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Current Positions

University of Michigan *Professor, Department of Economics*
2015 - present *Professor, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy*
 Research Professor, Population Studies Center, Institute for Social Research

Previous Positions

University of Michigan Department of Economics & Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy
2009 - 2015 *Associate Professor*
2003 - 2009 *Assistant Professor*

University of Michigan Population Studies Center, Institute for Social Research
2013 - 2015 *Research Associate Professor*

Visiting Positions

CEMFI *Maria de Maeztu Visiting Professor*
2024-2025

U. Pompeu Fabra Department of Economics and Business
2017-2018 *Visiting Scholar*

LSE STICERD
Summer term 2011 *Visiting Senior Fellow*

Princeton University Department of Economics & School of Public and International Affairs
2006 - 2007 *Visiting Assistant Professor*

Education

Ph.D., Economics, **Harvard University**, 2003.
B.A., Economics, **Harvard University**, 1995. *Magna Cum Laude* and *Phi Beta Kappa*.
High school, **International School Manila**, 1991. International Baccalaureate diploma.

Journal Editorships

Co-Editor *Journal of Development Economics* (2023 – present)
Associate Editor *Journal of Development Economics* (2010 – 2022)
Associate Editor *Review of Economics and Statistics* (2012 – 2020)
Deputy Editor *Demography* (2013 – 2014)
Associate Editor *Economic Development and Cultural Change* (2009 – 2013)
Co-Editor *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy* (2009 – 2012)

Affiliations

Senior Fellow Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)
Research Associate National Bureau of Economic Research (DEV, ED programs)
Affiliated Professor Abdul Lateef Jameel Poverty Action Lab, MIT (J-PAL)

Journal Publications

Khanna, Gaurav, Emir Murathanoglu, Caroline Theoharides, and Dean Yang, “Abundance from Abroad: Migrant Income and Long-Run Economic Development,” *American Economic Review*, forthcoming.

Yang, Dean, “International Migration and Economic Development,” *Annual Review of Economics*, forthcoming.

Barsbai, Toman, Vojta Bartos, Victoria Licuanan, Andreas Steinmayr, Erwin Tiongson, and Dean Yang, “Picture This: Social Distance and the Mistreatment of Migrant Workers,” *Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics*, forthcoming.

Yang, Dean, Catia Batista, Gaurav Khanna, David McKenzie, Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak, and Caroline Theoharides, “International Migration,” *VoxDevLit*, 21(1), January 2026.

Batista, Catia, Daniel Han, Johannes Haushofer, Gaurav Khanna, David McKenzie, Mushfiq Mobarak, Caroline Theoharides, and Dean Yang, “Brain Drain or Brain Gain? Effects of High-Skilled International Migration on Developing Countries,” *Science*, Vol. 388, Issue 6749, 22 May 2025.

Allen, James IV, Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell IV, Tanya Rosenblat, Dean Yang, and Hang Yu, “Correcting Misperceptions About Support for Social Distancing to Combat COVID-19,” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, Vol. 73, No. 1, October 2024.

Barsbai, Toman, Victoria Licuanan, Andreas Steinmayr, Erwin Tiongson, and Dean Yang, “Information and Immigrant Settlement,” *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 170, September 2024.

Beam, Emily, Yusufcan Masatlioglu, Tara Watson, and Dean Yang, “Loss Aversion or Lack of Trust: Why Does Loss Framing Work to Encourage Preventive Health Behaviors?” *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, Vol. 104, June 2023.

De Arcangelis, Giuseppe, Alexander Fertig, Yuna Liang, Peter Srouji, and Dean Yang, “Measuring Remittances,” *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 161, March 2023.

Yang, Dean, James Allen, Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell IV, and Hang Yu, “Knowledge, Stigma, and HIV Testing: An Analysis of a Widespread HIV/AIDS Program,” *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 160, January 2023.

Allen, James IV, Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell IV, Tanya Rosenblat, Dean Yang, and Hang Yu, “Teaching and Incentives: Substitutes or Complements?” *Economics of Education Review*, Vol. 91, December 2022.

Montero, Eduardo and Dean Yang, “Religious Festivals and Economic Development: Evidence from the Timing of Mexican Saint Day Festivals,” *American Economic Review*, Vol. 112, No. 10, October 2022, pp. 3176-3214.

- Featured on the [AEA Research Highlights podcast](#), November 15, 2022.

McKenzie, David, Aakash Mohpal, and Dean Yang, “Aspirations and Financial Decisions: Experimental Evidence from the Philippines,” *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 156, May 2022.

Carter, Michael, Rachid Laajaj, and Dean Yang, “Subsidies and the African Green Revolution: Direct Effects and Social Network Spillovers of Randomized Input Subsidies in Mozambique,” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, Vol. 12, No. 2, April 2021, pp. 206-229.

- Featured on the [AEA Research Highlights podcast](#), April 28, 2021.

Mahajan, Parag and Dean Yang, “Taken by Storm: Hurricanes, Migrant Networks, and U.S. Immigration,” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, Vol. 12, No. 2, April 2020, pp. 250-77.

Barua, Rashmi, Kartini Shastry, and Dean Yang, “Financial Education for Female Foreign Domestic Workers in Singapore,” *Economics of Education Review*, Vol. 78, October 2020.

Abarcar, Paolo, Rashmi Barua, and Dean Yang, “Financial Education and Financial Access in Transnational Households: Field Experimental Evidence from the Philippines,” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, Vol. 69, No. 1, October 2020.

Shrestha, Slesh and Dean Yang, “Facilitating Worker Mobility: A Randomized Information Intervention among Migrant Workers in Singapore,” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, Vol. 68, No. 1, October 2019, pp. 63-91.

