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Professional Appointments and Affiliations:

Columbia University

Associate Professor (with tenure), SIPA, 2013-present
Associate Professor (without tenure), SIPA and Economics, 2010-2012
Assistant Professor, SIPA and Economics, 2003-2010

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)

Faculty Research Associate, 2013-present
Faculty Research Fellow, 2007-2013

Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)

Affiliate, 2008-present

Center for Development Economics and Policy (CDEP), SIPA, Columbia University

Co-Director, 2014-present
Associate Director 2013-2014

Journal of Human Resources

Co-Editor, 2015-present

New York University

Associate Professor, HMSS - Steinhardt, 2012-2013.

Education:

Ph.D., Economics, Harvard University, 2003
M.A., Economics, Harvard University, 2000
B.A., Economics, Harvard University, 1998

Published or Forthcoming Papers:

- "Local Instruments, Global Extrapolation: External Validity of the Labor Supply - Fertility - Local Average Treatment Effect," joint with James Bisbee, Rajeev Dehejia and Cyrus Samii, forthcoming in *Journal of Labor Economics*
- "Going to a Better School: Effects and Behavioral Responses," joint with Miguel Urquiola, *American Economic Review*, 103(4), 1289-1324, 2013
- "The Effect of Absenteeism and Clinic Protocol on Health Outcomes: The Case of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV in Kenya," joint with Markus Goldstein, Josh Graff Zivin, Harsha

Thirumurthy and James Habyarimana, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 5(2): 58-85, 2013

- "The Effects of Home-Based HIV Counseling and Testing on HIV/AIDS Stigma among Individuals and Community Leaders in Western Kenya: Evidence from a Cluster-Randomized Trial," Low C, Pop-Eleches C, Rono W, Plous E, Ndege S, Goldstein M, Thirumurthy H, *AIDS Care* 25: S1, 2013
- "Differences between self-reported and electronically monitored adherence among patients receiving antiretroviral therapy in a resource-limited setting," Thirumurthy, H, Siripong N, Vreeman R, Pop-Eleches C, Habyarimana J, Sidle J, Siika A, Bangsberg D, *AIDS* 26(18), 2012
- "Behavioral Responses of Patients in AIDS Treatment Programs: Sexual Behavior in Kenya," joint with Markus Goldstein, Josh Graff Zivin, James Habyarimana and Harsha Thirumurthy, *Forum for Health Economics & Policy*, 15(2), 2012
- "Targeted Government Spending and Political Preferences," joint with Grigore Pop-Eleches, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 7 (1–36), 2012
- "Home Computer Use and the Development of Human Capital", joint with Ofer Malamud, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 126(2), 2011
- "School Tracking and Access to Higher Education Among Disadvantaged Groups," joint with Ofer Malamud, *Journal of Public Economics*, 95(11-12), 2011
- "Mobile phone technologies improve adherence to antiretroviral treatment in resource-limited settings: a randomized controlled trial of text message reminders," Pop-Eleches C, Thirumurthy H, Habyarmina J, Graff Zivin J, Goldstein M, DeWalque D, MacKeen L, Haberer J, Sidle J, Ngare D, Bangsberg D, *AIDS*, 25(6), 2011
- "The Impact of HIV/AIDS and ARV Treatment on Worker Absenteeism: Implications for African Firms," joint with Bekezela Mbakile and James Habyarimana, *Journal of Human Resources* 45(5), 2010
- "Vocational Training versus General Education: Evidence from an Economy in Transition," joint with Ofer Malamud, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 92(1), 2010
- "The Supply of Birth Control Methods, Education and Fertility: Evidence from Romania" *Journal of Human Resources* 45(4), 2010
- "Electronic Filing, Tax Preparers, and Participation in the Earned Income Tax Credit," joint with Wojciech Kopczuk, *Journal of Public Economics* 91(7-8), 2007
- "The Impact of an Abortion Ban on Socio-Economic Outcomes of Children: Evidence from Romania". *Journal of Political Economy* 114(4), 2006

- “Judicial Checks and Balances,” joint with Rafael La Porta, Florencio López-de-Silanes, and Andrei Shleifer, *Journal of Political Economy* 112(2), 2004

Working Papers:

