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CURRENT POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, The Pennsylvania State University, 2015-Present

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Associate Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute, 2015-2016
Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 2015

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Member, Institutions Trade and Economic Development Network (InsTED)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston MA, 2015
M.A., Political Economy, Boston University, Boston MA, 2012
B.A., Economics (*Magna Cum Laude*), Pomona College, Claremont CA, 2005

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Development Economics, Econometrics

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Research Grant (€300,000), TaiwanBusiness - EBRD Technical Cooperation Fund, 2017
Funded Participant, Western Economic Association International Graduate Student Workshop, 2014
Funding for Research Assistant (\$9,600), Boston University Department of Economics RA Mentor Program, 2013-2014
Research Grant (\$20,734), Weiss Family Program Fund for Research in Development Economics, 2013
Summer Research Grant (\$5,000), Boston University Department of Economics, 2013
Department Fellowship, Boston University Department of Economics, 2011-2014
Morris B. Pendleton Prize, Pomona College Department of Economics, 2005
Phi Beta Kappa, Pomona College, 2005
Leland M. Backstrand Memorial Award, Pomona College Department of Economics, 2004
Student Undergraduate Research Grant, Pomona College, 2004

WORKING PAPERS

“Generalizing the Results from Social Experiments: Theory and Evidence from Mexico and India”
“Indian Labor Regulations and the Cost of Corruption: Evidence from the Firm Size Distribution” (with Amrit Amirapu)
“Dynamic Effects of Product Market Regulation: Evidence from India” (with Amrit Amirapu and Gabriel Smagghue)

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Market Structure and Competition in the Indian Fertilizer Industry” (with Stefan Hoderlein, Beáta Itin-Shwartz and Hiroaki Kaido)
- “The Effects of Land Policy on Equity and Efficiency in Developing Country Cities: Evidence from the Mumbai Mills Redevelopment” (with Nick Tsivanidis)
- “Alleviating the Congestion Effects of Rapid Urbanization: Evidence from the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Amman” (with Nick Tsivanidis and Nathaniel Young)
- “Combining Experimental and Observational Studies in Meta-Analysis: Leveraging Experimental Structures to Eliminate Selection Bias” (with Rachael Meager)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2016-17:** Columbia University Causal Inference Conference, Entrepreneurship and Private Enterprise Development (EPED) in Emerging Economies Workshop, Indian Institute of Business - Bangalore, ITAM, NYU New York, NYU Abu Dhabi
- 2015-16:** Atlantic Causal Inference Conference, CSAE Conference, Georgetown, George Washington, IADB/Cornell Conference on Size and Type Dependent Regulations, IFPRI, RES Annual Conference
- 2014-15:** EEA Annual Meeting, BU, BU-BC Econometrics Conference, Cambridge, Carlos III, CIDE, Cornell PAM, Hebrew U, IFPRI, ITAM, Laval, NEUDC, Penn State, Sciences Po, WEAI Graduate Student Workshop
- 2013-14:** IGIDR, ISI-CSO-IGC International Workshop on Official Data

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Growth and Development (Undergraduate), The Pennsylvania State University, Spring 2017
- Economic Development (Ph.D.), The Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2016
- Teaching Fellow, Introductory Microeconomic Analysis (Undergraduate), Boston University, Spring 2011

REFEREE EXPERIENCE

- The American Economic Review, Journal of the European Economic Association, The Review of Economics and Statistics, The Singapore Economic Review, Urban Affairs Review*

GRANT REVIEW EXPERIENCE

- African Growth and Development Policy Modeling Consortium (AGRODEP)

PAST EMPLOYMENT

- Research Assistant for Hiroaki Kaido, Boston University, 2011-2015
- Principal and Co-Founder, Idealistics, Inc., 2005-2013
- Research Assistant for Tahir Andrabi, Pomona College, 2003-2005

LANGUAGES: Fluent in English, French and Spanish. Basic Dutch and Hindi.

CITIZENSHIP: USA, Belgium