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**Current and Previous Principal Positions**

Associate Professor of Economics, Yale University, 2005– present  
Visiting Associate Professor, Economics Dept. Columbia Fall 2005 and Berkeley Spring 2006  
Assistant Professor of Economics, Yale University, 2003–2005  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, MIT, 2002– 2003  
Assistant Professor of Economics, Columbia University, 1999– 2003

**Other Current Positions**

Research Affiliate, CEPR Public Policy Programme, 2004– present.  
Senor Fellow, Bureau for Research in Economic Analysis Development, 2005– present  
(Junior Fellow 2002-05)  
Research Associate, EOPP Programme, STICERD, LSE, 1998– present

**Editorial Responsibilities**

Associate Editor, Journal of Development Economics, 2004– present.  
Member of Program Committee, European Economic Association meeting, 2004 and 2006

**Education:**

Ph.D., Economics, London School of Economics, 1999  
Thesis Title: The Economics of Public Policy: Interventions in Electoral Representation,  
Information Transmission and Technology Adoption.

M.Sc. in Economics, London School of Economics (Distinction), 1995

MA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Oxford University, 1994

BA (Hons.) in Economics, St. Stephens College, Delhi University, 1992

**Research and Teaching Fields:**

Development Economics, Political Economy, Gender Economics

## Published and Forthcoming Papers

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

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

“Why Have Women Become Left-Wing? The Political Gender Gap and the Decline in Marriage”, with L. Edlund, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Vol. 117, pp.917-961, August 2002.

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

“Profits and Politics: Coordinating Technology Adoption in Agriculture”, *Journal of Development Economics*, forthcoming December 2006.

“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* Vol. 2 (2-3), pp 416-426, April-May 2004.

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

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

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

## Other Publications

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

(*Book Review*) ‘Annual World Bank Conference on Development Economics’, *Journal of Economic Literature*, June 2006.

(*Entry in Encyclopedia*) ‘Rural Credit’ and ‘Dams’ in *The [Oxford] Companion to Economics in India* edited by Kaushik Basu, *Oxford University Press*

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

### **Working Papers:**

2006, “Parochial Politics: Ethnic Competition and Politician Corruption in India”, with Abhijit Banerjee

2005, “Dams”, with Esther Duflo (*Under Revision for Quarterly Journal of Economics*)

2005, “Coordinating Development: Can Income-based Incentive Schemes Eliminate Coordination Failures?” with P. Bond (*accepted subject to minor revisions, Journal of Development Economics*)

2005, “Political Selection and the Quality of Government: Evidence from South India”, with T. Besley and V. Rao., *Economic Growth Center WP 921*.

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

### **Work in Progress:**

“Powerful Women: Female Politicians and Gender Bias in Indian Villages”, with Lori Beaman, Esther Duflo and Petia Topalova

“Land Reform and Collective Action in Village India”, with Tim Besley and Biju Rao

“Political Institutions in Developing Countries”, for Handbook of Agricultural Economics

“Why Move? Long Run Implications of Housing Choice”, with Erica Field

“Flames, Fear and Flight: Identifying the Economic Consequences of Religious Violence”, with Erica Field and Sujata Visaria

### **Honors and Awards:**

2005-08: Institutions and Development, YCIAS Grant (with Chris Udry)

2004-07: NSF grant SES-0417634: Empirical Studies in the Political Economy of Development

2004: Social Science Research Fund, Yale

2003: NSF SERG grant: Topics in the Political Economy of Inequality

2002: ISERP, Columbia University seed grant (with Lena Edlund)

2001: NSF grant SES-0114939 (with Lena Edlund)  
World Bank grant for survey of Panchayats in South India (with T. Besley and V. Rao)

2000: Russell Sage Presidential Award and ISETR, Columbia seed grant (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

**Seminars and Conferences** (last three years)

2005-06 (including scheduled): CEPR Public Policy, Cornell, NEUDC, Columbia, NYU, Princeton, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Maryland, Michigan, Prague, UCL-LSE Development Seminar, UCL Department Seminar, AEA Econometrics Society, Berkeley Economics, Berkeley ARE, Stanford GSB, Stanford Economics, UCSD

2004-05: European Economic Association Meetings (Madrid), NBER Globalization and Poverty Conference, NBER India Meetings, Georgetown, Yale, John Hopkins, MIT, Chicago GSB, BREAD meetings, Dartmouth, Stanford India Conference, Nordic Development Conference (Keynote Speech)

2003-04: Princeton, NYU, Brown, Berkeley, LSE World Bank Development Conference, Michigan India Conference

**PhD Dissertation Supervision (with initial placement)**

Completed: Laila Haider (NERA/LSE Government), Siddharth Sharma (World Bank), Sujata Visaria (Boston University),

Ongoing: Madiha Afzal, Lori Beaman, Jeremy Magruder, Christian Awaku-Budu, Pinar Keskin (All at Yale)