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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-Pesent: Associate Editor, Journal of Development Economics
2010-Pesent: Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
2009-Pesent: 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
2011-Present: Faculty Research Associate, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
2012-Present: Faculty Affiliate, Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin
2012-Present: Core Member, South Asia Institute, University of Texas at Austin

2010-Present: Evaluation Advisory Board, Carrera Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program
2004-2011: Faculty Fellow, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (ISERP), Columbia University

Publications:

"The Effects of 'Girl-Friendly' Schools: Evidence from the BRIGHT School Construction Program in Burkina Faso" Accepted at *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* with Harounan Kazianga, Dan Levy, and Mathew Sloan

"Bringing Education to Afghan Girls: A Randomized Controlled Trial of Village-Based Schools" Accepted at *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* with Dana Burde.

"Discrimination in Grading" (2012) *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 4(4): 146-68 with Rema Hanna.

"Grain Inflation: Identifying Agent Discretion in Response to a Conditional School Nutrition Program" (2012) *Journal of Development Economics*, 99(1): 128-138 with Gauri Kartini Shastry.

"Improving the Design of Conditional Transfer Programs: Evidence from a Randomized Education Experiment in Colombia," (2011) *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*. 3(2): 167-95 with Felipe Barrera-Osorio, Marianne Bertrand, and Francisco Perez.

"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.

"Remedying Education: Evidence from Two Randomized Experiments in India" (2007) *Quarterly Journal of Economics.* 122(3): 1235-1264 with Abhijit Bannerjee, Esther Duflo, and Shawn Cole.

"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

Under Review:

"Improving Reading Skills by Encouraging Children to Read: A Randomized Evaluation of the Sa Aklat Sisikat Program in the Philippines" with Ama Baafra Abeberese and Todd Kumler. *Revise and Resubmit at the Journal of Human Resources.*

"The Use and Misuse of Computers in Education: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial of a Language Arts Program" with Felipe Barrera-Osorio.

"School Libraries and Language Skills in Indian Primary Schools: A Randomized Evaluation of the Akshara Library Program" with Evan Borkum and Fang He.

Working Papers:

"Encouraging Underserved, Intellectually Curious Children: An Evaluation of the Higher Achievement Program in Washington, DC" with Jean Grossman and Carla Harrera.

"How to Teach English in India: Testing the Relative Productivity of Instruction Methods within the Pratham English Language Education Program" with Fang He and Margaret MacLeod.

"A Better Way to Teach Children to Read? Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trail" with Fang He and Margaret MacLeod.

"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

"The Effects of User Fee Reductions on Enrollment: Evidence from a Quasi-Experiment" with Felipe Barrera-Osorio and Miguel Urquiola.

"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 David Blakeslee, Matthew Hoover, Dhushyanth Raju.

"Long-Term Effects of Girl-Friendly School Construction: Evaluation of the BRIGHT School Program in Burkina Faso" with Harounan Kazianga, Dan Levy, and Mathew Sloan.

"Spin-the-Bottle: A Randomization Technique Best Left to Teenagers" with Felipe Barrera-Osorio (World Bank), David Blakeslee, Matthew Hoover, Dhushyanth Raju.
"The Political Effects of Community-Based Schools: Evidence from Afghanistan" with Dana Burde.

"The Returns to Vocational Training: Evidence from a RCT in Mongolia" with Erica Field and Shing-Yi Wang.
"The Effects of Clear Property Rights: Evidence from a Randomized Evaluation of a Land Titling Program in Mongolia" with Erica Field and Shing-Yi Wang.

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

"The Effects of Individualized Instruction: A Randomized Pilot Evaluation of the School of One" with Jonah Rockoff.

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards:

2011-Present: Fellow, Murray S. Johnson Chair in Economics
2011-Present: Fellow, Leroy G. Denman, Jr Regents Assistant Professorship in Economics
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
1997: College of Liberal Arts Dean's Distinguished Graduate, University of Texas at Austin

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 and Carla Herrera. Atlantic Philanthropies. 2005. Amount: $750,000

"Encouraging Underserved, Intellectually Curious Children: An Evaluation of the Higher Achievement Program in Washington, DC" with Maureen Holla, Jean Grossman, and Carla Herrera. 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, Jean Grossman and Carla Herrera. 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 and Miguel Urquiol. Secretaria de Educacion de Bogota. 2006. Amount: $27,952

"Burkina Faso Girls Education Threshold Program Evaluation" with Harounan Kazianga, Dan Levy, and Matthew Sloan. 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. 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. Spencer. 2007. Amount: $483,283

"Teaching Children to Read: An Experimental Assessment of Computer Enabled Libraries in Banglore, 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 and Dhushyanth Raju. 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 and Dhushyanth Raju. 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 Edmonds 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 and Shing-Yi Wang. 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, Dan Levy, and Matthew Sloan. Millennium Challenge Corporation. 2010. Amount: $870,571

"Evaluation of the School-of-One" with Jonah Rockoff. US Department of Education. $315,000

"Encouraging Underserved, Intellectually Curious Children: An Evaluation of the Higher Achievement Program in Washington, DC" with Jean Baldwin Grossman and Carla Herrera. The Spencer Foundation. 2011. Amount: $411,787

"Encouraging Underserved, Intellectually Curious Children: An Evaluation of the Higher Achievement Program in Washington, DC" with Jean Baldwin Grossman and Carla Herrera. The Smith Richardson Foundation. 2011. Amount: $300,000

"Smoothing the Costs of Education: Microsavings in Ugandan Primary Schools," with Dean Karlan. USAID Development Innovations Venture. 2012. Amount: $181,537.

"Reputation as a Public Policy for Internet Security," with Andrew Whinston. National Science Foundation. Award Number 1228990. 2012. Amount: $658,404.

"Impact Evaluation Design and Implementation Services: Mongolia Property Rights and Vocational Education Projects" with Erica Field, Shing-Yi Wang, and Daniel Rubenson. Millennium Challenge Corporation. 2012. MCC-10-0155-CON-20. Amount: $3,085,583

Referee Service, Academic Journals:

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, Asian Survey, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics of Education Review, Educational Research, Empirical Economics, International Journal of Educational Development, Journal of Applied Economics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Law Economics, and Organizations, 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, and World Development.

Referee Service, Grant Applications:

Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative, Department for International Development (UK), MacArthur Foundation Bellagio Program, National Science Foundation, Smith Richardson Foundation, Spencer Foundation, the United States Agency for International Development, Welcome Trust

University Service:

Executive Committee, Department of Economics, University of Texas at Austin, 2012-13
Graduate Awards Committee, Department of Economics, University of Texas at Austin, 2011-12
Graduate Student Admissions Committee, Department of Economics, University of Texas at Austin, 2011-13
Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Economics, University of Texas at Austin, 2011-12
Graduate Student Admissions Committee, Department of Economics, Columbia University, 2004-08
Graduate Student Admissions Committee Sustainable Development PhD Program, Columbia University, 2004-08, 2009-10
Member Core Faculty Sustainable Development PhD Program, Columbia University, 2007-2011

Graduate Advising:

Shubha Chakravarty (World Bank), Margaret MacLeod (US Department of State), Fang He (US General Accounting Office), Evan Borkum (Mathematica), Beliyou Haile (IMPAQ International), Kaveh Majlesi (Lund University)

Teaching:

Development Economics (Graduate Level), Micro Economic Theory (Graduate Level), Causal Inference (Masters Level, Undergraduate Level), Economic and Political Development Workshop (Masters Level), Development Economics (Undergraduate 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
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB): 2012
International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI): 2012
IFPRI: 2012
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

RAND: 2012
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