

MONICA SHANDAL

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Education

University of California, Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz, CA

PhD in Economics

2021 – Present

- **Job Market Paper:** Beyond Borders: Impacts of the Plastic Waste Trade in Indonesia.
- **Dissertation Committee:** Ariel Zucker (UCSC), Peter Christensen (UCSC), Justin Marion (UCSC), & Asha Sundaram (Auckland)

MA in Economics

2021 – 2022

University of Alberta

Edmonton, AB

MSc in Agriculture and Resource Economics

2017 – 2019

BSc in Environmental Conservation Sciences

2013 – 2017

Employment & Research Experience

University of California, Santa Cruz

California

Graduate Research Assistant

Jan. 2026 – Mar. 2026

World Bank & Center for Effective Global Action

USA

Consultant

Sep. 2023 – Dec. 2025

Innovations for Poverty Action

Liberia, Sierra Leone, Malawi

Research Manager

Dec. 2019 – Oct. 2024

Asia Research and Engagement

Thailand

Consultant

Feb. 2024 – Jul. 2024

McGill University & World Health Organization

Canada

Consultant

Apr. 2023 – Dec. 2023

University of Alberta

Alberta

Graduate Research Assistant

Apr. 2016 – Nov. 2019

International Rice Research Institute

India

Research Assistant

Apr. 2017 – Sep. 2019

University of Western Australia

Australia

Research Assistant

Apr. 2016 – Sep. 2017

Publications

Pareto Efficiency in Intrahousehold Allocations: Evidence from Rice Farming Households in India. *Oxford Development Studies*, 2021. **Monica Shandal**, Sandeep Mohapatra, and Prakashan C. Veetil.

The Return on Investment of Scaling Tuberculosis Screening and Preventive Treatment: A Modelling Study in Brazil, Georgia, Kenya, and South Africa. *The Lancet*, Under Review. Juan F. Vesga, Mona Mohamed, **Monica Shandal**, Jonathon Campbell, et al.

Working Projects

Search Costs and Women's Employment: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Urban India. Rolly Kapoor, David Park, and **Monica Shandal**.

Beyond Borders: Impacts of the Plastic Waste Trade in Indonesia. **Monica Shandal**.

The Effectiveness of Household Interventions in Malawi on Covid-19 Awareness and Prevention Behaviours. Tara Bedi, Michael King, and **Monica Shandal**.

Connectivity and Rural Development: Examining India's Rural Road Building Scheme. Santosh Kumar, **Monica Shandal**, and Ariel Zucker.

Research Grants

Economics Research Grant (with Rolly Kapoor) (USD \$5,000), UCSC	2024
Travel and Research Grant (with Rolly Kapoor) (USD \$14,901), The Weiss Fund	2024
New Zealand Asia Institute Southeast Asia Research Grant (with Asha Sundaram and Moumita Das Kapoor) (NZD \$7,000), UofA	2023
Social Protection Initiative (with Ariel Zucker) (USD \$ 7,015), JPAL	2023
Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (CAD \$5,730), GoC	2018
SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship (CAD \$17,500), GoC	2018
Walter H. Johns Graduate Fellowship (CAD \$5,800), GoA	2018
QE2 Scholarship: Health and Nutrition Systems (CAD \$6,000), RHF	2017
Shastri Research Fellowship (CAD \$7,600), Shastri Indo-Canadian	2017
QE2 Scholarship: Green Energy Systems (CAD \$6,000), RHF	2016

Certifications

TB Research Methods, McGill University	2025
MicroMBA, UCSD	2025

Academic Awards

Milam-McGinty-Kaun Teaching Award, UCSC	2025
Regents' Fellowships, UCSC	2021
Outstanding Thesis Award (1st Place), CAES	2020
Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship, RBC	2019
QE2 Graduate Scholarship- Master's, GoA	2018
3-Minute Thesis competition (1st Place), UofA	2018
International Experience Award, UofA	2018
John Proskie Memorial Scholarship, UofA	2017
Edmonton Consular Corps Award Consular Corps	2017
Alberta- Pacific Forest Industries Scholarship, GoA	2017

Presentations

Canadian Economics Association	Canada, 2026
Midwest International Trade and Theory Conference	USA, 2026
Pavdev	USA, 2026
UC GIS Week	USA, 2025
Roads to Development	Spain, 2025
McGill Summer Institute in Global Health	Canada, 2025
International Union Against Tuberculosis	USA, 2024
Knowledge Transfer: National Learning Assessment System	Liberia, 2023
Bridges2Build: TB in the Asian American Community	USA, 2023
Standing Panel on Impact Assessment	Kenya, 2022
Global Research and Data Summit	Rwanda, 2020
Canadian Agricultural Economics Society Conference	Canada, 2019
Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference	Canada, 2019

Teaching Experience

Graduate Instructor, UCSC	Jul. 2024 – Sep. 2024
Teaching Assistant, UCSC	Jan. 2022 – Present
Teaching Assistant, Ualberta	Sep. 2015 – Dec. 2016

Teacher Training

Preparing for Inclusive Teaching, UCSC	2023
Economics Department Teaching Workshops, UCSC	2023
Economics Department Teaching Seminar, UCSC	2021

Service and Outreach

Member, Plastic Pollution Coalition	Nov. 2025 – Present
Mentor, GAIN	Aug. 2025 – Apr. 2026
Mentor, University of California - Santa Cruz GradPath	Apr. 2025 – Apr. 2026
Steering Committee Member, Results Canada	Jan. 2025 – Present
Lead Mentor, University of California, Santa Cruz Peer Mentor Program	Jan. 2023 – Present
Advocate, WeAreTB USA	Sep. 2022 – Present
Advocate and Support Space Lead, TB People Canada	Sep. 2022 – Present

Technical Skills

- **Statistical & Data Analysis:** STATA, R, Python
- **Survey Tools:** Qualtrics, ODK, SurveyCTO
- **Other Tools:** QGIS, ArcGIS, LATEX, Microsoft Office Suite, Google Suite, PowerBI