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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department of Economics, University of Texas at Austin, expected 2026.
Advisers: Dean Spears, Mike Geruso
M.A. Department of Economics, University of Texas at Austin, 2020.
B.S. Department of Mathematics and Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, 2017.

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

PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 American Society of Health Economists Conference, Rosenkranz Global Health Symposium, Population Association of America Annual Conference, Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop.
- 2024 Southern Economics Association Annual Conference, Population Association of America Annual Conference, Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop.
- 2023 Population Association of America Annual Conference, Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop.

EXTERNAL REVIEW

Referee for *Social Choice and Welfare*.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 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.