

# SARAH ELIZABETH NOLAN

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## EDUCATION

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### PhD in Public Policy, Political Science Concentration

Expected 2022

Duke University

Advisor: Anirudh Krishna

Committee Members: Carolyn Barnes, Jessi Streib, Marcos Rangel

### B.A Public Policy

Duke University

#### B.A. May 2013

Major: Public Policy; Minor: English

Awards: Honors Thesis – Highest Distinction,

Thesis: *Who Goes to College and Who Does Not Among Low Socioeconomic Status Youth in the U.S. and India?*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Intergenerational mobility, Higher Education, Youth, Workforce, Multi-method approaches

## DISSERTATION: Making Luck More Systematic: Studying Exceptional Upward Mobility

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Examining India's Engineering Students Social Origins and Pathways

- Designed and implemented a survey of engineering students across India, receiving over 10,000 quality responses, with support from skills-testing company Aspiring Minds
- Generate a typology of the SES origins of engineering students using Latent Class analysis, and described the relationship between origins, resources, and university quality
- Conducted nine in-depth interviews with individual students about their pathways to university (paused due to Covid-19)

Correlates of Upward Mobility in Indonesia

- Analyzed complex, multi-wave panel dataset to estimate patterns of upward mobility across indicators, community and individual level variable

Mapping Social Mobility Promoting Organizations in India

- Conducted participant observation and benchmarking analyses at 10+ non-profits in Bangalore, Mumbai, and New Delhi, India and facilitated conference for 10+ non-profits which promote social mobility across India (paused due to Covid-19)

## PUBLISHED WORK

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Barnes, C. and **S. Nolan**, *Professionals, friends, and confidants: After-school staff as social support to low-income parents*. Children and Youth Services Review, 2019. **98**: p. 238-251.

Krishna, A. and **S. Nolan**, *Synthetic Fathers and Real Consequences: Social Mobility Research in Transition*. The Journal of Development Studies, 2019. **55**(4): p. 737-742.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Population Association of America: Poster	Spring 2021
International Sociological Association RC 28 Social Stratification and Mobility: Poster	Fall 2019
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management: Panel	Fall 2019

## COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

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Spring 2019- Current	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Investigated Estonia's tech and entrepreneurship talent development pipeline through expert interviews, observation, and journalistic reporting</li><li>• Authored book chapter on Estonia case for publication in popular press</li><li>• Collaborated with Prof. Anirudh Krishna, supervised two undergraduate researchers for additional cases</li></ul>
2016-2017 AY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coded 30+ interviews with low-income mothers and child-care center staff using NVivo software, in collaboration with Prof. Carolyn Barnes</li></ul>

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Fall 2017- Spring 2018	Bass Connections: Visualizing Social Mobility in the Developing World <i>Co-Instructor</i> Develop syllabus, teach classes, and guide undergraduate students in year-long research endeavor, in partnership with Anirudh Krishna and Angela Zoss
Fall 2018	PPS 301: Political Analysis of Public Policy <i>Head TA</i>

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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Summer 2018	Institute on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research at Syracuse University
In progress	Certificate in College Teaching
In progress	Teaching Writing in the Disciplines Certificate

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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Summer 2017	Policy Bridge: Social Mobility Promoting Organizations in India, Duke University (\$2,500)
Summer 2019,20	Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University (\$5,500x2)
2019-2020 AY	Center for the Study of Philanthropy and Civic Society Fellowship (\$23,850 equivalent)
2020-2021 AY	James B. Duke International Research Travel Fellowship (\$24,300 equivalent)
Spring 2022	Bass Instructor of Record Fellowship (\$12,375 equivalent)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Sept. 2014 – June 2016	<b>Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco</b> , San Francisco, CA <i>Program Analyst</i> (August 2015-Today) <i>Performance Measurement RISE Fellow</i> (Sept. 2014-July 2015)
Sept. 2014-Jul 2015	<b>New Sector Alliance</b> , San Francisco, CA <i>Residency in Social Entrepreneurship Americorps Fellow</i>