Hicken, Allen, Stephen Leider, Nico Ravanilla, and Dean Yang, “Temptation in Vote-Selling: Evidence from a Field Experiment in the Philippines,” *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 131, March 2018, pp. 1-14. (lead article)

Giné, Xavier, Jessica Goldberg, Dan Silverman, and Dean Yang, “Revising Commitments: Field Evidence on Adjustment of Prior Choices,” *Economic Journal*, Vol. 128, Issue 608, February 2018, pp. 159-188.

Brune, Lasse, Xavier Giné, Jessica Goldberg, and Dean Yang, “Savings Defaults and Payment Delays for Cash Transfers: Field Experimental Evidence from Malawi,” *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 129, November 2017, pp. 1-13. (lead article)

- Subject of a replication study by J. Stage and T. Thangavelu, “Savings Revisited: A Replication Study of a Savings Intervention in Malawi,” 3ie Impact Evaluation Report 18, 2018.

Beam, Emily, David McKenzie, and Dean Yang, “Unilateral Facilitation Does Not Raise International Labor Migration from the Philippines,” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, Vol. 64, No. 2, January 2016, pp. 323-368.

Brune, Lasse, Xavier Giné, Jessica Goldberg, and Dean Yang, “Facilitating Savings for Agriculture: Field Experimental Evidence from Malawi,” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, Vol. 64, No. 2, January 2016, pp. 187-220. (lead article)

Batista, Catia, Dan Silverman, and Dean Yang, "Directed Giving: Evidence from an Inter-Household Transfer Experiment," *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, Vol. 118, October 2015, pp. 2-21. (lead article)

McKenzie, David and Dean Yang, "Evidence on Policies to Increase the Development Impacts of International Migration," *World Bank Research Observer*, Vol. 30, No. 2, August 2015, pp. 155-192.

Ashraf, Nava, Diego Aycinena, Claudia Martinez A., and Dean Yang, "Savings in Transnational Households: A Field Experiment among Migrants from El Salvador," *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol. 97, No. 2, May 2015, pp. 332-351.

Hicken, Allen, Stephen Leider, Nico Ravanilla, and Dean Yang, "Measuring Vote-Selling: Field Evidence from the Philippines," *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*, Vol. 105, No. 5, May 2015, pp. 352-356.

Ambler, Kate, Diego Aycinena, and Dean Yang, "Channeling Remittances to Education: A Field Experiment among Migrants from El Salvador," *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, Vol. 7, No. 2, April 2015, pp. 207-232.

De Arcangelis, Giuseppe, Majlinda Joxhe, David McKenzie, Erwin Tiongson, and Dean Yang, "Directing Remittances to Education with Soft and Hard Commitments: Evidence from a Lab-in-the-field Experiment and New Product Take-up among Filipino Migrants in Rome," *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, Vol. 111, March 2015, pp. 197-208.

Seshan, Ganesh and Dean Yang, "Motivating Migrants: A Field Experiment on Financial Decision-Making in Transnational Households," *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 108, May 2014, pp. 119-127.

McKenzie, David, Caroline Theoharides, and Dean Yang, "Distortions in the International Migrant Labor Market: Evidence from Filipino Migration and Wage Responses to Destination Country Economic Shocks," *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, Vol. 6, No. 2, April 2014, pp. 49-75.

Carter, Michael R., Rachid Laajaj, and Dean Yang, "The Impact of Voucher Coupons on the Uptake of Fertilizer and Improved Seeds: Evidence from a Randomized Trial in Mozambique," *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 95, No. 5, October 2013, pp. 1345-1351.

Giné, Xavier, Jessica Goldberg, and Dean Yang, "Credit Market Consequences of Improved Personal Identification: Field Experimental Evidence from Malawi," *American Economic Review*, Vol. 102, No. 6, October 2012, pp. 2923-2954.

Yang, Dean, "Migrant Remittances," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 25, No. 3, Summer 2011, pp. 129-152.

- Reprinted in John Connell and Richard P.C. Brown, eds., *Migration and Remittances*, Elgar, 2015.

Park, Albert, Dean Yang, Xinzheng Shi, and Yuan Jiang, "Exporting and Firm Performance: Chinese Exporters and the Asian Financial Crisis," *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol. 92, No. 4, November 2010, pp. 822-842.

Maccini, Sharon and Dean Yang, “Under the Weather: Health, Schooling, and Economic Consequences of Early-Life Rainfall,” *American Economic Review*, Vol. 99, No. 3, June 2009, pp. 1006-1026.

- Awarded Best Article on the Economics of Food Safety or Nutrition, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA), 2009.
- Featured in “The 9th Annual Year in Ideas,” *New York Times Magazine*, December 13, 2009.

Giné, Xavier and Dean Yang, “Insurance, Credit, and Technology Adoption: Field Experimental Evidence from Malawi,” *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 89, Issue 1, May 2009, pp. 1-11. (lead article)

Yang, Dean, “Coping with Disaster: The Impact of Hurricanes on International Financial Flows, 1970-2002,” *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, Vol. 8, No. 1 (Advances), Article 13, 2008.

Yang, Dean, “International Migration, Remittances, and Household Investment: Evidence from Philippine Migrants’ Exchange Rate Shocks,” *Economic Journal*, Vol. 118, April 2008, pp. 591-630.

Yang, Dean, “Can Enforcement Backfire? Crime Displacement in the Context of Customs Reform in the Philippines,” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol. 90, No. 1, February 2008, pp. 1-14. (lead article)

Yang, Dean, “Integrity for Hire: An Analysis of a Widespread Customs Reform,” *Journal of Law and Economics*, Vol. 51, No. 1, February 2008, pp. 25-57.

- Reprinted in Jean-Christophe Maur and John S. Wilson, eds., *Trade Costs and Facilitation: The Development Dimension*, Vol. 2, Elgar, 2010.

Yang, Dean and HwaJung Choi, “Are Remittances Insurance? Evidence from Rainfall Shocks in the Philippines,” *World Bank Economic Review*, Vol. 21, No. 2, May 2007, pp. 219-248.

