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## Education:

2013 (expected)	Ph.D.	Economics	Columbia University
2010	M.Phil.	Economics	Columbia University
2009	M.A.	Economics	Columbia University
2007	M.I.A.	International Economics	Columbia University
2004	A.L.B.	Economics	Harvard University

## Fields of Specialization:

Primary Fields: Development, Political Economy  
Secondary Field: Public Finance

## Job Market Paper: “Politics and Public Goods in Developing Countries: Evidence from India”

Abstract: Using an instrument to generate random variation in the identity of the party representing a parliamentary constituency in the national government of India, I show that party preferences have substantial effects on the composition of public goods. Where the party exogenously assigned to a constituency belongs to the pro-poor party, access to drinking water and primary education increase, while electrification, paved roads, and telephone coverage decline. These results are consistent with the preferences of the party’s core supporters. In contrast to the large and significant results obtained through the IV identification, the use of an RD design yields small and generally insignificant results. The latter finding is consistent with electoral models predicting policy convergence of rival parties in pursuit of the median voter.

## Working Papers:

“Expanding Educational Opportunities in Remote Parts of the World: Evidence from an RCT of a Public-Private Partnership in Pakistan,” (with Leigh Linden, Matthew Hoover, Dhushyanth Raju, and Felipe Barrerra) September 2012.

“Ethno-Religious Politics in Polarized Societies: Evidence from the India,” September 2012.

“Prosperity and Property Crime in Agrarian Societies: Evidence from India,” (with Ram Fishman) September 2012.

**Works in Progress:**

“Business Cycles and Economic Transformation: The Macroeconomics of Developing Countries.”

“Political Cycles of Rural Violence in Developing Countries.”

**Presentations:**

2013: Midwest Political Science Association

2012: NEUDC (Dartmouth)

2011: IZA/World Bank Conference (ITAM)

**Research Experience:**

2009-2012: RA for Leigh Linden, Columbia University (Consultant for World Bank, via ISERP, Columbia).

June 2009-Dec 2009: Consultant, UNDP, Human Development Report Afghanistan.

**Teaching Experience:**

Teaching assistantships:

Spring 2012: (Historical Foundations of Modern Economic Thought, TA for Andre Burgstaller)

Spring 2009: (The Global Economy, TA for Sunil Gulati)

Fall 2008; Fall 2009: (Economic Growth and Development, TA for Xavier Sala-i-Martin)

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