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CURRENT POSITION:

Associate Professor of Public Policy (with tenure), Department of Public Policy, UCLA School of Public Affairs, 2008 – present.

Adjunct Associate Professor, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, 2008 – present.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

Visiting Associate Professor, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University 2006 – 8.

Associate Professor of Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2002–2007.

Assistant Professor of Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 1998–2002.

EDUCATION:

Princeton University, Ph.D., Economics, 1998.

Williams College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, with Highest Honors in Economics, 1993.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

Associate Editor, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 2009-present.

External Advisor, Ministry of Education, Government of Mexico, 2009-present.

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1998–present.

Research Associate, California Center for Population Research, UCLA, 2008–present.

Faculty Affiliate, UCLA Center for the Study of Women, 2008–present.

Academic Advisory Panel, Legatum Institute for Global Development, Prosperity Index, 2008-present

Affiliated Faculty, Global Media Project, Brown University, 2006–2008.

Board of Directors, WorldTeach, Cambridge, MA, 2003–present.

Visiting Scholar, India Development Foundation, Gurgaon, India, 2003.

MacArthur Network Member, Program on Inequality and Poverty, 1999–2000.

Visitor, London School of Economics and Political Science, STICERD, 1999.

Faculty Associate, Center for International Development, Harvard University, 1999–2007.

Faculty Associate, Information Technology Group, Harvard University, 1999–2001.

Faculty Associate, Harvard Institute for International Development, 1998–1999.

External Collaborator, International Labour Organization (ILO), International Programme for the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC), 2000–2004.

Visiting Researcher, Centre for Social and Development Studies, University of Natal at Durban, South Africa, 1994, 1995.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS:

National Institutes of Health, R01 “Life–Cycle Wealth and Health in Transition Economies,” 2003–8 (sole investigator, \$1,164,504).

S.E.VEN Fund, Inc., “Project on the Global Gender Gap,” 2008 (sole investigator, \$29,950).

Watson Institute Fund for Research on Inequality, 2007–8 (co- principal investigator, \$50,000).

Hefner China Fund, Harvard University, 2006 (co- principal investigator, \$25,000).

William F. Milton Fund, Harvard Medical School, “Fertility Preferences and Gender Inequality in the Developing World,” 2003 (sole investigator, \$34,695).

Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), “Competitiveness of the Dominican Republic,” 2000 (co- principal investigator, \$300,000).

National Bureau of Economic Research Fellowship in the Demography of Aging, 2000–2001.

Alfred P. Sloan Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1997–1998.

Woodrow Wilson Society of Fellows, 1997.

Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Fellowship, 1997.

Princeton University Fellowship, 1993–1997.

TEACHING

Microeconomic Analysis

Advanced Quantitative Methods II: Econometric Methods

The Economic Analysis of Poverty and Development

Manuel Carballo Award for Excellence in Teaching, John F. Kennedy School of Government,
Harvard University, 2006.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Do Consumer Price Subsidies Really Improve Nutrition?” **Review of Economics and Statistics**,
forthcoming, 2010 (accepted subject to minor revisions; with Nolan Miller).

“Information, Efficiency and Welfare in Agricultural Markets,” **Agricultural Economics**,
forthcoming, 2010.

“The (Perceived) Returns to Education and the Demand for Schooling,” **Quarterly Journal of
Economics**, 125(2), forthcoming, 2010.

“The Power of TV: Cable Television and Women’s Status in India,” **Quarterly Journal of
Economics**, 124(3), p. 1057-1094, 2009. (with Emily Oster)

“The Impact of the World Food Price Crisis on Nutrition in China” **Agricultural Economics**, 39, p.
465 – 476, 2008. (with Nolan Miller)

“Giffen Behavior and Subsistence Consumption,” **American Economic Review**, 98(4), p. 1553 –
1577, 2008. (with Nolan Miller)

“The Digital Provide: Information (Technology), Market Performance and Welfare in the South
Indian Fisheries Sector,” **Quarterly Journal of Economics**, 122(3), p. 879 – 924, 2007.

“Do Private Transfers ‘Displace’ the Benefits of Public Transfers? Evidence from South Africa”
Journal of Public Economics, 88, p. 89 – 112, 2003.