- "Interactions Between Family and School Environments: Evidence on Dynamic Complementarities?," joint with Ofer Malamud and Miguel Urquiola
- "From Local to Global: External Validity in a Fertility Natural Experiment," joint with Rajeev Dehejia and Cyrus Samii

Honors, Scholarships, and Citations:

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| 2015 | Research on external validity featured on IGC Blog |
| 2015 | Organizing committee: ERMAS Conference, Cluj-Napoca, Romania |
| 2014 | Keynote Speaker: ERMAS Conference, Cluj-Napoca, Romania |
| 2010 | Research on the impact of computers featured in the New York Times, Freakonomics Blog, NBER Digest and Romanian TV (TVR, ProTV) |
| 2008 | Research on the impact of computers featured in Slate, the New York Times and Gandul |
| 2007-2008 | NBER Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Aging and Health, Cambridge, MA |
| 2006 | AGES Best Graduate Advisor Award (Runner-up Prize) – Department of Economics, Columbia University |
| 2005 | Abortion research featured in The Economist (December 1st issue) |
| 2005 | Outstanding Teacher of the Year – SIPA, Columbia University |
| 2005 | Abortion research featured in the book Freakonomics by Steven Levitt and Stephan Dubner |
| 2002 | Derek Bok Award for Excellence in Teaching |
| 2001-2002 | MacArthur Network on Inequality and Poverty in Broader Perspective – Graduate Student Fellowship |
| 2001-2002 | Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies – Saltonstall Graduate Associate |
| 2000-2003 | Center for International Development – Graduate Student Fellow |
| 1998 | Thomas T. Hoopes Prize and Allyn A. Young Prize for Undergraduate Thesis |

Teaching:

- SIPA, Columbia University – Microeconomics and Policy Analysis
- SIPA, Columbia University – Quantitative Methods II
- Department of Economics, Columbia University - Graduate Development
- Steinhardt, New York University – Quantitative Methods
- Steinhardt, New York University – International Development Education

Academic Presentations and Seminars:

Bocconi, Economics Department - 2011
Boston University, Economics Department – 2003, 2015
Brookings Institution – 2006
BU/Harvard/MIT Health Seminar - 2011
Case Western, Economics Department – 2007
Chicago, Harris School – 2006, 2015
Clemson, Economics Department – 2003, 2011
Columbia, Economics Department - 2003, 2004, 2005
Columbia, ISERP – 2004
Cornell, PAM and Economics Department - 2015
CUNY-NBER, Health Economics Seminar – 2007, Economics Seminar - 2010
BREAD Conference – 2007
Brown University, Population Studies and Training Center - 2010
Essex, Department of Economics, 2005
Georgetown, Economics Department, 2015
Harvard, Economics Department – 2002, 2003, 2008
Harvard, Center for Population Studies - 2001
London School of Economics, Economics Department - 2005
Maryland, Economics Department, 2004
Michigan, Ford School - 2006
Minnesota, Population Center – 2008
NBER, Summer Institute - 2003, 2007, 2015 Education Meeting - 2010
NEUDC Conference – 2001, 2002, 2005
NYU – Steinhardt – 2012
NYU – Abu Dhabi - 2016
Ohio State, 2015
Princeton, Economics Department - 2005
Rochester, Economics Department – 2008
Stanford, Economics Department – 2011
UC Berkeley, Economics Department – 2004, 2011
UCLA, Economics Department – 2006
UC San Diego, Economics Department – 2006
UIC, Economics Department – 2011
UIUC, Economics Department – 2012
University of Delaware, Economics Department - 2011
Vanderbilt, Economics Department - 2003
Yale, Economics Department – 2006
Yale, Health Policy - 2008
World Bank – 2002, 2013

Referee for:

American Economic Review, AEJ: Applied, AEJ: Economic Policy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Review of

Economics Studies, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Law and Economics, Economics of Transition, Journal of Legal Studies, Economica, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of African Economies, National Science Foundation, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Comparative Economics, Economic Journal, Journal of Health Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Labor Economics, Science

Advising:

