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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2009– Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, UC Irvine
- 2010–2011 Visiting Assistant Professor and Research Scholar, Center for Health & Wellbeing  
Department of Economics, Princeton University
- 2006–2009 Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Department of Economics, University of Melbourne

## OTHER AFFILIATIONS

- 2011– Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)
- 2009– Faculty Affiliate, Center of Evaluation for Global Action (CEGA), UC Berkeley
- 2008– Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

## EDUCATION

### UC Berkeley

- 2006 Ph.D. Agricultural & Resource Economics
- 2003 M.S. Agricultural & Resource Economics
- 1995 B.A. Economics and Development Studies

### London School of Economics and Political Science

- 1997 M.Sc. Development Studies

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Health

## PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

- “Sex Work and Infection: What’s Law Enforcement Got to Do With it?” with P. Gertler, forthcoming *Journal of Law and Economics*.
- “To Work or Not to Work? Child Development and Maternal Labor Supply,” with P. Frijters, D. Johnston and M. Shields, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*. 2009, 1(3): 97-110.
- “Nature’s Experiment? Handedness and Early Childhood Development,” with D. Johnston, M. Nicholls, and M. Shields, *Demography*, 2009, 46(2): 281–302.
- “Prostitutes and Brides?” with R. Arunachalam, *American Economic Review Papers & Proceedings*, 2008, 98(2): 516–522.
- “Risky Business: The Market for Unprotected Commercial Sex,” with P. Gertler and S. Bertozzi, *Journal of Political Economy*, 2005, University of Chicago Press, 113(3): 518–550.

## WORKING PAPERS

- “Risk-Taking Behavior in the Wake of Natural Disasters,” with L. Cameron, 2011.
- “Mistargeting of Cash Transfers, Social Capital Destruction and Crime in Indonesia,” with L. Cameron, 2011.
- “Compensated for Life: Sex Work and Disease Risk in Ecuador,” with R. Arunachalam, 2011.
- “The Prostitutes Allure: Examining Returns to Beauty, Productivity and Discrimination,” with R. Arunachalam, 2010.
- “Intra-household Resource Allocation: Do Parents Reduce or Reinforce Child Cognitive Ability Gaps?” with P. Frijters, D. Johnston, and M. Shields, 2011.
- “Handedness, Health and Cognitive Development: Evidence from Children in the NLSY” with D. Johnston, M. Nicholls, and M. Shields, 2011.
- “Face Value: Information and Signaling in an Illegal Market” with T. Logan, 2010. revise and resubmit *Southern Economic Journal*

## HANDBOOK CHAPTERS AND BOOK REVIEWS

- “Sex Work and Risky Sex in Developing Countries,” In *Encyclopedia of Health Economics* (Anthony Culyer, editor) Oxford: Elsevier, forthcoming.
- “Sex Work,” with V. Rao, In *Oxford Companion to Economics in India* (Kaushik Basu, editor), Delhi: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
- “Risky Business: The Market for Unprotected Commercial Sex,” with P. Gertler and S. Bertozzi, In *The Economics of Health Behaviours* (J.H. Cawley and D.S. Kenkel, eds.) Elgar Publishers, 2008.
- Review of “Sex Workers of India: Diversity in Practice of Prostitution and Ways of Life, by Moni Nag.” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 2008, 57: 200.
- Review of “Making Sex Work: A Failed Experiment With Legalised Prostitution, by Mary Lucille Sullivan.” *Feminist Economics*, 2008, 14(4): 216–218.

## HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Dean’s Teaching Award for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Teaching, University of Melbourne, 2008.
- UC Institute for Mexico and the United States (UC MEXUS) Dissertation Fellowship (\$12,000), Regulation of the Sex Market: Evidence from Mexico and Ecuador, 2004–05.
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Fellowship (\$25,000), Computing for Social Inclusion: Evaluating the CDI, 2004.

## GRANTS AND RESEARCH

- Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Grant (\$265,718), Combating HIV / AIDS in Indonesia: Understanding the Behavior of Sex Workers and their Clients, 2011–13.

Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Grant (\$394,000), Community-Led Sanitation Interventions: The Role of Social Capital, 2009–11.

World Bank and Gates Foundation: Impact Evaluation of Total Sanitation & Sanitation Marketing in Indonesia, 2007–present.

University of Melbourne Early Career Research Grant (\$20,000), Identifying External Benefits from Sanitation Improvements: Evidence from Indonesia, 2007–08.

University of Melbourne Faculty of Economics and Commerce Grant (\$22,000), 2007–09.

UC Berkeley Center for Health Research Grant (\$5,000), Summer 2004.

UC Berkeley Institute of Business and Economic Research (IBER) Mini-Grant Research, 2004.

Impact Evaluation of HIV / AIDS Prevention Project and Enforcement Survey, Ecuador, 2003–04.

#### **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Short-term Consultant. *World Bank*. PI on impact evaluation of randomized sanitation intervention in Indonesia, 2007–

Visiting Researcher. *National Institute of Public Health (INSP)*, Cuernavaca, Mexico, Division of Health Economics and Policy, 2002–03

Research Associate. *International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)*, Mexico D.F. Economics Program (part of the CGIAR), 1997–99

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Princeton University. Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs*  
Development Economics (Master's), Spring 2011.

*University of California–Irvine. Department of Economics*  
Introductory Microeconomics (Undergraduate), Fall 2009.  
Development Economics (Undergraduate and PhD level), Winter 2010.

*University of Melbourne. Department of Economics*  
Introductory Microeconomics (Undergraduate), 2008.  
Development Economics (Master's and PhD level), 2007, 2008.

*University of California, Berkeley. Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics*  
International Development Economics (Undergraduate level), Summer 2005, Fall 2003.

#### **INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2011: Columbia University, World Bank Research Group (DECRG), Pacific Conference on Development Economics (PacDev) Session Chair (UC Berkeley), Population Association of America (PAA) Meeting (Washington DC), Tufts University, Fordham University, UC Riverside

2010: ASSA Conference Discussant (Atlanta), Pacific Development Conference (PacDev), UC Santa Barbara, USC, PSI seminar at UC Irvine, American Society of Health Economists (ASHE) Conference at Cornell University, Princeton University, Fifth Annual Amsterdam Institute for International Development Conference on Economic Consequences of HIV / AIDS

2009: ASSA Conference (San Francisco), University of Queensland, Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting (Detroit), University of California at San Diego, Northeastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) at Tufts University, Fourth Annual Amsterdam Institute for International Development Conference on Economic Consequences of HIV/AIDS

2008: ASSA Conference (New Orleans), University of California at Irvine, New Techniques in Development Economics Conference at Australian National University

2007: Australian National University, University of South Australia, La Trobe University, 3rd Development Conference at University of Sydney, Labour Econometrics Workshop (Wellington), Development and Infectious Disease Conference at Cornell University, Second AusAID Economics Network Conference

2006: University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of California Riverside, University of Melbourne, York University, University of California Berkeley, Williams College, RAND, Mathematica

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Economic Association, since 2004

Population Association of America, since 2008

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Economic Development and Cultural Change, The Economic Journal, Feminist Economics, Health Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Quarterly Journal of Economics, The Review of Economics and Statistics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Social Science and Medicine, World Bank Economic Review*

Grant review: National Science Foundation, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, AusAID Australian Development Research Awards

UNAIDS/World Bank Economics Reference Group (ERG) for HIV/AIDS Policy, Appointed member 2007-2010

Honors students/Senior theses supervised: Melissa Watson, Lucie Tafara Moore, Erika Dains, Peter Gudmundsen, Alexander Hwang, Devin Walsh

Ph.D. committees: Ian Salas (member), Nilopa Shah (member)

External Ph.D. Examiner: Department of Economics, Australian National University

#### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

US citizen

Languages: English (native), Spanish (fluent), Gujarati (fluent)