Yang, Dean, “Why Do Migrants Return to Poor Countries? Evidence from Philippine Migrants’ Responses to Exchange Rate Shocks,” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol. 88, No. 4, November 2006, pp. 715-735.

- Reprinted in M. Czaika and C. Vargas-Silva, eds., *Migration and Economic Growth*, Elgar, 2012.

Working Papers

Ahmed, Resuf, Paul Brimble, Akhila Kovvuri, Alessandro Saia, and Dean Yang, “Ancient Epics in the Television Age: Media, Identity, and the Rise of Hindu Nationalism in India,” NBER Working Paper 33417, January 2025.

Lloyd, Thomas and Dean Yang, “The Long Shadow of Early Education: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in the Philippines,” NBER Working Paper 33600, March 2025.

Montero, Eduardo, Dean Yang, and Triana Yentzen, “The Price of Faith: Economic Costs and Religious Group Membership in Sub-Saharan Africa,” NBER Working Paper 33417, January 2025.

Parvathaneni, Aneesha and Dean Yang, “War Mobilization and Economic Development: World War II and Structural Transformation in India,” NBER Working Paper 33246, December 2024.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

McKenzie, David and Dean Yang, “Field and Natural Experiments in Migration,” Chapter 4 in William L. Allen and Carlos Vargas-Silva, eds., *Handbook of Research Methods in Migration*, Elgar, 2024, pp. 48-82.

Yang, Dean, “Des politiques migratoires pour promouvoir le développement (Migration Policies for Development),” *Revue d’économie et développement*, Vol. 25, 2017, pp. 75-95. [In French.]

Yang, Dean, “International Migration and Remittances,” in James D. Wright, ed., *International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences*, 2nd edition, Vol. 12, Oxford: Elsevier, 2015, pp. 519–524.

Yang, Dean, “Migration, Remittances, and Economic Development: A Literature Review,” in Gabriela Inchauste and Ernesto Stein, eds., *Financing the Family: Remittances to Central America in a Time of Crisis*, Palgrave Macmillan: New York, 2013.

Yang, Dean, “Enhancing the Impact of Remittances on Economic Development: New Evidence from Experiments among Migrants from El Salvador,” in Gabriela Inchauste and Ernesto Stein, eds., *Financing the Family: Remittances to Central America in a Time of Crisis*, Palgrave Macmillan: New York, 2013.

Aycinena, Diego, Sebastian Calonico, Gabriela Inchauste, Claudia Martinez A., and Dean Yang, “Measuring the Impact of the US Financial Crisis on Salvadoran Migrants and Family Remittances,” in Gabriela Inchauste and Ernesto Stein, eds., *Financing the Family: Remittances to Central America in a Time of Crisis*, Palgrave Macmillan: New York, 2013.

Giné, Xavier, Jessica Goldberg, Shalini Sankaranarayanan, Peter Sheerin, and Dean Yang, “Use of Biometric Technology in Developing Countries,” in Robert Cull, Asli Demirgüç-Kunt, and Jonathan Morduch, eds., *Banking the World: Empirical Foundations of Financial Inclusion*, MIT Press, 2012.

Levy, Dan and Dean Yang, “Competing for Jobs or Creating Jobs? The Impact of Immigration on Native-Born Unemployment in Venezuela, 1980-2003,” in Ricardo Hausmann and Francisco Rodriguez, eds., *Venezuela Before Chavez: Anatomy of an Economic Collapse*, Pennsylvania State University Press, 2013.

McKenzie, David and Dean Yang, “Experimental Approaches in Migration Studies,” in Carlos Vargas-Silva, ed., *Handbook of Research Methods in Migration*, Edward Elgar, 2012.

Datt, Mohini and Dean Yang, “Half-Baked Interventions: Staggered Pre-Shipment Inspections in the Philippines and Colombia,” in O. Cadot, A. M. Fernandes, J. Gourdon, and A. Mattoo, eds., *Where to Spend the Next Million? Applying Impact Evaluation to Trade Assistance*, World Bank and CEPR, 2011.

Yang, Dean, “Risk, Migration, and Rural Financial Markets: Evidence from Earthquakes in El Salvador,” *Social Research*, Vol. 75, No. 3, Fall 2008.

Yang, Dean, “The Economics of Anti-Corruption: Lessons from a Widespread Customs Reform,” in Susan Rose-Ackerman, ed., *International Handbook of the Economics of Corruption*, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2006.

Yang, Dean and Claudia Martinez A., “Remittances and Poverty in Migrants’ Home Areas: Evidence from the Philippines,” in Caglar Ozden and Maurice Schiff, eds., *International Migration, Remittances, and the Brain Drain*, World Bank, 2005.

Permanent Working Papers

Levine, David I. and Dean Yang, “The Impact of Rainfall on Rice Output in Indonesia,” NBER Working Paper No. 20302, July 2014.

Book Reviews

Review of Ray Fisman and Ted Miguel’s *Economic Gangsters: Corruption, Violence, and the Poverty of Nations* (Princeton, 2008) in *Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. 49, No. 3, September 2011, pp. 767-770.

Review of Dilip Ratha and Samuel Munzele Maimbo, eds., *Remittances: Development Impacts and Future Prospects* (World Bank, 2005) in *Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. 44, No. 4, December 2006, pp. 1074-1075.

Nonacademic Publications

“[Community Health Programmes and HIV/AIDS Outcomes in Mozambique](#),” *VoxDev*, April 18, 2024.

“[The Downside of Raising Aspirations for Poor Entrepreneurs](#),” *VoxDev*, September 20, 2021.

“[Temporary Agricultural Input Subsidies Have Lasting Impacts](#),” *VoxDev*, October 21, 2019.

“[Hurricanes Drive Immigration to the U.S.](#)” *The Conversation*, September 15, 2017.

