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EDUCATION

1999 Ph.D., Economics, London School of Economics
1995 M.Sc. in Economics, London School of Economics (Distinction),
1994 MA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Oxford University
1992 BA (Hons.) in Economics, St. Stephens College, Delhi University

CURRENT AND PREVIOUS PRINCIPAL POSITIONS

July 2006 – Mohammed Kamal Professor of Public Policy, Kennedy School of
Government, Harvard University
2005 – 2006 Associate Professor of Economics, Yale University
Spring 2006 Visiting Associate Professor, University of California, Berkeley
Fall 2005 Visiting Associate Professor, Economics Department Columbia University
2003 – 2005 Assistant Professor of Economics, Yale University
2002 – 2003 Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, MIT
1999 – 2002 Assistant Professor of Economics, Columbia University

AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Research Associate, NBER Political Economy Program
Research Affiliate, CEPR Public Policy Program and Development Economics Program
Board Member, Bureau for Research in Economic Analysis and Development (BREAD)
(Junior Fellow 2002 – 2005; Senior Fellow, 2005 – 2008)
Member, NSF Economics Panel (2008 – 2010)
Board Member at Large, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession
Affiliate, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, MIT
Faculty Associate, Weatherhead Center, Harvard University
Faculty Committee, Women and Public Policy Program (WAPPP)
Steering Committee of CID, Sustainability Science Program and South Asia Initiative, Harvard
University

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Development Economics, Political Economy, and Gender Economics

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

“Do Traditional Institutions Constrain Female Entrepreneurship? A Field Experiment on Business Training in India,” with Eric Field and Seema Jayachandran. *American Economic Review*, May 2010.

“Powerful Women: Female Leadership and Gender Bias,” with Lori Beaman, Raghendra Chattopadhyay, Esther Duflo and Petia Topalova. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, November 2009, Vol. 124 (4): 1497–1540.

“Segregation, Rent Control, and Riots: the Economics of Religious Conflict in an Indian City,” with Eric Field, Matthew Levinson, Sujata Visara. *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, May 2008, Vol. 98 (2): pp. 505-510.

“Repayment Frequency and Default in Micro-Finance: Evidence from India,” with Erica Field. *Journal of European Economic Association Paper and Proceedings*, April-May 2008, Vol. 6 (2-3): pp. 501-550.

“Understanding Political Corruption in Low Income Countries,” in *Handbook of Development Economics, Volume 4*, T. Schultz & J. Strauss, Eds., 2008, pp. 3155-3184.

“Coordinating Development: Can Investment Tax and Subsidy Schemes Eliminate Coordination Failures?” with P. Bond in *Journal of Development Economics*, July 2007, Vol. 83: 368-391.

“Dams,” with Esther Duflo, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, May 2007, Vol. 122 (2): 601-646.

“Profits and Politics: Coordinating Technology Adoption in Agriculture,” *Journal of Development Economics*, December 2006, Vol. 81 (2): 299-315.

“Institutions and Development: A View from Below,” with Chris Udry in *Proceedings of the 9th World Congress of the Econometric Society*, edited by R.Blundell, W.Newey and T.Persson, Cambridge University Press.

“Can Rural Banks Reduce Poverty? Evidence from the Indian Social Banking Experiment,” with R. Burgess, *American Economic Review*, June 2005, Vol.95 (3), pp.780-795.

“Can Mandated Political Representation Provide Disadvantaged Minorities Policy Influence? Theory and Evidence from India,” *American Economic Review*, September 2003, Vol. 93 (4): 1132-1151.

“Unmarried Parenthood and Redistributive Politics,” with L. Edlund and L. Haider, *Journal of European Economic Association*, March 2005, Volume 3(1): 95-119.

“Banking for the Poor: Evidence from India,” with R. Burgess and G. Wong, *Journal of the European Economics Association Papers and Proceedings*, April-May 2005, Vol. 3 (2-3): 268-278.

“Participatory Democracy in Action: Survey Evidence from India,” with T. Besley and V. Rao, *Journal of the European Economics Association Papers and Proceedings*, April-May 2005, Vol. 3 (2-3): 648-657.

“The Politics of Public Good Provision: Evidence from Indian Local Governments,” with T. Besley, L. Rao, and V. Rao, *Journal of the European Economics Association Papers and Proceedings*, April-May 2004, Vol. 2 (2-3): 416-426.

“Why Have Women Become Left-Wing? The Political Gender Gap and the Decline in Marriage,” with L. Edlund, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, August 2007, Vol. 117: 917-961.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Can Political Affirmative Action for Women Reduce Gender Bias?” with Lori Beaman, Raghab Chattopadhyay, Esther Duflo, and Petia Topalova. *Vox*, January 2009. Available: <http://www.voxeu.eu/index.php?q=node/2760>.

