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Employment:

2011-Present: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, The University of Texas at Austin
2011-Present: Assistant Professor, LBJ School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas at Austin
2004-2011: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Columbia University
2004-2011: 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
Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Economics, 1997
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, 1997

Affiliations:

2010-Present: Associate Editor, Journal of Development Economics
2010-Present: Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
2010-Present: Evaluation Advisory Board, Carrera Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program
2010-Present: Technical Advisory Board, Project Malawi
2009-Present: Junior Fellow, Bureau for Research and Economics Analysis of Development (BREAD)
2007-Present: Affiliated Researcher, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)
2007-Present: Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)
2004-Present: Affiliated Researcher, Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL),
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2004-2011: Faculty Fellow, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (ISERP),
Columbia University

Publications:

- "Improving the Design of Conditional Transfer Programs: Evidence from a Randomized Education Experiment in Colombia " with Felipe Barrera-Osorio (World Bank), Marianne Bertrand (U Chicago), and Francisco Perez (G|Exponential) Forthcoming at *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*
- "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. Kluiser Publisher. With Norman, A. with G. Leonard, K. Meythaler, K. Murray, H. Newhouse, N. Tantzen, and M. Fregles

Working Papers:

- "Measuring Discrimination in Education" with Rema Hanna (Harvard Kenedy School) *Revise and Resubmit at American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*
- "Identifying Agent Discretion: Exaggerating Student Attendance in Response to a Conditional School Nutrition Program" with Gauri Kartini Shastry (Wellesley). *Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Development Economics*
- "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). *Under Review*.
- "School Libraries and Language Skills in Indian Primary Schools: A Randomized Evaluation of the Akshara Library Program" with Evan Borkum (Mathematica) and Fang He (General Accounting Office). *Under Review*.
- "The Effects of Village-Based Schools: Evidence from a RCT in Afghanistan" with Dana Burde (NYU Steinhardt)

"How to Teach English in India: Testing the Relative Productivity of Instruction Methods within the Pratham English Language Education Program" with Fang He (General Accounting Office) and Margaret MacLeod (US Foreign Service)

"A Better Way to Teach Children to Read? Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trail" with Fang He (General Accounting Office) and Margaret MacLeod (US Foreign Service)

"Improving Reading Skills by Encouraging Children to Read: A Randomized Evaluation of the Sa Aklat Sisikat Program in the Philippines" with Ama Baafrá Abeberese (Columbia) and Todd Kumler (Columbia)

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

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

"The Effects of User Fee Reductions on Enrollment: Evidence from a Quasi-Experiment" with Felipe Barrera-Osorio (World Bank) and Miguel Urquiola (Columbia)

"Are Incumbents Always 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:

"Private Partnerships to Create Rural Schools: Evidence from a RCT in Pakistan" with Felipe Barrera-Osorio (World Bank), David Blakeslee (Columbia), Matthew Hoover (RAND), Dhushyanth Raju (World Bank)

"Relative Effects of Girl-Friendly School Construction: Evaluation of the BRIGHT School Program in Burkina Faso" with Harounan Kazianga (Oklahoma State), Daniel Levy (Harvard KSG), and Mathew Sloan (Mathematica)

"Long-Term Effects of Girl-Friendly School Construction: Evaluation of the BRIGHT School Program in Burkina Faso" with Harounan Kazianga (Oklahoma State), Daniel Levy (Harvard KSG), and Mathew Sloan (Mathematica)

"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)

"Spin-the-Bottle: A Randomization Technique Best Left to Teenagers" with Felipe Barrera-Osorio (World Bank), David Blakeslee (Columbia), Matthew Hoover (RAND), Dhushyanth Raju (World Bank)

"The Political Effects of Community-Based Schools: Evidence from Afghanistan" with Dana Burde (NYU Steinhardt)

"The Returns to Vocational Training: Evidence from a RCT in Mongolia" with Erica Field (Harvard) and Shing-Yi Wang (NYU)

"The Effects of Clear Property Rights: Evidence from a Randomized Evaluation of a Land Titling Program in Mongolia" with Erica Field (Harvard) and Shing-Yi Wang (NYU)

"Saving to Re-Enroll: A Randomized Evaluation of an Educational Commitment Savings Device in Uganda" with Dean Karlan (Yale)

"The Effects of Individualized Instruction: A Randomized Pilot Evaluation of the School of One" with Jonah Rockoff (Columbia GSB)

"The Effects of Education Subsidies on Child in the Carpet Industry 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). Pickower 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 Evaluation" with Harounan Kazianga (World Bank), Dan Levy (Mathematica), and Matthew Sloan (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

“Long-Term Effects of Girl Friendly Schools in Burkina Faso” with Harounan Kazianga (World Bank), Dan Levy (Mathematica), and Matthew Sloan (Mathematica). Millennium Challenge Corporation. 2010. Amount: \$870,571

“Evaluation of the School-of-One” with Jonah Rockoff (Columbia GSB). US Department of Education. \$315,000

Referee Service:

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, MacArthur Foundation Bellagio Program, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics of Education Review, International Journal of Educational Development, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Urban Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Research in Labor Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Welcome Trust, World Development.

University Service:

Graduate Student Admissions Committee Department of Economics, 2004-08
Graduate Student Admissions Committee Sustainable Development PhD Program, 2004-08, 2009-10
Member Core Faculty Sustainable Development PhD Program, 2007-present

Dissertation Committee:

Shubha Chakravarty (World Bank), Margaret MacLeod (US Department of State), Fang He (US General Accounting Office), Evan Borkum (Mathematica)

Teaching:

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

Conferences and Seminars:

APPAM: 2010
Australian National University: 2008
BREAD: 2008
Brown University: 2010
Center for Global Development: 2009
CIES: 2008
Columbia University, Political Science: 2006

Columbia University, School of Social Work: 2008

Columbia University, Teacher's College: 2010

IZA: 2005, 2009

LACEA: 2007

National Academy of Education: 2010

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER): 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

New York University Steinhardt School: 2008

New York University, Wagner School: 2004, 2007

NEUDC: 2006

Rutgers University: 2008

Stanford University: 2010

Texas A&M: 2009

Tulane University: 2010

Yale University: 2009

Universidad de Los Andes: 2008

University of California at Davis: 2010

University of California at Merced: 2009

University of California at San Diego: 2010

University of Chicago: 2009

University College London: 2009

University of Houston: 2009