“[Does Exporting Improve Firm Performance?](#)” *Vox*, March 24, 2009.

“[How Remittances Help Migrant Families](#),” *Migration Information Source*, December 1, 2004.

“Salvadorans Overseas: The Foundation of a Pro-Poor Growth Strategy,” August 2003. Commissioned by *FUSADES (Fundación Salvadoreña para el Desarrollo Económico y Social)*. Part of the project “A National Development Agenda for El Salvador” (headed by Ricardo Hausmann, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University).

Major Research Grants

\$199,987 BRAC Institute of Governance & Development / Gates Foundation, 2025-2027

\$90,655	“Using Digital Connectivity to Expand Global Job Opportunities for African Women” (with Robertson Khataza, Sunny Lee, Ted Liu, and David McKenzie) Population Institute, 2024-2025
\$74,865	“The Green Revolution and World Population” (with Joaquin Endara) J-PAL Jobs and Opportunity Initiative, 2022-2024
\$3,165,501	“Facilitating International Remote Work for New Graduates in Malawi” (with Robertson Khataza, Makaiko Khonje, and Jennipher Musa) National Institutes of Health, R01 Award 1R01HD102382-01A1, 2021-2026
\$100,000	“Health Decision-Making in the Aftermath of Disaster” (PI, with co-PIs Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell IV and Tanya Rosenblat) National Science Foundation, Award SES-1931049, 2018-2019
\$147,950	“RAPID: Health Decision-Making in the Aftermath of a Disaster: Evidence from Cyclone Idai in Mozambique” (with Tanya Rosenblat, J. Riddell, and Hang Yu) Innovations for Poverty Action Peace & Recovery Program, 2018-2020
\$170,000	“Health Decision-Making in the Aftermath of a Disaster: Evidence from Cyclone Idai in Mozambique” (with Tanya Rosenblat, James Riddell, and Hang Yu) United States Agency for International Development, 2018-19
\$1,130,661	“Health, Education, and Economic Interventions for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Mozambique: Supplemental Funding” United States Agency for International Development, 2016-19
\$431,611	“Health, Education, and Economic Interventions for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Mozambique” (with Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell, and Hang Yu) Global Innovation Fund, 2017-2021
\$230,000	“Labeled Remittances” (with Giuseppe de Arcangelis) Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Financial Inclusion Program, 2016-18
\$158,886	“Fingerprinting to Reduce Risky Borrowing” (with Xavier Giné and Jessica Goldberg) National Science Foundation, Award SES-1459864, 2015-18
\$74,985	“Fingerprinting to Reduce Risky Borrowing” (with Jessica Goldberg) Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation, 2015-16
\$200,000	“Promoting Preventive Health Care in Michigan” (with Emily Beam, Yusufcan Masatlioglu, and Tara Watson) Citi Foundation/IPA Financial Capabilities Research Fund, 2014-15
\$999,944	“Financial Education vs. Financial Access in Transnational Households” (with Paolo Abarcar and Rashmi Barua) USAID Development Innovation Ventures (DIV) Phase 2 Award, 2013-16
\$322,139	“Fingerprinting to Reduce Risky Borrowing” (with Xavier Giné and Jessica Goldberg) National Institutes of Health, R21 Award 1R21HD071361-01A1, 2012-2014
\$200,000	“Barriers to Medicaid Participation among Immigrants: A Randomized Experiment” (co-PI, with PI Tara Watson and co-PI Emily Beam) World Bank Russia Trust Fund, 2012-2013
\$141,038	“Financial Literacy and Saving in Rural Malawi,” (with Lasse Brune, Xavier Giné, and Jessica Goldberg) USAID Development Innovation Ventures (DIV) Phase 1 Award, 2012-13
\$160,166	“Increasing the Development Impact of Migrant Remittances: A Field Experiment on Educational Finance by Migrant Workers” (with Giuseppe de Arcangelis, David McKenzie, and Erwin Tiongson) Microsavings and Payments Innovation Initiative, 2011-12

	“Direct Deposit and Commitments to Save: A Field Experimental Approach to Reducing Savings Barriers” (with Lasse Brune, Xavier Giné, and Jessica Goldberg)
\$64,427	World Bank, 2011
	“Passport to a Better Future: An Experiment in the Philippines” (with Emily Beam and David Mckenzie)
\$137,374	BASIS AMA CRSP, U.S. Agency for International Development, 2011
	“Savings, Subsidies, and Sustainable Food Security in Mozambique: 2011 Post-Harvest Survey” (with Michael R. Carter and Rachid Laajaj)
\$48,897	International Growth Centre, 2011-2012
	“Mobilizing Migrant Remittances for Agricultural Modernization in Mozambique” (with Catia Batista)
\$527,461	Inter-American Development Bank, 2010-2012
	“Channeling Remittances toward Human Capital Accumulation in Central America” (with Diego Aycinena)
\$97,496	World Bank, 2010-2011
	“A Field Experiment to Overcome Financial and Informational Barriers to Migration in the Philippines” (with Emily Beam and David Mckenzie)
\$947,658	BASIS AMA CRSP, U.S. Agency for International Development, 2009-2011
	“Savings, Subsidies, and Sustainable Food Security: A Field Experiment in Mozambique” (with Michael R. Carter and Rachid Laajaj)
£28,591	International Growth Centre, 2009-2012
	“Increasing the Development Impact of Migrant Remittances: A Field Experiment Among Kenyan Migrants in the USA” (with Isaac Mbiti)
\$70,000	World Bank, 2009-2010
	“Filipina Migrant Supply and Demand During the Global Financial Crisis” (with David Mckenzie)
\$67,750	World Bank, 2009-2010
	“The Gender Impact of Savings Innovations: A Field Experiment in Rural Malawi” (with Xavier Gine and Jessica Goldberg)
\$184,295	World Bank, 2009-2010
	“Reducing Barriers to Savings in Rural Malawi: A Field Experimental Approach” (with Xavier Gine and Jessica Goldberg)
\$231,472	National Science Foundation, Award SES-0851570, 2009-2011
	“Remittances and the Problem of Control: A Field Experiment Among Migrants from El Salvador”
\$152,619	Inter-American Development Bank, 2009-2010
	“Financial Innovations to Stimulate Remittances and Savings: Follow-up Survey” (with Nava Ashraf, Diego Aycinena, and Claudia Martinez)
\$110,903	U.S. Agency for International Development, 2009-2010
	“Mobilizing Remittances for Enterprise Finance” (with Diego Aycinena and Claudia Martinez)
\$184,220	World Bank, 2009-2010
	“Technological Innovations in Rural Malawi: A Field Experimental Approach” (with Xavier Gine and Jessica Goldberg)
\$485,415	Qatar National Priorities Research Program, 2008-2010
	“Qatar Survey of Migrant Families” (with Agustin Arcenas and Ganesh Seshan)
\$640,000	John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, 2007-2008