Student	Year	First placement
Juan Robalino (Reader)	2005	The Earth Institute, Post Doc
Camelia Minoiu (Reader)	2007	International Monetary Fund
Jesus Fernandez-Huertas (Reader)	2007	Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica, Barcelona
Stephan Litschig (Reader)	2008	Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Daniel Choate (Reader)	2009	Lexis-Nexis
Shubha Chakravarty (Sponsor)	2009	World Bank
Matthew Wai-Poi (Sponsor)	2010	World Bank
Fang He (Reader)	2010	US Government Accountability Office
Evan Borkum (Reader)	2010	Mathematica
Gordon Mccord (Reader)	2011	UCSD IRPS
Beliyou Haile (Sponsor)	2011	IMPAQ International
Hitoshi Shigeoka (Reader)	2012	Simon Fraser
Jesse Anttila-Hughes (Reader)	2012	University of San Francisco
Mariesa Herrmann (Reader)	2012	Mathematica
Wilfredo Lim (Reader)	2012	Mathematica
Christine Pal	2012	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Steve Simpson	2013	SUNY - Buffalo
Hyuncheol Kim (Sponsor)	2013	Cornell PAM
S Anukriti (co-Sponsor)	2013	Boston College
Patrick Opoku Asuming (Sponsor)	2013	Mailman Columbia
Baafra Abeberese (Reader)	2013	Wellesley
Woo Ram Park (Reader)	2013	KDI, South Korea
David Blakeslee (Reader)	2013	NYUAD
Anna Tompsett (Reader)	2014	Stockholm
Giovanni Paci (Reader)	2014	Post Doc, Glimcher Lab, NYU
Corinne Low (co-Sponsor)	2014	Wharton
Hyelim Son (Reader)	2014	The University of Hong Kong
Ritam Chaurey (Reader)	2014	SUNY Binghamton
Amir Jina (Reader)	2014	Post Doc, Harris School
Todd Kumler (Reader)	2014	Cornerstone Research
Mark Orrs (Sponsor)	2015	Lehigh
Michael Mueller-Smith (co-Sponsor)	2015	Michigan
Prabhat Barnwal (Sponsor)	2015	Michigan State
Booyuel Kim (Sponsor)	2015	KDI School of Public Policy and Management, South Korea
Jan von der Goltz (Reader)	2016	World Bank

Grants:

- Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), “The Impact of Nutrition and Health Interventions on Children’s Health and Socio-economic Outcomes” and “Complementarities and Externalities of HIV/AIDS Prevention Strategies in Malawi: HIV/AIDS Education, Male Circumcision, and Cash Transfers”, 2010-2013, \$2,000,000, co-PI
- Spencer Foundation, “The Effects of Home Computers on Child Outcomes” 2009, \$40,000, co-PI
- National Science Foundation, “Family and School Influences in the Determination of Child Outcomes: Evidence from Two Sources of Variation”, 2008-2010, \$458,331, co-PI
- Doris Duke ORACTA Grant, “Transport Support to Improve ARV Treatment Outcomes”, 2007-2009, \$203,130, co-PI
- World Bank, “Adherence to ARV Treatment and its Effects on Medium Run Socio-Economic Outcomes: Evidence from Western Kenya”, 2007-2008, \$226,883, co-PI
- ISERP Seed Grant, Columbia University, “The Impact of Computer Use on Child Outcomes”, 2006, \$10,000, PI
- CIBER Grant - Columbia University, “The Impact of ARV Treatment on Socio-Economic Outcomes in Botswana and Kenya”, 2005, \$3,000, PI
- PER Seed Grant, Columbia University, “Understanding Brain Drain”, 2004, \$4000, PI
- PER Summer Grant, Columbia University, “Educational Reform in Romania”, 2005, \$5000, PI
- ISERP Seed Grant, Columbia University, “Educational Reform in Romania”, 2004, \$10,000, PI

Outside Professional Activities:

The School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University requires its faculty members to disclose any professional activities that might present a real or apparent conflict of interest. My outside professional activities are as follows:

- KOICA Impact Evaluation Conference in Seoul, Korea, June 2012
- Africa Future Foundation - Project Malawi - Academic Advisor, 2011-present
- Yonsei-KOICA Health Project.- Project Ethiopia - Academic Advisor, 2013-present
- World Bank - SIEF impact evaluation reviewer, 2013