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Academic Positions:

Assistant Professor of Economics: University of California, San Diego: July 08 - present
Post-Doctoral Fellow: Harvard Graduate School of Education: July 07 – June 08

Affiliations:

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)
Junior Affiliate, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)
Affiliate, Center of Evaluation for Global Action (CEGA)
Member, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, MIT (J-PAL)
Research Affiliate, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)

Research Interests:

Development Economics, Human Capital, Education and Health in Developing Countries,
Program Evaluation, Field Experiments

Education:

Ph.D. (Economics), Harvard University, June 2007
Advisors: Michael Kremer, Caroline Hoxby, Martin Feldstein
Dissertation: Essays on the Economics of Education in Developing Countries
M.Phil. (Economics), Cambridge University, UK, 1999 (Ranked 1st)
A.B. (Economics), Harvard University, *summa cum laude*, 1998

Honors and Fellowships:

2009 – 10	Center for Pacific Economies Fellowship, UC San Diego
2008	Spencer Foundation Exemplary Dissertation Award
2006 – 07	Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
2006 – 07	Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Fellowship
2004 – 06	Bradley Foundation Fellowship
2004	Derek Bok Center Certificate for Excellence in Teaching
2003 – 04	Justice, Welfare, and Economics Fellowship, Harvard University
2001 – 03	Harvard University Graduate Fellowship

1999	Stevenson Prize, Cambridge University
1998 – 99	Eben Fiske Fellowship to Trinity College, Cambridge University
1997	Phi Beta Kappa (junior year inductee)
1995	Detur Prize

Published and Forthcoming Journal Articles

"Teacher Absence in India: A Snapshot" (with Michael Kremer, Nazmul Chaudhury, Jeffrey Hammer, Halsey Rogers), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, vol. 3, no. 2-3, April-May 2005, pp. 658-67

"Missing in Action: Teacher and Health Worker Absence in Developing Countries" (with Nazmul Chaudhury, Jeffrey Hammer, Michael Kremer, Halsey Rogers), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Winter 2006, pp 91-116

Why are teachers absent? Probing service delivery in Peruvian primary schools (with Lorena Alcázar, Halsey Rogers, Nazmul Chaudhury, Jeffrey Hammer, Michael Kremer), *International Journal of Educational Research*, 2006, vol. 45, pp 117-136

Published and Forthcoming Articles in Edited Volumes

"Teacher and Medical Worker Incentives in India" in the *Oxford Companion to Economics in India*, edited by Kaushik Basu, Oxford University Press, 2007

"Public and Private Schools in Rural India" (with Michael Kremer) forthcoming in *School Choice International*, edited by Paul Peterson and Rajashri Chakrabarti

Working Papers

"Teacher Performance Pay: Experimental Evidence from India" (with Venkatesh Sundararaman), NBER Working Paper 15323

"Contract Teachers: Experimental Evidence from India" (with Venkatesh Sundararaman)

"When Can School Inputs Improve Test Scores" (with Jishnu Das, Stefan Dercon, James Habyarimana, Pramila Krishnan, and Venkatesh Sundararaman)

"The Impact of Diagnostic Feedback to Teachers on Student Learning: Experimental Evidence from India" (with Venkatesh Sundararaman)

"Is there a Doctor in the House? Absent Medical Providers in India" (with Michael Kremer, Nazmul Chaudhury, Jeffrey Hammer, Halsey Rogers)

Work in Progress:

"The General Equilibrium Effect of School Vouchers: Evidence from a two-stage experiment"

"Do Remote Area Allowances for Teachers Improve Attendance: Evidence from Indonesia" (with Halsey Rogers, and Menno Pradhan)

"Teacher Absence in India" (with Michael Kremer, Nazmul Chaudhury, Jeffrey Hammer, Halsey Rogers)

Policy Papers and General Writing:

"Public-Private Partnerships for Quality Education in India," *Seminar*, Issue #565, September 2006

"Reward Teachers But Ensure Output," *The Indian Express*, June 30, 2006

"Public Service Delivery in India: Challenges and Opportunities," *India in Transition*, Center for the Advanced Study of India (University of Pennsylvania) September 22, 2007

"The State and the Market in Education Delivery: Implications for Dalit Empowerment," prepared for the Dalit Studies Conference, Center for the Advanced Study of India (University of Pennsylvania), December 2008

Teaching

Microeconomics of Development (Ph.D.), UC San Diego
Development Economics (Undergraduate), UC San Diego
Running Field Experiments (Masters/Ph.D.), UC San Diego
Economics of Education in Developing Countries (Masters), Harvard University
Public Sector Economics (Undergraduate), Harvard College

Invited Seminars and Presentations (Economics Department unless mentioned otherwise)

2009 – 10 NBER Summer Institute – Education Group Meeting
NBER Summer Institute – Personnel Economics Working Group
Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE)
Dartmouth College (scheduled)
UC, Riverside (scheduled)
UC, Irvine (scheduled)
Northwestern University (scheduled)
American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta (scheduled)

2008 – 09 NBER-CCER Conference on the Chinese Economy, Beijing
University of Southern California
NEUDC, Boston University
Inter-American Development Bank, Washington DC
University of Pennsylvania (Center for the Advanced Study of India)
Harvard Kennedy School of Government
Indian School of Business, Hyderabad
World Bank, Jakarta
University of California, Berkeley
Stanford University
University of Florida
University of California, San Diego
World Bank Workshop on "Making Schools Accountable?", Washington DC

2007 – 08 Ministry of Education and Ministry of Planning, Government of Indonesia
World Bank/DFID South Asia Regional Conference on Quality Education, New Delhi
Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of India, New Delhi
NBER Conference on the Indian Economy, Neemrana
Columbia University
Vanderbilt University, Peabody College of Education – National Conference on Performance Incentives
Texas A & M University
Texas A & M University, Bush School of Government
University of California, San Diego
CESifo – Munich, Germany – Conference on Incentives in Education

2006 – 07 NEUDC, Cornell University
Harvard University
Yale University, School of Management

- Washington University in St. Louis
 University of California, Berkeley (ARE)
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of California, San Diego
 University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy
 Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management
 Harvard University, Graduate School of Education
 University of Texas, Austin
 NBER Economics of Education Spring Meeting
 University of Virginia
- 2005 – 06 Government of Andhra Pradesh, Department of School Education
 NBER Conference on the Indian Economy, Neemrana
 Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, New Delhi
- 2004 and earlier NBER Conference on the Indian Economy, Neemrana
 Global Development Network Conference, New Delhi
 Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi
 Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, New Delhi
 Network on South Asian Politics and Political Economy (NETSAPPE), CERI, Paris

Professional Activities

- Member: American Economic Association
 Econometric Society
 Teacher Quality Advisory Group (Inter-American Development Bank)
- Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*
American Economic Review
Canadian Journal of Economics
Economic Development and Cultural Change
Economic Journal
Economics of Education Review
Journal of Development Economics
Journal of the European Economic Association
Journal of Human Development
Journal of Human Resources
Journal of Labor Economics
Journal of Political Economy
Journal of Public Economics
 National Science Foundation
Quarterly Journal of Economics

Other Employment:

- 2002 – Present Consultant, World Bank
 Development Economics Research Group: 2002 - 04
 South Asia Human Development Unit: 2004 - Present
 East Asia Human Development Unit: 2007 - Present
- 2001 – 2008 Resident Tutor, Leverett House, Harvard University
- 2001 – 2007 Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Economics, Harvard University

1999 – 2001 Associate Consultant, Bain & Company, Singapore

Personal Information:

Born	November 1975
Citizenship	India
Languages	English, Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Chinese (Mandarin)