	“Financial Innovations to Stimulate Remittances and Savings” (with Nava Ashraf, Diego Aycinena, and Claudia Martinez)
\$249,921	Inter-American Development Bank, 2007-2008
	“Financial Innovations to Stimulate Remittances and Savings” (with Nava Ashraf, Diego Aycinena, and Claudia Martinez)
\$50,000	Multilateral Investment Fund, 2007-2008
	“Financial Innovations to Stimulate Remittances and Savings” (with Nava Ashraf, Diego Aycinena, and Claudia Martinez)
\$150,000	BASIS AMA CRSP, U.S. Agency for International Development, 2007-2008
	“Biometric and Financial Innovations in Rural Malawi” (with Xavier Gine and Jessica Goldberg)
\$75,000	World Bank, 2007-2008
	“Biometric and Financial Innovations in Rural Malawi” (with Xavier Gine and Jessica Goldberg)

Courses Taught

Development Economics (Ph.D. level)
 Development Economics (Master of Public Policy level)
 Development Economics (undergraduate)
 Field Experiments in Developing Countries (Master of Public Policy level)
 Microeconomics (Master of Public Policy level)
 Microeconomics (undergraduate)

Academic Presentations

2026 (including forthcoming):

Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
 University of Houston (Department of Economics)
 New York University (Department of Economics)
 University of Hawaii, Manoa (Department of Economics)

2025:

Pablo de Olavide University, Seville, Spain
 University of Toulouse, France
 University of Carlos III Madrid (UC3M), Spain
 University of Alicante, Spain
 Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance, Rome, Italy
 University of Rome “La Sapienza”, Italy
 University of Copenhagen, Denmark
 Helsinki School of Economics, Finland
 UNU-WIDER, Helsinki
 BREAD Conference, Princeton University
 University of Heidelberg, Germany
 Political Economy UK Group Webinar
 University of Padua, Italy
 Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, “Political Economy”, Barcelona, Spain

2024:

Columbia University (Department of Economics)
Syracuse University (Department of Economics)
Cornell University (Development Economics Seminar)
BREAD Conference, University of California San Diego
Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, “Advances in Micro Development”, Barcelona, Spain
CEMFI, Madrid, Spain
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), Barcelona, Spain
U. Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), Madrid, Spain
CERGE-EI, Prague, Czech Republic
Virtual Development Economics (VDEV/CEPR/BREAD) Seminar

2023:

University of Cape Town (School of Economics)
University of Notre Dame (Department of Economics)
Columbia University, “New Thinking in Industrial, Innovation & Technology Policy” conference

2022:

Paris Sorbonne Sustainable Development (PSSD) Seminar
Boğaziçi University (Department of Economics)
University of Connecticut (Department of Economics)
NBER Summer Institute, Development Economics (DEV) Program, Cambridge, MA

2021:

University of Maryland (Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics)
NBER Conference on Immigrants and the U.S. Economy
Cornell University (Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management)
PUC-Chile (Department of Economics)
University of Göttingen (Department of Economics)
University of Chicago (Development Seminar)
Ateneo de Manila, Philippines (Department of Economics)
University College London (Department of Economics)

2020:

University of Toronto (Department of Economics)
Lawrence University (Department of Economics)
Postponed due to pandemic: University of Hawaii, Manoa (Department of Economics)
“The Economics of Migration” webinar (CERDI, PSE, LISER, U. Luxembourg, U. Carlos III, IC Migrations)
Department for International Development (DFID) Economics Seminar, United Kingdom
Australian National University (Arndt-Corden Department of Economics)

2019:

McGill University (Conference on Global Governance)
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Department of Economics)
Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (Development Workshop)
University of California, Davis (Joint Economics/ARE Development Workshop)
12th International Conference on Migration and Development (U. Carlos III, Madrid)

2018:

Geneva Workshop on Financial Inclusion in Developing Countries (Geneva, Switzerland)
Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (Department of Economics)
University of Zurich (Department of Economics)
University of Navarra (Navarra Centre for International Development)
Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russia)
New Economic School (Moscow, Russia)
Helsinki Center of Economic Research (HECER)
Development Economics Network Berlin (DENeB)
Barcelona Graduate School of Economics (GSE) Summer Forum on Migration
15th Annual IZA Migration Meeting (Harvard Kennedy School)

2017:

Notre Dame University (Department of Economics)
University of California, San Diego (Department of Economics)
London School of Economics/ University College London, Development Economics Seminar
University of the Philippines, Diliman (School of Economics)
CReAM/RWI (Leibniz-Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung) Migration Workshop, Essen, Germany
Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Department of Economics)
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Department of Economics)
Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano/Colegio Carlo Alberto/FIERI Migration Conference, Turin, Italy
OECD-CEPII 7th Annual Conference on Immigration in OECD Countries, Paris, France

