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## RESEARCH FIELDS

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**Broad Interest:** Production, Trade, and Environment

**Current Focus:** (1) production, trade and land-use expansion of export crops, including cattle, and its relationship with farm rent and land price; (2) effectiveness of the EU Deforestation Reduction Regulation; and (3) how trade and environmental governance interact with market structure to shape production and land-use outcomes.

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics**, Kansas State University 2022-2026

Major Advisor: [Prof. Nelson B. Villoria](#)

Dissertation: *International Agriculture Trade, Deforestation and Global Agricultural Markets* (proposed)

**M.S. in Agricultural Economics**, Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU), Nepal 2018-2020

Major Advisor: [Prof. Shiva Chandra Dhakal](#)

Thesis: *Competitiveness of the banana value chain in the Hetauda-Dumkibas road corridor, Nepal*

**B.S. in Agriculture Science**, Tribhuvan University (TU), Nepal 2013-2017

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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**Research Assistant**, Department of Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University 2023-Present

Advisor: [Prof. Nelson B. Villoria](#)

- Estimated domestic trade costs inside Brazil using geographical features
- Data collection and curation on the Brazilian soybean sector

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University

- International Trade and Agricultural Markets (AGEC 840) Spring 2024  
Professor: [Prof. Nelson B. Villoria](#)
- Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness (AGEC 120) Fall 2022  
Professor: [Prof. Benjamin Schwab](#)

**High School Teacher**, Sitaram High School, Nepal 2018

## NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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**Agriculture Officer**, Income Generation Team, Korea Institute for Development Strategy 2021-2022

**Livelihood Officer**, Local NGO, Nepal August 2020-July 2021

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Under Review**

Sharma, M., & Villoria, N. B. Costly Regulation, Minimal Results: The EU's Deforestation Regulation Effect on Global Soy Market. (European Review of Agricultural Economics)

## Working Papers

“The effect of international trade on land-use expansion: a commodity-level analysis” (with Dr. Villoria)  
“Land price effect on deforestation in Brazil” (with Dr. Villoria)

## Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Sharma, M., & Pudasaini, A. (2021). What motivates producers and consumers towards organic vegetables? A case of Nepal. *Organic Agriculture*, 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13165-021-00354-2>
- Sharma, M., Chandra Dhakal, S., Adhikari, R. K., & Tiwari, U. (2021). Profitability, productivity and resource use efficiency of banana production in Hetauda-Dumkibas road corridor, Nepal. *Cogent Food & Agriculture*, 7(1), 1917134. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23311932.2021.1917134>
- Sharma, M., Dhakal, S. C., Adhikari, R. K., & Tiwari, U. (2021). Competitiveness of banana value chain along Hetauda-Dumkibas road corridor, Nepal: An eclectic approach. *Archives of Agriculture and Environmental Science*, 6(1), 36-43. <https://dx.doi.org/10.26832/24566632.2021.060106>
- Sharma, M. (2020). Economic and social upgrading in agriculture sector: a case of South Asia. *Journal of Applied Agricultural Economics and Policy Analysis*, 3(1), 12-19. <https://doi.org/10.12691/jaaepa-3-1-4>
- Sharma, M. & Pudasaini, A. (2020). Where is Nepal in food system transition? *South Asian Journal of Social Studies and Economics*, 8(4), 29-38. <https://doi.org/10.9734/sajsse/2020/v8i430216>
- Sharma, M. (2020). Conceptualizing the nexus of migration and food security during COVID-19. *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*, 9(4), 1-4. <https://doi.org/10.5304/jafscd.2020.094.036>

## Opinion Articles

[My trip to New Zealand: Lessons for Nepal's agri-business and agri-tourism](#)

July 24, 2023

## TRAININGS

**GTAP Short Course:** Theory and applications of CGE analysis with the GTAP model      June 3-August 9, 2024  
**Fundamentals of CGE Modeling:** By [Cornerstone](#)

## CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

- Sharma, M., & Villoria, N. B. Costly Regulation, Minimal Results: The EU's Deforestation Regulation Effect on Global Soy Market. Risk and Profit Conference. Kansas State University, August 21, 2025
- Sharma, M., & Villoria, N. B. Costly Regulation, Minimal Results: The EU's Deforestation Regulation Effect on Global Soy Market. AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting, Denver, July 26-29, 2025
- Sharma, M., & Villoria, N. B. Costly Regulation, Minimal Results: The EU's Deforestation Regulation Effect on Global Soy Market. Agricultural Economics Department Seminar. Kansas State University, July 23, 2025

## GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

<b>ISC-International Student Scholarship</b> (\$1000)	2025
<b>AAEA Travel Grant</b> , AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting, 2025 (\$500)	2025
<b>IFAMA Case Study Competition</b> , New Zealand (First Place)	2023
<b>K-State Alumni Association International Student Scholarship</b> (\$750)	2023
<b>Staley School of Leadership Scholarship</b> (\$1000)	2023
<b>MS Thesis Research Grant</b> - DOREX/AFU and VCDP/UNDP, KOICA and MOALD (\$1304.34)	2019
<b>Full Scholarship for MS program (Merit Rank: 1)</b> - AFU, Nepal	2018-2020
<b>Full Scholarship for B.Sc. program</b> - Tribhuvan University, Nepal	2013-2017

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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GTAP Conference - Abstract Reviewer	2025
Referee - <a href="#">Journal of Food System and Community Development</a>	
Secretary, Graduate Agricultural Economics Graduate Student Association (GSAE)	2022-2023
Member of Equity Advisors Circle, <a href="#">JAFSCD</a>	2022-2023
International Service (Agriculture) - Staley School of Leadership: South Africa	July 3-19, 2023

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** Nepali (native), English (proficient), Hindi (proficient)  
**Analysis & visualization:** STATA (+5 years), R (+5 years), ArcGIS Pro (+1 year)  
**Writings (.docx, .pdf & .html):** LaTeX (+3 years), Quarto in R (+1 year)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA)

## REFERENCES

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