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Professional Preparation

University of Hyderabad	Hyderabad, India	Economics	M.A. 1992
University of Hyderabad	Hyderabad, India	Economics	M.Phil. 1994
Texas Tech University	Lubbock, TX	Ag. Economics	Ph.D. 2004

Appointments

2019-present	Associate Professor, Community and Regional Planning, Iowa State University
2012-present	Extension Economist, ISU Extension and Outreach Iowa State University, College of Design, ISU Extension and Outreach, Ames, IA
2012-2019	Assistant Professor, Community and Regional Planning
2009-2012	Research Assistant Professor, Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
2005-2009	Research Associate, Agricultural Economics, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

Select Publications

Das, B and M. Skidmore, "Asymmetry in Municipal Government Responses in Growing vs. Shrinking Counties with Focus on Capital Spending," *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy*, 2018, 48(4) 2-75.
<https://jrap.scholasticahq.com/article/6766-asymmetry-in-municipal-government-responses-in-growing-versus-shrinking-counties-with-focus-on-capital-spending>

Das, B, C. Kendall, C.J. Seeger and B. Hanson. FYE 2013, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18. *Debt Analysis Report, FYE 2017*, 945 reports, one each for every city in the State of Iowa.
<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/Iowa-Government-Finance-Initiative-IGFI-Debt-Analysis-Report-Fiscal-Year-End>

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<http://igfi.extension.iastate.edu/city-reports>

Das, B, L. Eathington, C.J. Seeger and B. Hanson. FYE 2013, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, *Annual Fiscal Conditions Report- Iowa Counties*. FYE 2017, 99 reports, one each for every county in the State of Iowa, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/igfi/county-reports>

Das A. and **B. Das**, Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Refugees in Central Iowa, *Journal of Extension*, 2019, Volume 57 (2) <https://joe.org/joe/2019april/rb3.php>.

Das, B., B. Bressers, and J. C. Leatherman. 2015 “Rural Healthcare Information Access and the Role of the Internet: A View from Middle America,” *Journal of Extension*, 53 (2) <https://www.joe.org/joe/2015april/rb1.php>

Das, B., D. B. Willis, and K. Rainwater. 2013“Integrated Regional Water Policy Model: A Methodological Perspective.” *Regional Science Policy and Practice*, 5 (1), 113–133

Ongoing activities

Co-PI, “Overcoming the Rural Data Deficit to Improve Quality of Life and Community Services in Smart & Connected Small Communities.” Grant for \$1.5M funded through National Science Foundation, NSF, 2020 – 23.

Co-PI, “Keeping Shelters in Place: Understanding Residential Landlord Decision-making During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Study funded by the National Science Foundation.” National Science Foundation, NSF, 2020 – 21.

Co-PI, A Best Practice Manual for *Aging in Place*: Revitalizing Small Communities for Aging Population in Iowa, Study funded by BNIM group, 2020-21

Serve as advisor to Iowa Department of Revenue to assist in evaluating the impact and effectiveness of different tax policies in the state of Iowa, 2015 – present

Principal Investigator, "Iowa Government Finance Initiative." ISU Extension and Outreach, Community and Economic Development. Project uses local government finance data to analyze trends and financial performance of all 942 cities and 99 counties in Iowa. Customized reports also include select demographic and economic indicators. IGFI conducts and disseminates research through publications and educational workshops and reaches over 6,000 elected and appointed officials in Iowa.