

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

DATE	DEGREE	INSTITUTION
2004	Ph.D. Economics	Birkbeck College, University of London
1995	Masters Economics	Birkbeck College, University of London
1988	B.A. Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	Oxford University

TITLE OF DOCTORAL THESIS:

Transparency and Standards: Evaluating the Effect of Institutions

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

1990-1991 Kennedy Scholar, Economics Department, Harvard University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2000-2004 Adjunct Lecturer, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

2004-present Executive Director, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab MIT
2010-present Scientific Director, J-PAL Africa
2014-present Co-Chair, J-PAL Education Program
2004-2014 Co-Chair, J-PAL Agriculture Program
1997-2004 Economist/Senior Economist, International Monetary Fund
1996-1997 Development Associate, Harvard Institute for International Development
1994-1996 Technical Assistant to the UK Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank
1992-1994 Economic Adviser, HM Treasury
1988-1992 Economic Assistant, HM Treasury

FIELDS OF INTEREST Development Economics, Agricultural Economics, Health Economics, Governance

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICES

- 2010-present Lead Academic, Sierra Leone Country Programme, International Growth Centre
2009-present Board Member, Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative
2008-2013 Board Member, Deworm the World
2007-2010 Member, Independent Advisory Committee on Development Impact for the Department for International Development, UK.
2004-2009 Technical Advisor to the Evaluation Unit of the Institutional Reform and Capacity Building Project, Sierra Leone.

Referee: American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Journal of Evaluation, Economics of Education Review, Health Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Review of Law & Economics.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Refereed Journals

- 2015 “The Miracle of Microfinance? Evidence from a Randomized Evaluation,” **AEJ: Applied Economics**, 7(1): 22-53. (with Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo, and Cynthia Kinnan)
- 2013 “The Challenge of Education and Learning in the Developing World,” **Science**, 340(6130) 297-300. (with Michael Kremer and Conner Brannen)
- 2013 “Collective Action in Diverse Sierra Leone Communities,” **The Economic Journal**, 123: 285-316. (with Edward Miguel and Alexander D. Rothenberg)
- 2012 “Reshaping Institutions: Evidence on Aid Impacts Using a Preanalysis Plan,” **The Quarterly Journal of Economics**, 127(4) 1755-1812. (with Katherine Casey and Edward Miguel)
- 2012 “The Power of Evidence: Improving the Effectiveness of Government by Investing in More Rigorous Evaluation,” **National Institute Economic Review** 219(1) R4-R14.
- 2010 “Improving immunization coverage in rural India: clustered randomized controlled evaluation of immunization campaigns with and without incentives,” **British Medical Journal** 340: 2220. (with Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo, and Dhruva Kohari)
- 2008 “Does Transparency Pay?” **IMF Staff Papers**, 55(1). (with Yongseok Shin)
- 2008 “Pitfalls of Participatory Programs: Evidence from a randomized evaluation in education in India” **American Economic Journal: Economic Policy**, 2(1) 1-30 (with Abhijit Banerjee, Rukmini Banerji, Esther Duflo, and Stuti Khemani) (see also NBER Working Paper No 14467).
- 2008 “Putting a Band Aid on a Corpse: Incentives for Nurses in the Indian Public Health Care System,” **Journal of the European Economic Association**, 6(2-3) 487-500. (with Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo)
- 2006 “Creating Markets for Vaccines,” **Innovations**, 66-79. (with Michael Kremer and Heidi Williams)

- 2006 “Advance purchase commitments for a malaria vaccine: Estimating costs and effectiveness,” **Health Economics**, 16(5) 491-511. (with Ernst Berndt, Michael Kremer, Jean Lee, Ruth Levine, Georg Weisäcker, and Heidi Williams)

Working Papers

- 2013 “Rural Roads and Intermediated Trade: Regression Discontinuity Evidence from Sierra Leone,” **SSRN Working Paper**, 50 pgs. (with Lorenzo Casaburi and Tavneet Suri)
- 2011 “Throwing the Baby out with the Drinking Water: Unintended Consequences of Arsenic Testing in Bangladesh,” **J-PAL Working Paper**, 47 pgs. (with Erica Field and Reshma Hussam)
- 2010 “The Miracle of Microfinance? Evidence from a Randomized Evaluation,” **J-PAL Working Paper**, 52 pgs. (with Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo, and Cynthia Kinnan)
- 2006 “Baseline Report on the Quality of Primary Education in Sierra Leone,” **J-PAL Working Paper**, 16 pgs. (with Shehla Imran and Katherine Whiteside)

