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Employment:

2004-Present: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Columbia University
2004-Present: Assistant Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
2008 Fall: Visiting Research Scholar, Center for Research on Child Wellbeing, Princeton University
2008 Fall: Visiting Research Scholar, Center for Health and Wellbeing, Princeton University
1999-2000: White House Council of Economic Advisers, Staff Economist for Environmental Economics and Industrial Organization

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

Affiliations:

2009-Present: Junior Fellow, BREAD
2007-Present: Innovations for Poverty Action, Affiliated Researcher
2007-Present: Research Fellow, IZA
2004-Present: Jameel Poverty Action Lab, MIT, Affiliated Researcher
2004-Present: Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Faculty Fellow

Publications:

“Estimates of the Impact of Crime Risk on Property Values from Megan’s Laws” (2008) *American Economic Review*. 98(3): 1103-27 with Jonah Rockoff (Columbia).

“Remedying Education: Evidence from Two Randomized Experiments in India” (2007) *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. 122(3): 1235-1264 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. Kluwer Publisher. With Norman, A. with G. Leonard, K. Meythaler, K. Murray, H. Newhouse, N. Tantzen, and M. Fregles

Working Papers:

“The Effect of Proximity on School Enrollment: Evidence from a Randomized Trial in Afghanistan” with Dana Burde (NYU Steinhardt)

“Measuring Discrimination in Education” with Rema Hanna (Harvard KSG)

“Bridge Classes and Peer Networks among Out-of-School Children in India” with James Berry (Cornell)

“A Better Way to Teach Children to Read? Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial” with Margaret MacLeod (Columbia) and Fang He (Columbia)

“Do Families Respond to the Price of Education? An evaluation of Bogota’s Gratuidad Program” with Felipe Barrera-Osorio (World Bank) and Miguel Urquiola (Columbia)

“Testing Alternative Approaches to Conditional Cash Transfer Programs in Education: Evidence from Colombia” with Felipe Barrera-Osorio (World Bank), Marianne Bertrand (U Chicago), and Francisco Perez (Ministry of Education, Colombia).

“The Use and Misuse of Computers in Education: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial of a Language Arts Program” with Felipe Barrera-Osorio (World Bank)

“How to Teach English in India: Testing the Relative Productivity of Instruction Methods within the Pratham English Language Education Program” with Fang He (Columbia) and Margaret MacLeod (Columbia)

“Enabling Out-of-School Learning: An Evaluation of the Gyan Shala After-School Computer Learning Program”

“Complement or Substitute? The Effect of Technology on Student Achievement in India”

“Identifying Agent Discretion: Exaggerating Student Attendance in Response to a Conditional School Nutrition Program” with Gauri Kartini Shastri (Harvard)

“Are Incumbents Really Advantaged? The Preference for Non-Incumbents in India”

“Could have been a Contender? The Effects of Limiting the Number of Candidates in Indian State Parliamentary Elections”

Work in Progress:

“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)

“Enabling Young Readers: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial of a Primary School Reading Program” with Todd Kumler (Columbia)

“The Effect of Land Titles: Evidence from a RCT in Mongolia” with Erica Field (Harvard) and Shing-Yi Wang (NYU)

“The Effect of Grazing Rights on Land Degradation and the Wellbeing of Herder Communities” with Erica Field (Harvard) and Shing-Yi Wang (NYU)

“Incentivizing the Private Sector to Increase the Supply of Education: An Evaluation of a Public Private Partnership in Pakistan” with Felipe Barrera-Osorio (World Bank) and Dhushyanth Raju (World Bank)

“Facilitating the Payment of School Fees: Evidence from a RCT in Uganda” with Dean Karlan (Yale)

“Educating Child Laborers in Nepal” with Eric Edmonds (Dartmouth)

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards:

2008-2010: National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship

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. Amount: \$14,640

“Education Production and Peer Networks Among Out-of-School Children in India” National Science Foundation Award SES-0551333. 2005. Amount: \$353,855

“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 Harrera (P/PV). Atlantic Philanthropies. 2005. Amount: \$750,000

“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 Harrera (P/PV). W.T. Grant Foundation. 2006. Amount: \$750,000

“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 Harrera (P/PV). Pickover Foundation. 2008. Amount: \$750,000

“Evaluation of Computadores para Educar” with Felipe Barrera (World Bank). Asociacion Computadores para Educar. 2006. Amount: \$95,000

“Evaluation of SED Gratuidad Program to Subsidize School Attendance” with Felipe Barrera (World Bank) and Miguel Urquiola (Columbia). Secretaria de Educacion de Bogota. 2006. Amount: \$27,952

“Burkina Faso Girls Education Threshold Program” with Harounan Kazianga (World Bank), Dan Levy (Mathematica), and Ankur Sarin (Mathematica). Millennium Challenge Corporation. 2006. Amount: \$483,283

“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. 2007. Amount: \$99,498

“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. Amount: \$483,283

“Teaching Children to Read: An Experimental Assessment of Computer Enabled Libraries in Bangalore, India.” Michael and Susan Dell Foundation. 2007. Amount: \$90,000

“Enabling Young Readers: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial of a Primary School Reading Program” with Sa Aklat Sisikat. Asia Foundation. 2008. Amount: \$100,000

“Sindh: Differential Stipends Program Impact Evaluation Project” with Felipe Barrera-Osorio (World Bank) and Dhushyanth Raju (World Bank). World Bank Education Program Development Fund. 2008. IE-P102140-IMPE-TF091923. Amount: \$150,000

“Sindh: Public Private Partnership Impact Evaluation Project” with Felipe Barrera-Osorio (World Bank) and Dhushyanth Raju (World Bank). World Bank Education Program Development Fund. 2008. IE-P111361-IMPE-TF091923. Amount: \$210,000

"Research on Children Working in the Carpet Industry of India, Nepal, and Pakistan" with Eric Edmond (Dartmouth) and IFC. United States Department of Labor. 2008. Cooperative Agreement IL-16565-07-75-K. Amount: \$3,500,000

“Impact Evaluation Design and Implementation Services: Mongolia Property Rights and Vocational Education Projects” with Erica Field (Harvard) and Shing-Yi Wang (NYU). Millennium Challenge Corporation. 2009. MCC-07-0123-CON-91. Amount: \$733,267

Referee:

American Economics Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Urban Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Research in Labor Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Welcome Trust, World Development.

Professional Service:

Graduate Student Admissions Committee Department of Economics, 2004-2008

Graduate Student Admissions Committee Sustainable Development PhD Program, 2004-2008

Member Core Faculty Sustainable Development PhD Program, 2007-present

Graduate Advising:

Shubha Chakravarty (World Bank), Margaret MacLeod, Fang He, Evan Borkum, Todd Kumler, Solomon Hsiang, Hyuncheol Kim, Mark Orrs

Teaching:

Micro Economic Theory (Graduate Level), Causal Inference (Masters Level, Undergraduate Level), Economic and Political Development Workshop (Masters Level)

Conferences and Seminars:

Australian National University: 2008

BREAD: 2008

CIES: 2008

Columbia University, Political Science: 2006

Columbia University, School of Social Work: 2008

IZA: 2005, 2009

LACEA: 2007

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER): 2006, 2007, 2008

New York University Steinhardt School: 2008

New York University, Wagner School: 2004, 2007

NEUDC: 2006

Rutgers University: 2008

Yale University: 2009

Universidad de Los Andes: 2008

University of California at Merced: 2009

University College London: 2009