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Academic Positions:

Wellesley College, Department of Economics
Assistant Professor of Economics, 7/2009-present
University of Virginia, Department of Economics
Assistant Professor of Economics, 8/2008-5/2011, on leave 9/2009-5/2011

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

Publications:

"Human Capital Response to Globalization: Education and Information Technology in India"
Journal of Human Resources. Forthcoming.

"Grain Inflation: Identifying Agent Discretion in Response to a Conditional School Nutrition Program" (with Leigh Linden). *Journal of Development Economics*. Forthcoming.

"Taken with a Grain of Salt? Micronutrient Fortification in South Asia" (with Jim Berry and Priya Mukherjee). *CESifo Economic Studies*. Forthcoming.

"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:

"Is high school the right time to teach savings behavior? The Effect of Financial Education and Mathematics Courses on Savings" (with Shawn Cole), June 2010.

"Smart Money: The Effect of Education, Cognitive Ability and Financial Literacy on Financial Market Participation" (with Shawn Cole), February 2009. (revision requested, *The Review of Financial Studies*)

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

Work in Progress:

“Elucidating Avenues for Corruption: Micronutrient Fortification Strategies in India's Midday Meals Program” (with Jim Berry and Aditi Tandon)

“Evaluating the Effect of Financial Literacy Workshops for Migrant Mineworkers in South Africa” (with Shawn Cole and Jeremy Shapiro)

“Evaluating the Effect of Peer-Based Financial Education on Savings and Remittances for Foreign Domestic Workers in Singapore” (with Rashmi Barua and Dean Yang)

Research Grants:

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| 2011-2013 | Douglas B. Marshall, Jr. Family Foundation, “Micronutrient Fortification Strategies in India’s Midday Meals Program” (with Jim Berry and Aditi Tandon) |
| 2011-2013 | International Initiative for Impact Evaluations, “Elucidating Avenues for Corruption: Micronutrient Fortification Strategies in India's Midday Meals Program” (with Jim Berry and Aditi Tandon) |
| 2010-2011 | Singapore Management University Research Grant, “Evaluating the Effect of Financial Education on Savings and Remittances for Foreign Domestic Workers in Singapore” (with Rashmi Barua and Dean Yang) |
| 2009-2011 | Financial Education Fund, “Nakekela Imali! (Take Care Of Your Money!)” (with Shawn Cole and Jeremy Shapiro) |

Teaching:

Wellesley College, Department of Economics (2009 – present)

Principles of Microeconomics

Econometrics

Economic Development

University of Virginia, Department of Economics (2008 – 2009)

Economic Development (graduate)

Economic Development (undergraduate)

Professional Activities:

Conference Presentations:

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| Nov 2009 | Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference |
| 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:

2011-2012	Venice Summer Institute: Malnutrition in South Asia
2010-2011	Singapore Management University
2009-2010	University of New Hampshire-Durham
2008-2009	Tufts University, Boston College, Wellesley College, Brandeis University, Virginia Commonwealth University
2007-2008	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), Scripps College; University of Notre Dame; University of Virginia (Charlottesville); Mathematica Policy Research; Brookings Institute
Summer 2007	Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

Discussant at Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Conference, American Economic Association Annual Meetings, National Bureau of Economic Research Household Finance Meetings

Referee for *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, *CESifo Economic Studies*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Financial Studies*, *The Economics of Transition*

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

2009-2011	Faculty Research Awards, Wellesley College
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