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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Columbia University, New York, NY  
Postdoctoral Research Scholar

2020---

## EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
PhD., Public Policy

2020

Research Fields: Development Economics, Labor Economics

Dissertation Title: Essays in Development Economics

Dissertation Committee: Emily Breza, Asim I. Khwaja, and Amanda Pallais

McGill University, Montreal, QC  
Bachelor of Arts

2010

First Class Honours in Economics, Minors in Mathematics and English

## PUBLICATIONS

“Upping the Ante: The Equilibrium Effects of Unconditional Grants” (with T. Andrabi, J. Das, A. I. Khwaja, and S. Ozyurt). *American Economic Review*, 110 (10): 3315-49.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Hiring Frictions in Urban Labor Markets: Experimental Evidence from India” (with A. N. Fernando and G. Tourek).

“Regulation by Reputation? Quality Revelation of Labor Market Intermediaries in International Migration” (with A. N. Fernando).

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Job Targeting and Beliefs: Evidence from an Online Job Platform.”

“Gender Gaps in Competitive Careers: The Case of the Indian Civil Service” (with K. Mangal).

“What Can Online Vacancies Tell Us About Labor Market Conditions in Lower-Income Countries? Evidence from India” (with J. Bloesch and K. Mangal)

“The Effects of Labor Organizing on Worker Welfare and Service Quality” (with S. Naidu, A. Reich, A. Sojourner, and P. Youngblood)

“The Impacts of Digital Community Support on the Well-being of Low-wage Workers” (with A. Reich and H. Shepherd)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2020      Economic Development, Prof. Asim I. Khwaja

Spring 2019	Using Big Data to Solve Economic and Social Problems, Prof. Raj Chetty
Spring 2018	Introduction to Econometrics, Prof. Gregory Bruich
Fall 2017	Smart Policy Design, Executive Education, Prof. Rema Hanna
Fall 2017	Rethinking Financial Inclusion, Executive Education, Prof. Asim I. Khwaja

## RESEARCH-RELATED EMPLOYMENT

2015-17	Harvard Kennedy School, Part-time Research Assistant to Prof. Asim I. Khwaja
2012-14	Harvard Kennedy School, Full-time Research Fellow to Prof. Asim I. Khwaja
2010-12	JPAL South Asia, Full-time Research Associate to Prof. Shawn Cole

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2021	JPAL North America Health Care Delivery Initiative, with S. Naidu, A. Reich, A. Sojourner and P. Youngblood. (\$134,440)
2021	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, with S. Naidu, A. Reich, A. Sojourner and P. Youngblood. (\$412,830)
2020	JPAL North America Work of the Future Initiative, with S. Naidu, A. Reich, A. Sojourner and P. Youngblood. (\$75,448)
2020	G2LM   LIC Special Call on COVID-19, with J. Bloesch and K. Mangal. (\$19,360)
2020	G2LM   LIC Phase V (\$31,250)
2020	IGC SGB Evidence Fund, with A. N. Fernando and G. Tourek. (\$97,276)
2019	Foundations of Human Behavior Grant (\$5,000)
2019	Harvard South Asia Institute Winter Research Grant (\$1,500)
2019	Harvard Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2019	Weiss Family Program Fund (\$14,401)
2018	Kellogg Institute Research Grant, with A. N. Fernando and G. Tourek. (\$19,987)
2016	JPAL Urban Services Initiative Pilot Grant, with A. N. Fernando and G. Tourek. (\$48,174)
2015	Weiss Family Program Fund, with A. N. Fernando. (\$33,022)
2015	Harvard South Asia Institute Graduate Student Research Grant (\$2,500)
2015-20	Evidence for Policy Design, PhD Student Affiliate
2014-17	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee Service: AER: Insights; Journal of Development Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics

### Conferences and Presentations

2021	PACDEV; University of Notre Dame Development; Jobs and Development Conference
2020	NEUDC

## PERSONAL

Citizenship: Canadian, Indian Overseas Citizen

## REFERENCES

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