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Date of Birth

- July 1, 1973

Education

September 2005 onwards

- PhD Candidate – Agriculture, Food and Environment (AFE) Program, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University
- Friedman Fellow – September 2005-September 2008.

2002

- Diploma in 'Agricultural Research for Development'
International Center for Development Oriented Research in Agriculture (ICRA)
Wageningen, the Netherlands.

1998-99

- MSc (Ag) in Horticulture
University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, India.

Professional Experience

- Five and a half years of employment with Non Governmental Organizations(Agriculture, Man Ecology; Center for Environment Education; FEDINA) working on agricultural development in Southern India
- One and a half years with Deccan Exhibitions Pvt Ltd. (Organizers of the biggest trade fair on agriculture in South India).

Research work with Dr Kathleen Merrigan, Former Director, AFE, as a Friedman Fellow

- “How much hope and how much hype? Understanding the potential impact of drought-resistant transgenic crops in Ghana”
- “Delivering the silver bullets: How will golden rice reach the vitamin-A deficient population in India” – Preliminary analysis won the best poster award when presented at the Boston-India Symposium: Essential Interfaces in Public Health, October 22 and 23, 2007, Boston.