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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor, Michigan State University, Department of Economics, August 2012-present

Research Fields: Development Economics, Labor Economics

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2008 – 2010	Consultant, World Bank – Development Research Group
2008 – 2010	Research Assistant, Craig McIntosh University of California, San Diego
2007 – 2010	Research Assistant, Krislert Samphantharak University of California, San Diego
2007	Research Assistant, Julian Betts University of California, San Diego

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of California, San Diego, 2012

M.Sc. Economics with Distinction, University College London, 2006

B.Sc. with Honors in International Economics, Georgetown University, Walsh School of Foreign Service, 2005

Magna cum laude, Honors Certificate in International Business Diplomacy

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AFFILIATIONS

Core Faculty Member, Center for Advanced Study of International Development (CASID)

Core Faculty Member, Center for Gender in a Global Context (GenCen)

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2010 – 2011 | Clive Granger Prize, Department of Economics, UCSD |
| 2008 – 2010 | PreDoctoral Fellow, Department of International Relations and Pacific Studies Center on Pacific Economies, UCSD |
| 2008 | Summer Graduate Research Fellow, Department of Economics, UCSD |
| 2005 | William F. Notz Medal for International Economics, Georgetown University |

PUBLICATIONS

“Discrimination Begins in the Womb: Evidence of Sex-Selective Prenatal Investments.”
(with Prashant Bharadwaj) *Journal of Human Resources*, forthcoming.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“From Loans to Labor: Microcredit, Entrepreneurship and Child Labor.” November 2011.

“Explaining the Differential Treatment of Daughters and Sons: The Role of Economic Incentives.” May 2012.

“Peer Groups and Academic Achievement: Panel Evidence from Administrative Data.”
(with Julian R. Betts and Andrew Zau)

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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- April 2012: Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
- November 2011: Northeastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference, MIT
- September 2011: All-California Labor Economics Conference, RAND Santa Monica
- July 2011: NBER Entrepreneurship Research Boot Camp, NBER
- June-July 2011: Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, San Diego
- May 2011: Conference on the Long Run Impacts of Early Life Events, University of Michigan
- March 2011: Pacific Conference for Development Economics (Pac-Dev), UC Berkeley
- November 2010: Northeastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference, MIT
- June-July 2009: Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Vancouver
- March 2009: Pacific Conference for Development Economics (Pac-Dev), San Francisco State University

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member: American Economic Association
- Referee: Economic Development and Cultural Change, World Development