2016:

University of California, Berkeley (Department of Economics)
Stanford University (Department of Economics)
Yale University (Department of Economics)
NBER Summer Institute, Development Economics (DEV) Program, Cambridge, MA
University of Sydney (Department of Economics)
Australian National University (Department of Economics)
European Development Network Conference, Bonn, Germany

2015:

University of Washington, Seattle (School of Information, Evans School of Public Affairs, and
Department of Economics)
Brown University (Watson Institute for International Studies)
Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Financial Behavior conference, New Haven, CT
Stockholm School of Economics
8th International Conference on Migration and Development (World Bank)
Tinbergen Institute (Rotterdam, Netherlands)
Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) (Bonn, Germany)
Development Economics Network Berlin (DENeB)

2014:

Georgia Institute of Technology (School of Economics)
Georgetown University (Department of Economics)
World Bank (Development Economics Research Group)
Simon Fraser University (Department of Economics)

University of British Columbia (Department of Economics)
Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, “Advances in Micro Development” (Barcelona, Spain)
7th International Conference on Migration and Development (Oxford U.)

2013:

University of Pittsburgh (Department of Economics)
Central Michigan University (Department of Economics)
Queens College (Department of Economics)
Columbia University (Department of Economics)
Inter-American Development Bank (Research Department)
NBER Summer Institute, Development Economics (DEV) Program, Cambridge, MA
Northwestern University (Department of Economics)
NBER Education Program meeting (Chicago, IL)

2012:

Michigan State University (Department of Agricultural Economics)
University of Minnesota (Department of Applied Economics)
Dartmouth College (Department of Economics)
5th International Conference on Migration and Development (Paris, France)
Asian Development Bank (Research Department)
National University of Singapore (Department of Economics)
IPA/ADB/JPAL/Citi Foundation Impact and Policy Conference (Bangkok, Thailand)
Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (Rome, Italy)
Sapienza University of Rome
Bocconi University (Department of Economics)
Stockholm University (Department of Economics)
Stanford University (Department of Economics)

2011:

American Economic Association annual meeting, Denver. Presentations in sessions:
 “Savings Experiments in Developing Countries” (chair)
 “Crossing the United States Border”
Global Development Network conference, “Financing Development in a Post-Crisis World,”
 (Bogota, Colombia)
Syracuse University (Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Administration)
Georgetown University (Public Policy Institute)
University of California, Los Angeles (Anderson School of Management)
Ohio State University (Department of Economics)
London School of Economics and Political Science (Department of Economics)
University of Warwick (Department of Economics)
Institute for Fiscal Studies (London, UK)
Paris School of Economics
Oxford University (Department of Economics)
World Bank / International Organization for Migration, Migration Workshop (Marseille, France)
University College London (Department of Economics)
UNU/WIDER conference, “Poverty and Behavioral Economics” (Helsinki, Finland)
USAID (BASIS/AMA/CRSP) conference, “Building Resilience and Assets for Food Security”
Center for Global Development (Washington, DC)
International Food Policy Research Institute (Washington, DC)

Williams College (Department of Economics)
Western Michigan University (Department of Economics)
Brown University (Population Studies and Training Center)
University of Texas, Austin (Department of Economics)
Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries (SEEDEC) (U.C. Berkeley)
J-PAL Workshop on Governance (Lilongwe, Malawi)

2010:

American Economic Association annual meeting, Atlanta. Presentation in session:
 “International Migration and Remittances” (chair)
Centro Studi Luca d’Aglia conference, “Migration and Economic Development: Insights from
 Original Data Collection and Fieldworks” (Tuscany, Italy)
Asian Institute of Management (Center of Development Management)
University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business (Applied Economics Seminar)
Washington University in St. Louis (Department of Economics)
Inter-American Development Bank (Impact Evaluation Department and Research Department)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Department of Economics)
University of California, Berkeley (Department of Economics)
17th BREAD conference (CIRPEE and University of Quebec at Montreal)
World Bank (Development Economics Research Group)
FAI/IPA/JPAL/CGAP conference, “Microfinance Impact and Innovation” (New York, NY)
Trinity College Dublin conference, “Temporary migration, integration and the role of policies”
 (Dublin, Ireland)
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta conference, “Remittances and Immigration” (Atlanta, GA)
Case Western Reserve University (Department of Economics)
Boston University (Department of Economics)

2009:

American Economic Association annual meeting, San Francisco. Presentation in session:
 “International Migration and Remittances: Empirical Innovations” (chair)
World Bank (Malawi Country Office)
CIDE/Universidad Iberoamericana/Georgetown University conference, “Migration and
 Remittances: Trends, Impacts and New Challenges” (Mexico City, Mexico)
University of Maryland (School of Public Policy)
USAID/BASIS AMA CRSP conference, “Escaping Poverty Traps: Connecting the Chronically
 Poor to Economic Growth” (Washington, DC)
University of Virginia (Department of Economics)
Central Bank of the Philippines conference, “The Macroeconomic Impact of Remittances”
 (Manila, Philippines)
Population Association of America annual meeting, Detroit. Presentation in session:
 “Population Studies and Experimental Design”
University of Maryland (Department of Economics)
Millennium Challenge Corporation (Monitoring and Evaluation Department)
Center for Global Development/Harvard University conference, “Immigration and
 Development” (Washington, DC)
2nd International Conference on Migration and Development (World Bank and AFD)
University of Southern California (Department of Economics)

2008:

American Economic Association annual meeting, New Orleans. Presentations in sessions:
 “International Migration and Remittances” (chair)
 “Technology Adoption in Developing Countries” (chair)
 “Economic Effects of Natural Disasters” (chair)
 “Health and Economic Outcomes: Linkages across the Life Cycle”
 Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta conference, “Remittances and the Macroeconomy” (Atlanta, GA)
 Yale University (Department of Economics)
 Michigan State University (Department of Economics)
 Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Research Department)
 University of Chicago (Graduate School of Business)
 Asian Development Bank (Research Department)
 U.S. Agency for International Development (Summer Seminar Series)
 Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) (Boston University)
 University of Houston (Department of Economics)
 Rice University (Department of Economics)
 University of Colorado, Boulder (Department of Economics)
 University of Wisconsin (Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics)

