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Education:

Ph.D. Economics, Harvard University, June 2008
A.M. Economics, Harvard University, June 2005
A.B. with honors, Economics and Mathematics, Brown University, May 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:

2022-present Invited Researcher, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab
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:

“Reject or Revise: Gender Differences in Persistence and Publishing in Economics” (with Olga Shurchkov), Nov 2023, accepted, *Economic Inquiry*.

“The Curse of Plenty: The Green Revolution and the Rise in Chronic Disease” (with Sheetal Sekhri) Aug 2023, forthcoming, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.

“Crowd-out in School-based Health Interventions: Evidence from India's Midday Meals Program” (with James Berry, Saurabh Mehta, Priya Mukherjee, and Hannah Ruebeck), *Journal of Public Economics* 204, 2021, 104552.

“Luck or Skill: How Women and Men Respond to Noisy Feedback” (with Olga Shurchkov and Lingjun Lotus Xia), *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics* 88, 2020, 101592.

“Implementation and Effects of India's National School-based Iron Supplementation Program” (with James Berry, Saurabh Mehta, Priya Mukherjee, and Hannah Ruebeck), *Journal of Development Economics* 144(C), 2020, 102428.

“Financial Education for Female Foreign Domestic Workers in Singapore” (with Rashmi Barua and Dean Yang), *Economics of Education Review* 78, 2020, 101920.

“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:

“Effective Health Aid: Evidence from Gavi’s Vaccine Program” (with Dan Tortorice), Sept 2023, revision requested and resubmitted, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.

Work in Progress:

“Play to Learn: Improving Foundational Learning with Technology-Aided Formative Teaching” (with Ramiro Burga, Divya Pandey, and Sheetal Sekhri)

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

“Why She Didn't Just Leave: The Effect of Nuisance Ordinances on Domestic Violence” (with Emily Moss)

Research Grants:

2022-2023	Central Square Foundation, \$40,000 (with Sheetal Sekhri)
2014-2015	International Growth Centre, London School of Economics, \$58,415 (with 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:

Activities to Further Inclusion in Economics:

2023 Presented at the Harvard Undergraduate Inclusion in Economics group
2021 Presented at the Minnesota Center for Diversity in Economics, St. Catherine University
2020 Served as a mentor at the CeMENT workshop for female faculty at liberal arts colleges

Conference Presentations:

2017-2023 IUSSP Research Conference on Population, Poverty and Inequality, Liberal Arts Colleges Development Conference, Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, Advances with Field Experiments, Liberal Arts Colleges Labor and Public Conference
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:

2018-2022 Cornell University, Fordham University, Financial Literacy Seminar Series at the Global Financial Literacy Excellence Center, Global Food+ 2021, Value of Vaccination Research Network Seminar Series, Virtual Liberal Arts Colleges Development Seminar
2013-2015 Boston University, Dartmouth College, California State University-Fullerton, Clark University, Maryland State Department of Education Financial Literacy Education Briefing (Keynote)
2008-2012 Venice Summer Institute: Malnutrition in South Asia, University of Connecticut, Singapore Management University, University of New Hampshire-Durham, 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, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

Organized the Liberal Arts Colleges Development Conference 2022 at Wellesley College

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*, *China Economic Review*, *Centre of Excellence for Development Impact and Learning (CEDIL)*, *CESifo Economic Studies*, *USAID's Development Innovation Ventures (DIV)*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economic Journal*, *Economics Letters*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Economics of Transition*, *Empirical Economics*, *European Economic Review*, *European Journal of Finance*, *Health Economics*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *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:

2009-2023	Faculty Research Awards, Wellesley College
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