“The Health Implications of Social Security Failure: Evidence from the Russian Pension Crisis,”
Journal of Public Economics, 88, p. 209 – 236, 2003. (with Kaspar Richter)

“Early Female Marriage in the Developing World,” **Gender and Development**, 11(2), p. 9 – 19,
2003. (with Rebecca Thornton)

- “Assessing the Need and Potential for Community Networking for Developing Countries: A Case Study from India,” **The Information Society**, 19(5), p. 1 – 16, 2003. (with Christopher Blattman and Raul Roman)
- “Household Participation in Formal and Informal Savings Mechanisms: Evidence from Pakistan,” **Review of Development Economics**, 6(3), p. 314 – 328, 2002. (with Seth B. Carpenter)
- “Agricultural Volatility and Investments in Children,” **American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings**, 90 (2), p 399 – 404, 2001.
- “Understanding the Relationship Between Poverty and Children’s Health,” **European Economic Review**, 45 (4–6), p. 1031 – 1039, 2001. (with Kaspar Richter)

BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Caste, Culture and the Status and Well-Being of Widows in India,” in David Wise, ed., Analyses in the Economics of Aging, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, p. 357 – 373, 2004.
- “Socioeconomic Status, Nutrition and Health among the Elderly,” in David Wise, ed., Perspectives in the Economics of Aging, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, p. 313 – 327, 2004.
- “The Value of Information Technology for Developing Countries,” in Geoffrey Kirkman, ed., Global Information Technology Readiness Report, Oxford: Oxford University Press, p. 62 – 74, 2002. (with Karen Eggleston and Richard Zeckhauser)
- “The Rising Sun and the Stumbling Bear: The Mortality Consequences of Economic Well-Being,” in Negishi, Takashi, Rama Ramachandran and Kazuo Mino, eds., Economic Theory, Dynamics and Markets: Essays in Honor of Ryuzo Sato, Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2001. (with Richard Zeckhauser)

WORKING PAPERS

- "Economics, Culture and Gender Bias in Rural India," mimeo, UCLA.
- "Does Schooling Prevent Teen Smoking and Drinking?" (with Adriana Lleras-Muney) mimeo, UCLA.
- “Assessing Poverty and Malnutrition via Calorie Shares” (with Nolan Miller) mimeo, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- “Daughters as Wealth? Financial Incentives and Sex Ratios,” (with Alaka Holla and Emily Oster) mimeo, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- “Keepin’ ‘em Down on the Farm: Old Age Security and Strategic Underinvestment in Children” (with Nolan Miller) mimeo, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

“Fertility Preferences and Female Disadvantage: Equal Treatment, Unequal Outcomes?” mimeo, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge.

OTHERS

“What Information Technology Can Do for the World’s Poor,” *The Economic Times* (India; 7/27/01); *Handelsblatt* (Germany; 8/7/01); *Taipei Times* (Taiwan; 8/4/01); *Den* (Ukraine; 7/26/01); *Nepali Times* (Nepal; 8/01). (with Richard Zeckhauser)

“Comments on ‘Does Income Protect Health Status? Evidence from South African Pensions,’ by Anne Case” in David Wise, ed., *Perspectives in the Economics of Aging*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2004.

REPORTS

Mainstreaming Gender (2004). International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC), International Labour Organization (ILO) Research Report, Geneva, Switzerland.

The Education Investment: Linking Education and Competitiveness in the Dominican Republic (2003). Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (with Meredith Pearson, Alexandra Schlegel and Paul Wassenich).

Measuring Hard to Measure Populations: A Rapid-Assessment/Sample-Resample (RA-SR) Field Guide, International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC), International Labour Organization (ILO) Research Report, Geneva, Switzerland (2002).

Investigating the Worst Forms of Child Labor: A Rapid Assessment Synthesis Report (2002). International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC), International Labour Organization (ILO) Research Report, Geneva, Switzerland (with Meredith Pearson).

Developing Indicators of Child Labor (2000). International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC), International Labour Organization (ILO) Research Report, Geneva, Switzerland.

SELECT RECENT MEDIA COVERAGE

“Eureka Moments,” *The Economist*, September 26, 2009, p. 84.

“A New View on TV,” *The Wall Street Journal*, September 6, 2008, p. A1.

“Market Data, Far From the Market,” *The New York Times*, June 29, 2008, p. B4.

“TV Privileges,” *Foreign Policy*, Issue 162, September/October 2007.

“Upwardly Mobile in Africa,” *Business Week*, September 24, 2007.

“Rethinking the Boob Tube,” *Chicago Tribune*, September 3, 2007.

“Where TV is Good for You,” *The Washington Post*, August 26, 2007, p. B02.

“To Do With the Price of Fish,” *The Economist*, May 12-18, 2007, p. 84.