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EDUCATION

1999 Ph.D., Economics, London School of Economics
1995 M.Sc. in Economics, London School of Economics (Distinction)
1994 MA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Oxford University
1992 BA (Hons.) in Economics, St. Stephens College, Delhi University

CURRENT AND PREVIOUS PRINCIPAL POSITIONS

July 2006 – Mohammed Kamal Professor of Public Policy, Kennedy School, Harvard University
2005 – 2006 Associate Professor of Economics, Yale University
2003 – 2005 Assistant Professor of Economics, Yale University
1999 – 2002 Assistant Professor of Economics, Columbia University

VISITING POSITIONS

Fall 2010 Visiting Professor of Economics, London School of Economics
Spring 2006 Visiting Associate Professor of Economics, University of California, Berkeley
Fall 2005 Visiting Associate Professor of Economics, Columbia University
2002 – 2003 Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, MIT

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Research Associate, Political Economy Program, NBER
Board Member, BREAD
Research Affiliate, Public Policy Program and Development Economics Program, CEPR
Board Member at Large, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession
Board of Directors and Co-Chair, Governance Initiative, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, MIT
Research Associate, Governance Group, International Food Policy Research Institute

EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2008 – Board of Editors, *American Economic Review*
2009 – Associate Editor, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*
2004 – Associate Editor, *Journal of Development Economics*
2007 – Associate Editor, *Review of Economics and Statistics*

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Development Economics, Political Economy, and Gender Economics

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

“Just Rewards? Local Politics and Public Resource Allocation in South India,” with Timothy Besley and Vijayendra Rao. *World Bank Economic Review* (forthcoming).

“Do Traditional Institutions Constrain Female Entrepreneurship? A Field Experiment on Business Training in India,” with Erica Field and Seema Jayachandran. *American Economic Review*, May 2010, Vol. 100 (2): pp. 125-129.

“Powerful Women: Female Leadership and Gender Bias,” with Lori Beaman, Raghavendra Chattopadhyay, Esther Duflo and Petia Topalova. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, November 2009, Vol. 124 (4): 1497–1540.

“Segregation, Rent Control, and Riots: the Economics of Religious Conflict in an Indian City,” with Erica Field, Matthew Levinson, Sujata Visara. *American Economic Review*, May 2008, Vol. 98 (2): pp. 505-510.

“Repayment Frequency and Default in Micro-Finance: Evidence from India,” with Erica Field. *Journal of European Economic Association*, April-May 2008, Vol. 6 (2-3): pp. 501-550.

“Coordinating Development: Can Investment Tax and Subsidy Schemes Eliminate Coordination Failures?” with P. Bond in *Journal of Development Economics*, July 2007, Vol. 83: 368-391.

“Dams,” with Esther Duflo, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, May 2007, Vol. 122 (2): 601-646.

“Profits and Politics: Coordinating Technology Adoption in Agriculture,” *Journal of Development Economics*, December 2006, Vol. 81 (2): 299-315.

“Can Rural Banks Reduce Poverty? Evidence from the Indian Social Banking Experiment,” with R. Burgess, *American Economic Review*, June 2005, Vol.95 (3), pp.780-795.

“Banking for the Poor: Evidence from India,” with R. Burgess and G. Wong, *Journal of the European Economics Association*, April-May 2005, Vol. 3 (2-3): 268-278.

“Participatory Democracy in Action: Survey Evidence from India,” with T. Besley and V. Rao, *Journal of the European Economics Association*, April-May 2005, Vol. 3 (2-3): 648-657.

“Unmarried Parenthood and Redistributive Politics,” with L. Edlund and L. Haider, *Journal of European Economic Association*, March 2005, Volume 3(1): 95-119.

“The Politics of Public Good Provision: Evidence from Indian Local Governments,” with T. Besley, L. Rao, and V. Rao, *Journal of the European Economics Association*, April-May 2004, Vol. 2 (2-3): 416-426.

“Can Mandated Political Representation Provide Disadvantaged Minorities Policy Influence? Theory and Evidence from India,” *American Economic Review*, September 2003, Vol. 93 (4):1132-1151.

“Why Have Women Become Left-Wing? The Political Gender Gap and the Decline in Marriage,” with L. Edlund, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, August 2002, Vol. 117: 917-961.

OVERVIEW ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Governance

“Corruption in Developing Countries” with Ben Olken, in preparation for *Annual Review of Economics*, Volume 3, 2011.

“Can Informed Voters Enforce Better Governance? Experiments in Low Income Democracies,” *Annual Review of Economics*, Volume 3, 2011.

“Institutions and Development: A View from Below,” with Chris Udry in *Proceedings of the 9th World Congress of the Econometric Society*, edited by R.Blundell, W.Newey and T.Persson, Cambridge University Press 2005, pp 349 – 403.

“Understanding Political Corruption in Low Income Countries,” in *Handbook of Development Economics, Volume 4*, T. Schultz & J. Strauss, Eds., April 2007, pp. 3155-3184.

Gender

“Political Reservation and Substantive Representation: Evidence from Indian Village Councils”, with Lori Beaman, Esther Duflo and Petia Topalova, *India Policy Forum, Brookings and NCAER Volume 7, 2011*.

“Politics as a Male Domain and Empowerment in India,” with Lori Beaman and Alexandra Cirone. Chapter in *The Impact of Gender Quotas: Women's Descriptive, Substantive, and Symbolic Representation*, edited by Susan Franceschet, Mona Lena Krook, and Jennifer M. Piscopo, forthcoming Oxford University Press.

“Gender Quotas and Female Leadership”, with Deanna Ford, Background Paper for World Development Report, World Bank 2011.

“Women Politicians, Gender Bias and Policy-Making in Rural India,” with Lori Beaman, Esther Duflo and Petia Topalova, Background paper for 2007 *State of the World's Children Report*, UNICEF.