2007:

University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM) Conference on Development Economics
 Inter-American Development Bank conference, “Remittances and Housing: New Opportunities in Latin America” (San Salvador, El Salvador)
 Princeton University (Center for Migration and Development)
 University of Washington, Seattle (Department of Economics)
 University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Department of Economics)
 Rutgers University (Department of Economics)
 Microeconomics of Growth conference, World Bank (Washington, DC)
 Latin American Economic Association (LACEA) annual meeting (Bogota, Colombia)
 Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) (Harvard University)
 New School for Social Research conference, “Disasters: Recipes and Remedies” (New York, NY)

2006:

Columbia University (SIPA, Department of Economics, and Earth Institute)
 IMF (Research Department)
 Johns Hopkins University (Department of Economics)
 Wharton School of Business / Center for Strategic and International Studies conference, “Research on Corruption and its Control” (Philadelphia, PA)
 Darden Business School / World Bank conference, “The Financing of Corporations in Emerging Countries” (Washington DC)
 BREAD/CEPR/EBRD conference, “Institutional Development, Market Integration and Growth” (Tokyo, Japan)
 8th BREAD conference (Cornell University)
 NBER Universities Research Conference, “Firms and the Evolving Structure of Global Economic Activity” (Cambridge, MA)
 Inter-American Development Bank (Research Committee)
 AIID/BREAD conference, “Barriers to Entry and to Expansion in the Developing World: The Role of Institutional Constraints” (Amsterdam)
 Center for Global Development (Migration Roundtable)

University of Maryland (Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics)
 Princeton University (Department of Economics)
 Pennsylvania State University (Department of Economics)
 McGill University (Department of Economics)
 London School of Economics / University College London (joint development economics seminar)
 University of Oxford (Department of Economics, Centre for the Study of African Economies)
 Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
 Georgetown University (Department of Economics)

2005:

Michigan State University (Department of Economics)
 Ohio State University (Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics)
 Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia conference, “Immigration in the U.S.” (Philadelphia, PA)
 CEPR/BREAD conference, “Institutions, Development, and Transition” (Istanbul, Turkey)
 IMF conference, “When Institutions are Weak: Strategies for Change” (Washington, DC)
 NBER Summer Institute, International Trade and Investment Program (Cambridge, MA)
 Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) (Brown University)
 Empirical Investigations in International Trade (EIIT) conference (Purdue University)

2004:

University of California, Berkeley (Department of Economics)
 Stanford University (Department of Economics)
 Midwest Economics Association 68th Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)
 Minnesota International Economic Development Conference, University of Minnesota
 WDI/CEPR Annual International Conference on Transition Economics (Hanoi, Vietnam)
 Asian Development Bank (Economics Seminar Series)
 University of Western Ontario (Department of Economics)
 Columbia University (Earth Institute and Department of Economics)
 World Bank (Development Economics Research Group, Poverty and Applied Micro Seminar)
 Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Research Department)

2003 and before:

Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), 2003 (Yale University)
 Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), 2002 (Williams College)

Awards

2022	Rackham Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award, University of Michigan
2013	Excellence in Refereeing Award, <i>American Economic Review</i>
2012	Excellence in Refereeing Award, <i>American Economic Review</i>
2010	Award for Excellence in Science and Engineering, Philippine Development Foundation USA
2010	Best Article on the Economics of Food Safety or Nutrition, Food Safety and Nutrition Section, <i>Agricultural and Applied Economics Association</i> (for “Under the Weather” paper, with Sharon Maccini)
2008	Excellence in Refereeing Award, <i>American Economic Review</i>

2007 Excellence Award in Global Economic Affairs, Kiel Institute for the World Economy

Conferences and Conference Sessions Organized

2013 “Demographic Impacts of Economic, Social, Political, and Environmental Crisis” session, Population Association of America annual meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana
2012 23rd BREAD Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
2011 “Savings Experiments in Developing Countries” session, American Economic Association annual meeting, Denver, Colorado
2010 “International Migration and Remittances” session, American Economic Association annual meeting, Atlanta, Georgia
2009 “Population and Environmental Change” session, Population Association of America annual meeting, Detroit, Michigan
2009 “Anthropogenic Environmental Change” session, Population Association of America annual meeting, Detroit, Michigan
2009 “International Migration and Remittances” session, American Economic Association annual meeting, San Francisco, California
2008 “International Migration and Remittances” session, American Economic Association annual meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana
2008 “Technology Adoption in Developing Countries” session, American Economic Association annual meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana
2008 “Economic Effects of Natural Disasters” session, American Economic Association annual meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana
2007 Work-in-progress session, BREAD Conference, Princeton University
2006 “Designing Better Microfinance” conference, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

Invited Lectures

Invited address, Seiji Naya Asia-Pacific Lecture, University of Hawaii, Manoa, HI.
April 16, 2026.
Keynote speaker, 6th Workshop on the Economics and Politics of Migration, Ramon Areces Foundation and Universidad Carlos III Madrid, Spain, May 22, 2025
Keynote speaker, 17th International Conference on Migration and Development (World Bank and Agence Française de Développement), Bologna, Italy, December 10, 2024.
Keynote speaker, “Migration and the Labor Market in Asia” conference, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and Asian Development Bank, December 1, 2021.
Invited address, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), Ann Arbor, Michigan, December 2, 2021.
Keynote speaker, Liberal Arts Colleges Development (LACDev) Conference, Oberlin College, September 10, 2021
Keynote speaker, Annual meeting of Impact Evaluation Network and Network of Inequality and Poverty, LACEA, December 8, 2020
Invited address, Seiji Naya Asia-Pacific Lecture, University of Hawaii-Manoa, April 2, 2020.
(Postponed due to COVID.)
Invited address, Economics Department Senior Experience, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI, March 10, 2020

Keynote speaker, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics Summer Forum on Migration, Barcelona, Spain, June 11-12, 2018.

