

## 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  
2004-present 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

- 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 Kothari)
- 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 “The Miracle of Microfinance? Evidence from a Randomized Evaluation,” **NBER Working Paper No. 18950**, 52 pgs. (with Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo, and Cynthia Kinnan)
- 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

- In Press **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)