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Education

Ph.D.: Operations Management, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2011.

Master of Management: Operations Management, IIT Mumbai, India, 2002.

B.E.: Mechanical Engineering, M.S. University, India, 2000.

Professional Positions

Academic

Associate Professor: University of Virginia, 2019 - Present.

Assistant Professor: The Pennsylvania State University, 2011–2019.

Professional

Expert Advisor: Critical Minerals Working Group, Ripples of Hope Project at Miller Center, 2024 – Present.

Core Advisory Group Member: Ripples of Hope Project at Miller Center, 2024 – Present. GRI Working Group Member: Sustainability Standards for Textile and Apparel Sector, 2024 – Present.

Franklin Fellow: Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Office of International Labor Affairs, 2019 - 2021.

Publications

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- 2. Mani, V., Alptekinoglu, A., Swaminathan, J.M. Mitigating Risk of Counterfeit Parts in the Electronic Parts Supply Chain. LMI Technical Report.
- 3. Kesavan, S., Mani, V. An overview of industry practice and empirical research in retail workforce management. Chapter 6 in Agrawal, N., & Smith, S.A. (Eds.) *Retail Supply Chain Management: Quantitative Models and Empirical Studies,* (2nd edition), pp. 113-145, Springer US. New York, NY.
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