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## **Personal Information:**

Citizenship Status: Indian, U.S. Permanent Resident since 1993

## **Academic Positions:**

Wellesley College, Department of Economics  
Assistant Professor of Economics, 7/2009-present  
University of Virginia, Department of Economics  
Assistant Professor of Economics, 8/2008-present, on leave 9/2009-5/2010

## **Education:**

Ph.D. Economics, Harvard University, June 2008  
*Dissertation:* "Essays in Development Economics"  
*Committee:* Michael Kremer, Caroline Hoxby, David Cutler  
A.M. Economics, Harvard University, June 2005  
A.B. with honors, Economics and Mathematics, Brown University, *magna cum laude*, 2002

## **Research Interests:**

Development Economics, Public Economics, Labor Economics

## **Teaching and Advising Experience:**

Spring 2008	<i>Economic Development</i> (graduate), University of Virginia
2008-2009	<i>Economic Development</i> (undergraduate), University of Virginia
Fall 2007	Undergraduate Advisor, Harvard University
Spring 2005	<i>Public Sector Economics</i> , teaching fellow for Professors David Cutler, Mihir Desai, Martin Feldstein and Caroline Hoxby
Fall 2004	<i>Economics of Education</i> , teaching fellow for Professor Caroline Hoxby

## **Professional Activities:**

Referee for *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics*

## **Conference Presentations:**

Apr 2009	2009 Community Affairs Research Conference
Jan 2009	North American Econometric Society Winter meetings
Jan 2009	AEA Annual Meeting
Nov 2008	NBER Education Program meetings
Oct 2007	Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference
Jun 2007	IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development

**Invited Seminars:**

Apr 2009	Virginia Commonwealth University
Mar 2009	Wellesley College
Jan 2009	Boston College
Dec 2008	Tufts University
Feb 2008	Scripps College; University of Notre Dame; University of Virginia (Charlottesville); Mathematica Policy Research; Brookings Institute
Jan 2008	Wellesley College; University of Maryland at College Park; Center for Global Development; University of Pennsylvania Wharton School (Business and Public Policy); Tufts Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy; UCLA Anderson School of Management (Global Economics and Management)
Jul, Aug 2007	Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

**Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:**

2008-2009	Excellence in Diversity Fellow, University of Virginia
2007-2008	Institute for Humane Studies Dissertation Fellowship
2007	Dissertation Intern, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
2006-2007	Graduate Society Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University
2005-2006	Project on Justice, Welfare and Economics Fellowship, Harvard University
2005	Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University
2003-2004	Graduate School of Arts and Sciences summer research grant, Harvard Univ.
2002-2005	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2002	Samuel C. Lamport Prize for senior thesis, Brown University
2001	Phi Beta Kappa, Brown University

**Publications:**

“How Much of Income Variation is Explained by Health?” (with David N. Weil), *Journal of the European Economic Association* 1(2-3), April-May 2003, pp. 387-96.

**Research Papers:**

“Human Capital Response to Globalization: Education and Information Technology in India” October 2008.

“Smart Money: The Effect of Education, Cognitive Ability and Financial Literacy on Financial Market Participation” (with Shawn Cole), February 2009. (revise and resubmit, *The Review of Financial Studies*)

“Grain Inflation: Identifying Agent Discretion in Response to a Conditional School Nutrition Program” (with Leigh Linden), August 2009.

“Specialization and Neighborhood Effects in IT Outsourcing Firms in India” (with Kalina Manova), October 2006.

“The Economic Burden of Anemia” November 2004.