Keynote speaker, European Development Network (EUDN) Conference, Bonn, Germany, December 5, 2016.

Keynote speaker, “The Role of the Private Sector in Economic Development” Conference, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, October 18, 2016.

Invited address, “Finance for Sustainable Development” conference, Stockholm School of Economics and Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, May 11, 2015.

Keynote speaker, 5th International Conference on Migration and Development (Center for Global Development, World Bank, and Agence Française de Développement), Paris, France, June 28-29, 2012.

Keynote speaker, TEMPO (Temporary Migration, Integration and the Role of Policies) conference, Trinity College Dublin, October 28-29, 2010.

Invited address, Inter-American Development Bank technical staff seminar, “Development Challenges and Policies in Latin America and the Caribbean: What Are the Issues?” Washington, DC, September 16-17, 2010.

Invited address, Central Bank of the Philippines conference, “The Macroeconomic Consequences of Remittances,” Manila, Philippines. March 30-31, 2009.

Invited address, Money Transmission Regulators Association (MTRA) annual conference, Charlotte, NC. October 2007.

Opening address, *National Symposium on Immigration*, Arizona State Capitol, Phoenix (organized by University of Arizona, University of Southern California, RAND, *Congressional Quarterly*, Thomas R. Brown Foundation, and Communications Institute.) November 16, 2006.

Professional service

Instructor, Development Economics Summer School, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS); Beijing, People’s Republic of China, July 2007

Instructor, CEPR/BREAD/Verona Development Economics Summer School, University of Verona; Alba di Canazei, Italy, July 2008

Member of Program Committee, International Conference on Migration and Development

- 2nd conference, World Bank, September 2009
- 3rd conference, Paris School of Economics, September 2010
- 4th conference, Harvard, June 2011
- 5th conference, Agence Française de Développement, Paris, June 2012
- 6th conference, Morocco, May 2013
- 7th conference, Oxford, June 2014
- 8th conference, World Bank, June 2015
- 9th conference, Florence, June 2016
- 10th conference, Clermont-Ferrand, June 2017
- 11th conference, Stanford, July 2018
- 12th conference, U. Carlos III, Madrid, June 2019
- 13th conference, U. Luxembourg, June 2020

Member of Program Committee, Population Association of America (PAA) 2011 Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 2011.

Member of Program Committee, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics Summer Forum on Development Economics, June 2018

Ph.D. Students (first posting listed first; *current posting, if different, in italics*)

* Served as chair or co-chair of dissertation committee

2023 *James Allen IV (International Food Policy Research Institute)
2022 Jon Denton-Schneider
2021 *Obeid Rehman (Ryerson U., Dept. of Economics)
2021 *Aakash Mohpal (World Bank)
2020 *Parag Mahajan (U. Delaware, Dept. of Economics)
2020 *Hang Yu (Peking U., National School of Development)
2020 Huayu Xu (Peking U., National School of Development)
2019 *Meera Mahadevan (UC Irvine, Dept. of Economics)
2018 *Traviss Cassidy (U. Alabama, Dept. of Economics)
2018 Luis Alejos Marroquin (Inter-American Development Bank)
2017 Yubraj Acharya (Pennsylvania State U., Dept. of Health Policy and Administration)
2017 Catalina Franco (Universidad del Rosario, post-doc; *NHH Norwegian School of Economics, Dept. of Economics*)
2017 *Salma Khalid (International Monetary Fund)
2016 *Gaurav Khanna (UC San Diego, School of Global Policy Studies)
2016 *Paolo Abarcar (Mathematica Policy Research)
2016 Prachi Jain (Loyola Marymount U.)
2015 *Nico Ravanilla (UC San Diego, School of Global Policy Studies)
2015 *Justin Ladner (CNA Corporation)
2014 *Lasse Brune (Yale U., post-doc; *Northwestern U., post-doc*)
2014 *Caroline Theoharides (Amherst College, Dept. of Economics)
2014 *Laura Zimmermann (U. Georgia, Dept. of Economics)
2013 *Kate Ambler (International Food Policy Research Institute)
2013 *Emily Beam (National U. of Singapore, Dept. of Economics; *U. Vermont, Dept. of Economics*)
2012 *Slesh Shrestha (National U. of Singapore, Dept. of Economics)
2012 Rachid Laajaj (Paris School of Economics, post-doc; *Universidad de Los Andes*)
2011 *Jessica Goldberg (U. Maryland, Dept. of Economics)
2011 *Annika Mueller (Harvard Business School, post-doc; *U. Groningen, Dept. of Economics*)
2011 Todd Pugatch (Oregon State U., Dept. of Economics)
2009 Edward Okeke (London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine; *RAND Corporation*)
2009 Xinzheng Shi (Tsinghua U., Dept. of Economics)
2008 HwaJung Choi (U. Michigan Medical School)
2007 Claudia Martinez (U. Chile, Dept. of Economics; *Pontifica Universidad Católica de Chile, Dept. of Economics*)

Other work experience

Summer 2000 *Research Assistant* for Professor Esther Duflo, MIT
Summer 1999 *Research Intern*, Ministry of Economics and Finance, Government of Peru
1995-1998 *Senior Associate Consultant*, Bain and Company (Boston, Singapore, and Hong Kong offices)

Personal

Married to Sharon Maccini.

Two children: Lana (born 2004) and Teo (born 2009).

Birthplace: Manila, Philippines.

Avid runner and ukulele player.