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Sex: Male
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EMPLOYMENT

2009- Yale University, Assistant Professor

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2011 Harvard University, Visiting Scholar Fall 2011
2011- National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Faculty Research Fellow (ITI)
2011- Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD) Affiliate
2011- Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) Research Affiliate (Development)
2009- International Growth Centre (IGC) Affiliate

EDUCATION

Princeton University, Ph.D. in Economics, June 2009
London School of Economics, MSc Economics, *with Distinction*, 2003
Cambridge University, MA BA Economics, *First Class Honours, St John's College*, 2002

AREAS OF INTEREST

Development, International Trade, Applied Microeconomics

WORKING PAPERS

“Trade, Tastes and Nutrition in India” *Revise and Resubmit AER*

Abstract: This paper introduces habit formation into an otherwise standard model of international trade. Household tastes evolve over time to favor foods consumed as a child. The opening of trade causes preferred goods to rise in price, as these were relatively inexpensive in autarky. Neglecting the correlation between tastes and agro-climatic endowments overstates the short-run nutritional gains from agricultural trade liberalization and masks potential caloric losses for laborers. I examine the predictions of this model of trade with habit formation using household survey data from many regions of India.

“Endogenous Skill Acquisition and Export Manufacturing in Mexico”

Abstract: Standard models of international trade with endogenous skill acquisition imply that trade liberalization can reduce educational acquisition in unskilled labor abundant countries. In this paper, I confirm this hypothesis for a period of major trade reforms in Mexico, the years 1986-2000. School drop out increases with the arrival of new export jobs in a youth's local labor market. I identify the causal effects by looking within municipalities and examining how the education of different cohorts varies with new factory openings in the municipality at key school-leaving ages. Export manufacturing raises the opportunity cost of schooling by paying high relative wages for unskilled workers, and offering many jobs

to low-skill workers straight out of school. The magnitudes I find suggest that for every ten new export jobs created, one student drops out of school at grade 9 rather than continuing on through grade 12.

“Working for the Future: Female Factory Work and Child Health in Mexico”

“Some Unpleasant Poverty Determination Procedures: Different Researchers, Different Poverty Rates” with Philippe Auffret.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Who’s Getting Globalized?” with Dave Donaldson

“The Impact of Exporting: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment” with Amit Khandelwal and Adam Osman

“Spillovers in Technology Adoption: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Pakistan” with Azam Chaudhry, Shamyra Chaudhry, Amit Khandelwal and Eric Verhoogen

“Trade and Volatility: Evidence from India” with Treb Allen

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2004-2005 World Bank Group, Short Term Consultant for the South Asia Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Unit, Washington, DC

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2011 UBC, Notre Dame Trade and Growth Conference, MIT/Harvard, Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, Central European University, WB/IZA Child Labor Conference, CESifo South Asia Malnutrition Conference, Syracuse, University of Houston, World Bank, Georgetown.

2010 World Bank Trade Group, NBER Summer Institute, Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, World Bank Structural Change Conference, UVA, UCLA, SAIS, Berlin.

2009 Duke, UCSD, Kellogg M&S, Yale, MIT, LSE, Stanford, Chicago Booth, Brown, UCLA Anderson, CREI, 15th BREAD Conference, REStud Tour 2009 (Munich, ULB & Oxford), 2009 SITE at Stanford, Columbia, Paris School of Economics, Toulouse.

2008 Northeastern Universities Development Consortium, Boston University.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2011 AER Excellence in Refereeing Award 2011

2008-2011 Referee for the American Economic Review, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of Development Economics, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Population Economics.

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

2011 IGC Grant - Spillovers in Technology Adoption: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Pakistan

2010 World Bank Structural Transformation and Industrial Policy Grant

2009 IGC Grant - The Impact of Exporting: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment

2009 IGC Grant - Who’s Getting Globalized? Intra-national Trade Costs and World Price Pass Through in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa

2009 REStud Tour Invitee

2006-2008 Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars, Princeton University

2005-2006 John Parker Compton Fellowship in International Relations, Princeton University

2004-2005	Princeton University Graduate School Fellowship
2005-2006	International Economics Section Summer Fellowship, Princeton University
2004-2006	Princeton University Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship
2003-2004	J Wallace Ely '32 Fellowship, Princeton University
2003	Ely Devon Prize, Awarded for the best performance in the MSc Economics at LSE
2001	PWC Prize, Awarded for the best performance in Economics at Cambridge University
1999	UK Economic, Monetary and Industrial Delegate, European Youth Parliament, Rome