Books and book chapters

- 2014 “Balancing Risk and Benefit: Ethical Tradeoffs in Running Randomized Evaluations” in **Handbook of Professional Economic Ethics**, edited by George DeMartino, Oxford University Press. (with Shawn Powers)
- 2013 **Running Randomized Evaluations: A practical guide.** Princeton University Press. (with Kudzai Takavarasha)
- 2012 “Improving Health in Developing Countries: Evidence from Randomized Evaluations” in **Handbook of Health Economics (Vol. 2)**, edited by Mark V. Pauly, Thomas G. McGuire and Pedro P. Barros, Elsevier Press. (with Michael Kremer)
- 2011 “Is Decentralized Iron Fortification a Feasible Option to Fight Anemia among the Poorest?” in **Explorations in the Economics of Aging**, edited by David Wise, University of Chicago Press. (with Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo)
- 2009 Comment in **Africa’s Turn** by Edward Miguel, pp. 113-120, The MIT Press.
- 2009 “Impact of Decentralization on Public Services: Evidence to Date,” in Younmei Zhou (ed) **Decentralization, Democracy and Development: Recent Experience from Sierra Leone**, World Bank. (with Elizabeth Foster)
- 2008 “Using Randomization in Development Economics Research: A Toolkit,” in T. Paul Schultz (ed) **Handbook of Development Economics**, Volume 4, pp. 3895-3957. (with Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer) (see also NBER Technical Working Paper 333)
- 2004 **“Strong Medicine: Creating Incentives for Pharmaceutical Research on Neglected Diseases”** Princeton University Press. (with Michael Kremer)

Other Publications

- 2011 “Small Changes, Big Results: Behavioral Economics at Work in Poor Countries,” **Boston Review**, 36(2): 12-17. (with Michael Kremer)
- 2007 “Can Informational Campaigns Raise Awareness and Local Participation in Primary Education?” **Economic and Political Weekly**, 42(15): 1365-1372. (with Abhijit Banerjee, Rukmini Banerji, Esther Duflo, Daniel Keniston, Stuti Khemani, and Marc Shotland)
- 2006 “Fighting Poverty: What Works? Education: Meeting the Millennium Development Goals,” **J-PAL Briefcase**, 4 pgs.
- 2005 “The Price of Life,” **Foreign Policy**, pp. 26-27. (with Michael Kremer and Heidi Williams),
- 2004 "Randomized Evaluations of Interventions in Social Service Delivery," **Development Outreach** 6(1), 9 pgs. (with Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer)
- 2000 "A World Bank Vaccine Commitment," **Brookings Institution**, Policy Brief #57, 4 pgs. (with Michael Kremer)
- 2000 “A Better Way to Spur Medical Research and Development,” **Regulation**, 23(2), pp. 34-39. (with Michael Kremer)

ONGOING RESEARCH

- “Adolescent Empowerment and Early Marriage in Rural Bangladesh” (with Erica Field)
- “Using Behavioral Economics to Improve Compliance with Tuberculosis Treatment” (with Aamir Khan, Angela Kilby, Jose Gomez-Marquez, and Shama Mohammed)
- “Promoting Adoption of New Innovations in the Presence of Learning Externalities” (with Tavneet Suri)
- “How Important are Roads for Development?” (with Lorenzo Casaburi and Tavneet Suri)

COMPETITIVE RESEARCH AWARDS

- 2011-2012 International Growth Center (with Lorenzo Casaburi and Tavneet Suri)
- 2010-2015 National Institutes of Health PO1 (PO1 lead Esther Duflo, project coauthor Erica Field)
- 2010-2013 International Growth Center (with Tavneet Suri)
- 2009-2010 International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (with Katherine Casey and Edward Miguel)
- 2009-2014 International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (with Erica Field)
- 2009-2011 International Growth Center (with Katherine Casey and Edward Miguel)
- 2009-2015 Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative (with Tavneet Suri)