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## **Education:**

Ph.D. Economics, Harvard University, June 2008

Dissertation 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

#### **Academic Positions:**

Wellesley College, Department of Economics

Associate Professor of Economics, 9/2017-present

Assistant Professor of Economics, 7/2009-8/2017

University of Virginia, Department of Economics

Assistant Professor of Economics, 8/2008-5/2009

# **Other Positions/Affiliations:**

2015-2017 Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Community Development Research Advisory

Council

2013-2015 External Reviewer for International Initiative for Impact Evaluation

#### **Research Interests:**

Development Economics, Public Economics, Labor Economics

### **Publications:**

"Implementation and Effects of India's National School-based Iron Supplementation Program" (with James Berry, Saurabh Mehta, Priya Mukherjee, and Hannah Ruebeck), forthcoming, *Journal of Development Economics* 

"Financial Education for Female Foreign Domestic Workers in Singapore" (with Rashmi Barua and Dean Yang), forthcoming, *Economics of Education Review* 

"Water Quality Awareness and Breastfeeding: Evidence of Health Behavior Change in Bangladesh" (with Pinar Keskin and Helen Willis), *Review of Economics and Statistics* 99(2), 2017, pp. 265-280.

"High School Curriculum and Financial Outcomes: The Impact of Mandated Personal Finance and Mathematics Courses" (with Shawn Cole and Anna Paulson), *Journal of Human Resources* 51(3), 2016, pp. 656-698.

"Smart Money? The Effect of Education on Financial Outcomes" (with Shawn Cole and Anna Paulson), *The Review of Financial Studies* 27(7), 2014, pp. 2022-2051.

"Human Capital Response to Globalization: Education and Information Technology in India" *Journal of Human Resources* 47(2), 2012, pp. 287-330.

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

"Taken with a Grain of Salt? Micronutrient Fortification in South Asia" (with James Berry and Priya Mukherjee). *CESifo Economic Studies* 58(2), 2012, pp.422-449.

"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.

## **Working Papers:**

"Inputs, Monitoring, and Crowd-out in School-based Health Interventions: Evidence from India's Midday Meals Program" (with James Berry, Saurabh Mehta, Priya Mukherjee, and Hannah Ruebeck), September 2018.

"Luck or Skill: How Women and Men Respond to Noisy Feedback" (with Olga Shurchkov and Lingjun Lotus Xia)

"The Curse of Plenty: Early Childhood Roots of the Rise in Chronic Disease" (with Sheetal Sekhri)

## **Work in Progress:**

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

### **Research Grants:**

| 2014-2015 | International Growth Centre, London School of Economics, \$58,415 (with      |
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|           | James Berry, Priya Mukherjee, and Saurabh Mehta)                             |
| 2011-2013 | Douglas B. Marshall, Jr. Family Foundation, \$96,283.86 (with James Berry)   |
| 2011-2013 | International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, \$743,759 (with James Berry) |
| 2010-2011 | Singapore Management University Research Grant, \$28,792 (with Rashmi        |
|           | Barua and Dean Yang)   |
| 2009-2011 | Financial Education Fund, \$375,696 (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, undergraduate)

# **Professional Activities:**

#### **Conference Presentations:**

2017-2019 IUSSP Research Conference on Population, Poverty and Inequality, Liberal

|           | Arts Colleges Development Conference, Northeast Universities Development |
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|           | Consortium Conference, Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings,     |
|           | Advances with Field Experiments  |
| 2013-2014 | Environment and Development Conference, Eastern Economic Association     |
|           | Annual Meetings  |
| 2007-2009 | IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, Northeast       |
|           | Universities Development Consortium Conference, NBER Education Program   |
|           | meetings, AEA Annual Meeting, North American Econometric Society Winter  |
|           | meetings, 2009 Community Affairs Research Conference, Northeast          |
|           | Universities Development Consortium Conference                           |

## **Invited Seminars:**

| 2018-2019   | Fordham University, Financial Literacy Seminar Series at the Global Financial      |
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|             | Literacy Excellence Center   |
| 2013-2015   | Boston University, Dartmouth College, California State University-Fullerton, Clark |
|             | University, Maryland State Department of Education Financial Literacy Education    |
|             | Briefing (Keynote)   |
| 2011-2012   | Venice Summer Institute: Malnutrition in South Asia, University of                 |
|             | Connecticut  |
| 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 American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Conference, Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, Liberal Arts Colleges Development Conference, National Bureau of Economic Research Household Finance Meetings, Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference

Referee for American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, CESifo Economic Studies, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Economics of Education Review, Economics of Transition, Empirical Economics, European Economic Review, European Journal of Finance, Journal of African Economics, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Pension Economics and Finance, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Financial Studies, Review of Economics of the Household, Review of World Economics, Water Resources and Economics, World Bank Economic Review

# **Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:**

| 2009-2018 | Faculty Research Awards, Wellesley College                                |
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| 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  |
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