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Employment:

2004-Present: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
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1999-2000: White House Council of Economic Advisers, Staff Economist for
Environmental Economics and Industrial Organization

Fields: Development Economics, Labor Economics

Research Interests: Education, Program Evaluation, Political Economy

Affiliations:

2004-Present: Poverty Action Lab, Affiliated Researcher
2004-Present: Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Faculty Fellow

Education:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Cambridge, Massachusetts
Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Economics, 2004

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
Degrees: Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, 1997
Bachelor of Arts in Economics, 1997

Publications:

“There Goes the Neighborhood? Estimates of the Impact of Crime Risk on Property Values from Megan’s Law” (2007) Forthcoming *American Economic Review*. with Jonah Rockoff (Columbia).

“Remedying Education: Evidence from Two Randomized Experiments in India” (2006) *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. 122(3) with Abhijit Bannerjee (MIT), Esther Duflo (MIT), and Shawn Cole (MIT).

- “Benefits and Costs of Adopting Usage-Based Pricing in a Subnetwork” (2001)
Information Technology and Management. 2(2): 175-191. With Alok Gupta,
 Dale O. Stahl, and Andrew B. Whinston.
- “An Ordering Experiment” (2003) *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.
 50(2): 249-262. With A. Norman, M. Ahmed, J. Chou, K. Fortson, C. Kurz, H.
 Lee, K. Meythaler, R. Rando, K. Sheppard, N. Tantzen, I. White, and M. Ziegler.
- “Order: Human versus Computer” (1997) in *Computational Approaches to Economic
 Problems*. (eds.) A. Whinston and B. Rustem. Kluiser Publisher. With Norman,
 A. with G. Leonard, K. Meythaler, K. Murray, H. Newhouse, N. Tantzen, and M.
 Fregles

Working Papers:

- “Are Incumbents Really Advantaged? The Preference for Non-Incumbents in India”
- “Do Families Respond to the Price of Education? An evaluation of Bogota’s Gratuidad
 Program” with Felipe Barrera (World Bank) and Miguel Urquiola (Columbia)
- “Testing Alternative Approaches to Conditional Cash Transfer Programs in Education:
 Evidence from Colombia” with Felipe Barrera (World Bank), Marianne Bertrand
 (U Chicago), and Francisco Perez (Ministry of Education, Colombia).
- “Teaching Subjects that the Teachers Don’t Know: English Education in India” with
 Fang He (Columbia) and Margaret MacLeod (Columbia)
- “Enabling Out-of-School Learning: An Evaluation of the Gyan Shala After-School
 Computer Learning Program”

Work in Progress:

- “Grain Inflation: Misrepresenting Student Attendance in Response to a School Meals
 Program” with Gauri Kartini Shastry (Harvard)
- “Teaching Pre-Schoolers to Read: A Randomized Evaluation of the Pratham
 Shishuvachan Program” with Fang He (Columbia) and Margaret MacLeod
 (Columbia)
- “Could have been a Contender? The Effects of Limiting the Number of Candidates in
 Indian State Parliamentary Elections”
- “Education Production and Peer Networks Among Out-of-School Children in India” with
 James Berry (MIT).
- “Experimentally Measuring Discrimination with an Application to Caste Discrimination
 in India” with Rema Hana (NYU Wagner)

“Protecting Children from War and Ensuring their Prospects for the Future: Educating in the Context of Crisis and Transition” with Dana Burde (Columbia).

“Encouraging Underserved, Intellectually Curious Children: An Evaluation of the Higher Achievement Program in Washington, DC” with Jean Grossman (Princeton University and P/PV) and Carla Herrera (P/PV)

“Proximity and Girls Access to Education. A Quasi-Experiment Approach to Assessing Girl Friendly Schools in Afghanistan” with Harounan Kanziaga (World Bank), Dan Levy (Mathematica), and Matthew Sloan (Mathematica)

“Teaching Children to Read: An Experimental Assessment of Computer Enabled Libraries in Bangalore, India.” with Evan Barkum (Columbia) and Fang He (Columbia)

Awards:

2003: MacArthur Foundation Fellowship

1997-2002: Jacob Javits Fellowship

1997: Phi Beta Kappa, University of Texas at Austin College of Liberal Arts
Dean’s Distinguished Graduate

Grants:

“Education Production and Peer Networks for Out-of-School Children in India” ISERP Seed Grant Competition. 2005.

“Education Production and Peer Networks Among Out-of-School Children in India” National Science Foundation Award SES-0551333. 2005.

“Encouraging Underserved, Intellectually Curious Children: An Evaluation of the Higher Achievement Program in Washington, DC” with Maureen Holla (HAP), Jean Grossman (Princeton University and P/PV) and Carla Herrera (P/PV). Atlantic Philanthropies. 2005.

“Evaluation of Computadores para Educar” with Felipe Barrera (World Bank). Asociacion Computadores para Educar. 2006.

“Evaluation of SED Gratuidad Program to Subsidize School Attendance” with Felipe Barrera (World Bank) and Miguel Urquiola (Columbia). Secretaria de Educacion de Bogota. 2006.

“Encouraging Underserved, Intellectually Curious Children: An Evaluation of the Higher Achievement Program in Washington, DC” with Maureen Holla (HAP), Jean Grossman (Princeton University and P/PV) and Carla Herrera (P/PV). W.T. Grant Foundation. 2006.

“Burkina Faso Girls Education Threshold Program” with Harounan Kazianga (World Bank), Dan Levy (Mathematica), and Ankur Sarin (Mathematica). Millennium Challenge Corporation. 2006.

“Protecting Children from War and Ensuring their Prospects for the Future: Educating in the Context of Crisis and Transition” with Dana Burde (Columbia). National Science Foundation.

“Protecting Children from War and Ensuring their Prospects for the Future: Educating in the Context of Crisis and Transition” with Dana Burde (Columbia). Spencer. 2007.

“Teaching Children to Read: An Experimental Assessment of Computer Enabled Libraries in Bangalore, India.” Michael and Susan Dell Foundation. 2007.

Professional Service:

2004-05 Graduate Student Admissions Committee Department of Economics, Graduate Student Admissions Committee Sustainable Development PhD Program

2005-06 Graduate Student Admissions Committee Department of Economics

2006-07 Graduate Student Admissions Committee Department of Economics, Graduate Student Admissions Committee School of International and Public Affairs, Junior Faculty Search Committee for the School of International and Public Affairs and the Department of Economics.

Referee Service:

American Economic Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies.