that firm bias against inexperienced workers raises unemployment by up to 10% and cuts welfare by 0.6%.
- Finds that targeted hiring subsidies boost entrant job-finding rates by 75–120% and raise welfare up to 1.5%.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

University of California, Davis

Davis, CA

Graduate Teaching Assistant: Economic and Financial Forecasting, Econometrics, Game Theory, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics

Reed College Portland, OR

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant: International Monetary System, International Trade, Behavioral Finance, Econometrics, Data Science, Probability, Math Statistics, Calculus, Analysis, Linear Algebra, Vector Calculus

LEADERSHIPS AND INVOLVEMENTS

California Council on Science and Technology (CCST)

Sacramento, CA

Translator, 2025 CCST Science Translators Showcase

Jan 2025 - Present

- Presented at the California State Capitol to legislative staffers during CCST's Science & Technology Week.
- Completed science communication training focused on translating technical research into policy-relevant insights.

Girls Who Invest Scholar

New York, NY
Scholar/Alumni
Ongoing

- Completed industry-recognized modules in advanced financial modeling and portfolio management.
- Actively engage in asset management panels and conferences expanding expertise in investment strategies.

PERIOD. Remote

Data and International Policy Analysis Intern

May 2020 - August 2020

• Applied machine learning to classify global menstrual health policies and support policy recommendations.

Reed College Finance and Investment Club

Portland, OR

President

December 2018 - December 2019

Managed a \$75K investment portfolio, achieving a 15% increase during tenure.

CERTIFICATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Climate Change and AI (CCAI) Summer School	Montreal, 2024
Journal of International Economics (JIE) Summer School	Crete, 2023
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society	Reed College, 2021
Commendation for Academic Achievement	Reed College, 2017-2021
Foundations of Investment Management	Wharton Online, Jan 2020
Accounting, Analyzing Financial Reports, and Excel Training	Wall Street Prep, Oct 2019
Girls Who Invest Program	Girls Who Invest, Oct 2019
The Investment Foundations Program	CFA Institute, Oct 2019
CFA Institute Research Challenge	CFA Institute, March 2019

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Department Research/Travel Award (\$8,000)	UC Davis 2021-25
Best First-Year Student Award (\$500)	UC Davis 2021
Carl Burgdorfer CFA Scholarship (\$2,000)	CFA Society of Portland 2021
Evan Rose Research Fund (\$6,500)	2021
Gerald M. Meier Award for Distinction in Economics (\$500)	2021
Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Fellowship (\$3,000)	Carnegie Mellon University 2020
Summer Internship Award (\$4,000)	2020
Collaborative Research Grant (\$2,488)	2020
Economics Summer Research Award (\$4,900)	Reed College 2019
Career Advancement Fund (\$1, 265)	2019-2020
Student Opportunity Subsidy (SOS) Grant (\$700)	2019
Davis Projects for Peace Award ($\$10,000$)	2018