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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Economics, University of Texas at Austin, expected 2026
Committee: Dean Spears (chair), Mike Geruso, Sandra Black, Diane Coffey
M.A. Department of Economics, University of Texas at Austin 2020
B.S. Department of Mathematics and Department of Physics and Astronomy 2017
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Coffey, D., Srivastav, N., Priya, A., Verma, A., Franz, N., Kumar, A., & Spears, D (2025). Excess neonatal mortality among private facility births in rural parts of high-mortality states of India: Demographic analysis of a national survey. *Social Science and Medicine*, *379*, 118158.

Smita, Franz, N., & Coffey, D. (2024). The association between cesarean birth and breastfeeding initiation in Odisha, India: A mother fixed effects analysis. *PLOS One*, *19*(2), e0287796.

Arenberg, S., Kuruc, K., Franz, N., Vyas, S., Lawson, N., LoPalo, M., Budolfson, M., Geruso, M., & Spears, D. (2022). Intergenerational transmission is not sufficient for positive long-term population growth. *Demography*, *59*(6), 2003-2012.

Franz, N., & Spears, D. (2020). Mere Addition is equivalent to avoiding the Sadistic Conclusion in all plausible variable-population social orderings. *Economics Letters*, *196*, 109547.

Other publications

Coffey, D., Franz, N., Arenberg, S., Xu, M., & Vyas, S. (2022). Annual Health Survey (AHS), India, 2007–2012. Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research.

Spears, D., Franz, N., & Coffey, D. (2021). What can we learn about the Swacch Bharat Mission from the NFHS-5 fact sheets? *Ideas for India*, 2 February.

WORKS IN PROGRESS/WORKING PAPERS

Franz, N. (**Job market paper.**) Cheaper and better? Explaining a newborn mortality advantage at public versus private hospitals in India.

Vyas, S., & Franz, N. Be careful what you ask for: social desirability bias in self-reported data in India.

Franz, N., Gupta, A., Spears, D., & Coffey, D. Uncertainty about maternal mortality in India: New, higher estimates from the National Family Health Survey-4. Revision requested: *Population Studies*.

TEACHING

Spring 2025	Instructor of record for ECO 304K—Introduction to Microeconomics
Spring 2024	Teaching assistant for SOC 391L— Basic Demographic Methods and Materials (core course in the graduate Demography training sequence)
Fall 2022	Teaching assistant for SOC 391L— Basic Demographic Methods and Materials
Fall 2022	Teaching assistant, including giving a lecture, for ECO 333L— Development and Population
Spring 2022	Teaching assistant for ECO 441K—Introduction to Econometrics
Fall 2021	Teaching assistant for ECO 441K—Introduction to Econometrics
Fall 2020	Helped create new course materials and served as teaching assistant for SOC 591L— Basic Demographic Methods and Materials

PRESENTATIONS

2025, Nov	Northeast Universities Development Consortium North Texas Economics Conference
2025, Jun	American Society of Health Economists Conference
2025, May	Rosenkranz Global Health Symposium
2025, Apr	Population Association of America Annual Conference (poster and presentation) Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop
2024, Apr	Southern Economics Association Annual Conference
2024, Apr	Population Association of America Annual Conference (poster), Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop
2023, Apr	Population Association of America Annual Conference (poster), Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop

EXTERNAL REVIEW

Referee for *Social Choice and Welfare* and *The Indian Economic Journal*.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023–	Research assistant for Dean Spears and Mike Geruso
2024–	Economics department representative for College of Liberal Arts Graduate Student Advisory Council
2023–	Representative for Economics Graduate Student Association
2020–2021	Research assistant, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin.
2017–2019	Research analyst, then scientist. Dynetics, Inc. Huntsville, Alabama.