Environment

“Towards an Emissions Trading Scheme for Air Pollutants in India,” with Esther Duflo, Michael Greenstone and Nicholas Ryan, Discussion Paper, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India, August 2010.

“Improving Human Health Through a Market-Friendly Emissions Scheme,” with Michael Greenstone, Aparna Krishnan, Nicholas Ryan and Anant Sudarshan. Seminar Volume for *International Seminar on Global Environment and Disaster Management: Law and Society* (organized by Supreme Court of India, Ministry of Environment and Forest and Law Ministry).

WORKING PAPERS

“The Economic Returns to Social Interaction: Experimental Evidence from Microfinance,” with Benjamin Feigenberg and Erica Field, Revised January, 2011.

“Debt Structure, Entrepreneurship and Risk: Experimental Evidence from Microfinance,” with Erica Field, John Papp and Natalia Rigol, Revised, August 2011.

“Do Informed Voters Make Better Choices? Experimental Evidence from Urban India,” with Abhijit V. Banerjee, Selvan Kumar and Felix Su, Revised March, 2011.

“Can Voters be Primed to Choose Better Legislators? Evidence from Voter Campaigns in India,” with Abhijit Banerjee, Donald Green and Jennifer Green, 2010.

“Parochial Politics: Ethnic Preferences and Politician Corruption,” with Abhijit Banerjee, Revised January 2009.

“The Impact of Tenancy Reform on Land Distribution and Wages: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in India,” with Timothy Besley, Jessica Leight and Vijayendra Rao, August 2011.

“Read my Lips: The Political Economy of Information Transmission,” with Timothy Besley, STICERD Theoretical Economics Discussion Paper, July 2009.

BOOK REVIEWS, COMMENTS AND SHORTER PIECES

“Women in a Woeful World,” Review of *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn in *Harvard Review*, September-October 2009.

‘Rural Credit’ and ‘Dams’ in *The Oxford Companion to Economics in India*, ed. Kaushik Basu, Oxford University Press 2007.

“Political Economy of Panchayats in South India,” with Timothy Besley, Vijayendra Rao, *Economic and Political Weekly*, February 24, 2007.

Comment on Jim Levinsohn and Margaret McMillan, ‘Does Food Aid Harm the Poor? Household Evidence from Ethiopia’ in *Globalization and Poverty*, NBER volume edited by Ann Harrison, University of Chicago Press, 2006.

Review of “Annual World Bank Conference of Development Economics,” *Journal of Economic Literature*, June 2006.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

2011	CESifo Conference on Malnutrition in South Asia
2010	NBER/BREAD Development Conference
2009	Radcliffe Conference on Theory and Experiments in Political Economy
2007	Co-Organizer, NEUDC Harvard
2004, 2006, 2007	Member European Economic Association Program Committee

REVIEW PANELS

Member, NSF Economics Panel, 2008 – 2010

Member, ADBI Review Panel, 2010

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

2008 and 2009	Lunch on the Dean, Kennedy School teaching award
1998	Wingate Scholarship; New Scholar, Public Policy Programme CEPR
1997	Royal Economic Society Junior Research Fellowship
1996	Overseas Research Students Award, British Government
1992	Rhodes Scholarship

GRANTS

2011	NSF grant on Environmental regulation in India (with Esther Duflo and Michael Greenstone); 3ie grant for KGFS evaluation; ATAI: The Impact of Financial Access and Social Networks on Agriculture (with Erica Field)
2010	NSF grant: Do Informed Voters Make Better Choices? (with Abhijit Banerjee). IGC Grants: female leadership training and microfinance experiments, Urban Governance and Poverty Reduction in Delhi’s Slums (with Michael Walton and

	Abhijit Banerjee), Does Improved Regulatory Enforcement Reduce Industrial Pollution? (with Esther Duflo and Michael Greenstone).
	USAID: Using Voter Education to Ensure Better Governance (with Abhijit Banerjee).
	ExxonMobil Foundation: Empowering Women: Economic Participation, Agency and Opportunity (with Erica Field).
	International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) Grant for Impact Evaluation of Information Disclosure on Elected Representatives' Performance
	Science of Generosity Grant: Does Microfinance Promote Generosity
	U.S. Department of Labor grant: Designing Microfinance to Enable Consumption Smoothing: Evidence from India (with Erica Field)
	Sustainability Science Program: Improving Gujarat's Industrial Pollution Inspection Standards.
2009	International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) Grant: Improving Gujarat's Industrial Pollution Inspection Standards;
	IGC Grant: The impact of electronic procurement of public works contracts
	Women and Public Policy Grant, Empowerment Lab (CID) grant
	IFMR Trust Grant: Evaluating the Returns to Rural Banking
2008	NSF grant SES-0752792: Location Matters: Social Networks, Neighborhood Effects and Economic Development in Urban India (with Erica Field),
	Weatherhead Center Large Research Grant,
2004	NSF grant SES-0417634
2003	NSF SERG grant
2001	NSF grant SES-0114939 (with Lena Edlund); World Bank Panchayat grant (with T. Besley and V. Rao)

PHD DISSERTATION SUPERVISION (WITH INITIAL PLACEMENT)

Laila Haider (NERA/LSE Government), Siddharth Sharma (World Bank), Sujata Visaria (Boston University), Lori Beaman (Northwestern), Kate Sims (Amherst), Afua Branoah Banful (IFPRI), Madiha Afzal (Maryland Public Policy), Oendrilla Dube (NYU Political Science), Sandip Sukhtankar (Dartmouth), Ngoc Anh Tran (Indiana Public Policy), Sharon Barnhardt (IFMR), Eliana Carranza (Rand), Martin Kanz (World Bank)