“Political Economy of Panchayats in South India,” (with Timothy Besley, Vijayendra Rao) *Economic and Political Weekly*, February 24, 2007.

(Comment) Jim Levinsohn and Margaret McMillan, ‘Does Food Aid Harm the Poor? Household Evidence from Ethiopia’ in *Globalization and Poverty*, NBER volume edited by Ann Harrison, University of Chicago Press.

(Book Review) “Women in a Woeful World,” Review of *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn in *Harvard Review*, September-October 2009.

(Book Review) “Annual World Bank Conference of Development Economics,” *Journal of Economic Literature*, June 2006.

(Entry in Encyclopedia) ‘Rural Credit’ and ‘Dams’ in *The Oxford Companion to Economics in India*, ed. Kaushik Basu, Oxford University Press 2007.

(Background Paper) “Women Politicians, Gender Bias and Policy-Making in Rural India,” with Lori Beaman, Esther Duflo and Petia Topalova, Background paper for 2007 *State of the World’s Children Report*, UNICEF.

WORKING PAPERS

“Building Social Capital through Microfinance,” with Ben Feigenberg and Erica Field.

“Does Microfinance Repayment Frequency Affect Entrepreneurial Behavior and Loan Default?” with Erica Field and John Papp.

“Can Voters be Primed to Choose Better Legislators? Evidence from Voter Campaigns in India,” with Abhijit Banerjee, Donald Green, and Jennifer Green.

“Parochial Politics: Ethnic Preferences and Politician Corruption,” with Abhijit Banerjee, Revised January, 2009.

“Just Rewards?” Local Politics and Public Resource Allocation in South India” with T. Besley and V. Rao. Under revision for *World Bank Economic Review*.

(this subsumes “Political Selection and the Quality of Government: Evidence from South India,” with T. Besley and V. Rao., Economic Growth Center Working Paper 921.)

1999, “Read My Lips: The Political Economy of Information Transmission,” with T. Besley, STICERD Theoretical Economics Discussion Paper, July.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Voter Information and Electoral Accountability: Experimental Evidence from Urban India,” with Abhijit Banerjee, Selvan Kumar, and Felix Su.

“Flames, Fear and Flight: Religious Conflict, and Neighborhood Segregation” with Erica Field and Sujata Visaria.

“Micro Credit and Economic Wellbeing: Evidence from a City-Wide Expansion” with Daniel Fetter and Erica Field.

“Long-run Impact of an Urban Housing Resettlement Program in India” with Erica Field and Sharon Barnhardt.

“Business Training and Peer Effects” with Erica Field, Seema Jayachandran, and Natalia Rigol.

“E-Procurement: Evidence from Construction Projects in India and Indonesia” with Ben Olken and Abhijit Banerjee.

EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2009	Associate Editor, <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i>
2008	Board of Editors, <i>American Economic Review</i>
2004 – Present	Associate Editor, <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>
2007 – Present	Associate Editor, <i>Review of Economics and Statistics</i>

CONFERENCES

2004, 2006, 2007 Member European Economic Association Program Committee

2007 Co-Organizer, NEUDC
2009 Radcliffe Conference on Theory and Experiments in Political Economy

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2010 Taubman Center Grant, Center for Public Leadership, IGC
2009 Women and Public Policy Grant, Empowerment Lab (CID) grant
2008 NSF grant SES-0752792: Location Matters: Social Networks, Neighborhood Effects and Economic Development in Urban India (with Erica Field), Weatherhead Center Large Research Grant, Women and Public Policy grant; KSG, REAI grant (with Erica Field), Sustainability Science grant
2007 Shorenstein Center Grant; Ash Center Grant; Women and Public Policy small grant (all KSG)
2005 – 2007 Institutions and Development, YCIAS Grant (with Chris Udry)
2004 – 2007 NSF grant SES-0417634
2004 Social Science Research Fund, Yale
2003 NSF SERG grant
2001 NSF grant SES-0114939 (with Lena Edlund); World Bank Panchayat grant (with T. Besley and V. Rao)
2000 Russell Sage Presidential Award and ISETR, Columbia University seed grant (both with Lena Edlund); CIBE Research grant for Social Banking project
1998 Wingate Scholarship; New Scholar, Public Policy Programme CEPR
1997 Royal Economic Society Junior Research Fellowship
1996 Overseas Research Students Award, British Government
1992 Rhodes Scholarship

PHD DISSERTATION SUPERVISION (WITH INITIAL PLACEMENT)

Laila Haider (NERA/LSE Government), Siddharth Sharma (World Bank), Sujata Visaria (Boston University), Lori Beaman (Northwestern), Kate Sims (Amherst), Afua Branoah Banful (IFPRI), Madiha Afzal (Maryland Public Policy), Oendrilla Dube (NYU Political Science), Sandip Sukhtankar (Dartmouth), Ngoc Anh Tran (Indiana Public Policy)