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Academic Positions and Affiliations

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Wellesley College, July 2013-present

Fellow, Center for Development Economics and Policy, Columbia University, March 2014-present

Research Affiliate, International Growth Centre, May 2016-present

Institutions, Trade and Economic Development Network (InsTED), May 2018-present

Invited Researcher, J-PAL King Climate Action Initiative (K-CAI), April 2021-present

Education

Columbia University, Ph.D. in Economics, 2013
Dissertation: Essays on Firm Behavior in Developing Economies

Wellesley College, B.A. in Economics and Physics, *summa cum laude*, 2004

Research Interests

Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, International Trade

Publications and Accepted Papers

“Democracy and Firm Productivity: Evidence from Indonesia” With Prabhat Barnwal, Ritam Chaurey and Priya Mukherjee. Accepted, *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

“Productivity Losses and Firm Responses to Electricity Shortages: Evidence from Ghana” With Charles Ackah and Patrick Asuming. *World Bank Economic Review*, 35(1): 1-18, February 2021.

“The Effect of Electricity Shortages on Firm Investment: Evidence from Ghana” *Journal of African Economies*, 29(1): 46-62, January 2020.

“An Unintended Consequence of Place-Based Policies: A Fall in Informality” With Ritam Chaurey. *Economics Letters*, 176(2019), 23-27, March 2019.

“Electricity Cost and Firm Performance: Evidence from India” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 99(5): 839-852, December 2017.

“Improving Reading Skills by Encouraging Children to Read in School: A Randomized Evaluation of the Sa Aklat Sisikat Reading Program in the Philippines” With Todd Kumler and Leigh Linden. *Journal of Human Resources*, 49(3): 611-633, Summer 2014.

Working Papers

“Intranational Trade Costs, Product Scope and Productivity: Evidence from India’s Golden Quadrilateral Project” With Mary Chen. Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Development Economics*.

Work in Progress

“Place-Based Policies and Migration” With Ritam Chaurey and Radhika Menon.

“Input Tariff Reductions, Imported Inputs and Exporting Activity”

“Input Tariff Liberalization and Consumer Prices”

Teaching Experience

2013-Present Wellesley College:
International Trade Theory (Econ 314)
Development Economics (Econ 220)
Principles of Macroeconomics (Econ 102)

2008-2012 Columbia University:
Intermediate Macroeconomics (S4213Q)
Financial Economics (V3025) – Teaching Assistant
Economic Growth and Development (G4301) – Teaching Assistant
Principles of Economics (W1105) – Teaching Assistant
The Global Economic Environment (B7005) – Teaching Assistant

Other Work Experience

2009-2010 Consultant, World Trade Indicators, The World Bank
2006-2007 Associate, CRA International, Finance Group
2004-2006 Analyst, Lehman Brothers, Investment Banking, Financial Institutions Group

Honors and Awards

2021	Wellesley College, Faculty Research Award
2017	Wellesley College, Social Science Summer Research Program
2016	International Growth Centre Grant for “Analyzing the Extent and Sources of Productivity Losses from Electricity Shortages for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises” with Charles Ackah and Patrick Asuming (£50,226)
2007-2013	Faculty Fellowship, Columbia University
2009-2012	Summer Fellowship, Columbia University
2009	Wueller Award for Teaching Excellence, Columbia University
2007	Margaret Freeman Bowers Fellowship, Wellesley College
2004	Phyllis J. Fleming Award for Excellence in Physics, Wellesley College
2003	Phi Beta Kappa (elected in junior year), Wellesley College

Professional Activities

Conference and Seminar Presentations:

2020-2021:	Liberal Arts Colleges Development Economics Seminar, NEUDC Annual Conference (session chair), University of Michigan, University of Connecticut, MIT Sloan
2019-2020:	Entrepreneurship and Private Enterprise Development (EPED) in Emerging Economies Workshop (MIT), Liberal Arts Colleges Development Economics Conference, Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting
2018-2019:	University of Oxford, George Washington University, Vassar College
2017-2018:	American Economic Association Annual Meeting (session chair and discussant), Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting (session chair and presenter), Institutions, Trade and Economic Development Network (InsTED) Workshop at Syracuse University
2016-2017:	Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Entrepreneurship and Private Enterprise Development (EPED) in Emerging Economies Workshop (NYU)
2014-2015:	Western Economic Association International Annual Conference
2013-2014:	IZA Workshop on Labor Market Effects of Environmental Policies, Liberal Arts Colleges Development Economics Conference, CSWEP Regional Mentoring (CeMENT) Workshop
2012-2013	Barnard College, CSAE Annual Conference, Georgetown University SFS, Georgetown University SFS-Qatar, Middlebury College, NEUDC Annual

Conference, Occidental College, Smith College, University of Arkansas,
University of Delaware, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,
University of Notre Dame, Wellesley College

Professional Service:

Referee: *American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Economics of Education Review, Energy Economics, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Asian Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Education, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Human Resources, Oxford Development Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of World Economics, Science, World Bank Economic Review, World Development*

Other Service:

Scientific Committee (Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics (AMIE))

Applied Workshop in Microeconomics 2021, Liberal Arts Colleges Development

Economics Conference 2021, NEUDC 2020)

Mentor (AMIE, Boston University Women in Economics Mentoring Workshop)