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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Wake Forest University, Department of Economics, July 2020- present

Research Leave: 2021-2022

Clark Family Faculty Fellow, Wake Forest University, July 2023- present

Visiting Scholar, University of California, Davis, Agricultural and Resource Economics, June 2021-May 2022

Visiting Scholar, University of California, Berkeley, Agricultural and Resource Economics, September 2021-May 2022

Assistant Professor, Michigan State University, Department of Economics, August 2012-July 2020

FMLA Leave: 2017, 2020

Research Fields: Development Economics, Labor Economics, Health Economics

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2008 – 2010

Consultant, World Bank – Development Research Group

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

PUBLISHED & ACCEPTED PAPERS

“The Dynamic Impact of Internet Access on Student Learning.” 2023. (with Kevin Kho and Eduardo Nakasone). *AEJ: Economic Policy* 15(4): 222-254.

“Effects of Parental Disability on Children’s Schooling: The Surprising Role of Parental Education.” 2023. (with Katie Bollman) *AEA Papers and Proceedings* 113: 477-81.

“The Relationship Between Parental Disability and Child Outcomes: Evidence from Veteran Families.” (with Prashant Bharadwaj). 2022. *PLOS ONE* 17(11).

“Perverse Consequences of Well-Intentioned Regulation: Evidence from India’s Child Labor Ban.” 2020. (with Prashant Bharadwaj and Nicolas Li) April 2018. *Journal of the European Economic Association* 18(3): 1158-1195.

Lakdawala, Leah K. and David Simon. 2017. “The Intergenerational Consequences of Tobacco Policy: A Review of Policy’s Influence on Maternal Smoking and Child Health.” *Southern Economic Journal* 84(1): 229-74.

Bharadwaj, Prashant and Leah K. Lakdawala. 2013. “Discrimination Begins in the Womb: Evidence of Sex-Selective Prenatal Investments.” *Journal of Human Resources* 48(1): 71-113.

WORKING PAPERS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

“The Effects of Expanding Worker Rights to Children.” (with Diana Martinez and Diego Vera-Cossio). August 2023. *Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Development Economics*.

“When the Temperature Drops, Perceptions Worsen: Effects of Extreme Cold on Perceptions of Government and Civic Participation in the Peruvian Highlands” (with Eduardo Nakasone and Judhajit Chakraborty). August 2023.

“Frosty Climate, Icy Relationships: Frosts and Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Peru” (with Katie Bollman, Eduardo Nakasone, and Judhajit Chakraborty). August 2023.

“From Loans to Labor: Microcredit, Entrepreneurship and Child Labor.” July 2018.

“The Effect of School-based Internet Access on Educational Attainment and Labor Market Outcomes.” (with Eduardo Nakasone)

“COVID Mortality and Voting Behavior: Evidence from Presidential Elections in Peru.” (with Eduardo Nakasone and Judhajit Chakraborty)

AFFILIATIONS

Core Faculty Member, Center for Advanced Study of International Development (CASID), Michigan State University (2012-2020)

Core Faculty Member, Center for Gender in a Global Context (GenCen), Michigan State University (2012-2020)

Affiliated Faculty Member, Asian Studies Center, Michigan State University (2012-2020)

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 ASSA / AEA Annual Meeting (scheduled)
- 2023 ASSA / AEA Annual Meeting
Economics Department Seminar, University of South Carolina
Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
Society of Labor Economics Annual Conference, University of Pennsylvania
Triangle Economics of Education Workshop, Duke University (discussant)
Southern Economic Association Annual Conference
Triangle Economists in Applied Micro Workshop
Deaconomics Workshop, Wake Forest University
Junior Research Workshop, Wake Forest University
- 2022 Sustainability and Development Conference, University of Michigan
Development Economics Seminar, UC Merced
Development Economics Seminar, UC Davis
ARE Department Seminar, UC Berkeley
Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
100 Years of Economic Development Conference, Cornell University
Economics Seminar, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta
Impact Evaluation Conference for KDI School's 25th Anniversary, KDI School of Public Policy and Management, Seoul
Liberal Arts College Labor/Public Conference
LACEA/RIDGE Labor Workshop
Triangle Economists in Applied Micro Workshop (Spring 2022 and Fall 2022)
Economics Seminar, CalState Chico
Southern Economic Association Annual Conference
Northeastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference, Yale University
Liberal Arts College Development Conference (LACDEV), Wellesley College
Deaconomics Workshop, Wake Forest University
Junior Workshop, Department of Economics, Wake Forest University
- 2021 The Frontiers in Development Policy Conference, KDI School of Public Policy and Management
Portland State University (Seminar)
Triangle Economics of Education Workshop, Duke University
Development Tea, UC Davis (Internal Seminar)
Applied Research in Labor Economics and Human Capital, MGIMO University
Bolivian Conference on Development Economics, Bolivia
Triangle Area Economics Applied Micro Seminar

- Econometric Society Delhi Winter School, Delhi School of Economics and Center for Development Economics
Conference on Economic Growth and Development Economics, Indian Statistical Institute
Sustainability and Development Conference, University of Michigan
- 2020 Federal Trade Commission (Seminar)
Food and Drug Administration (Seminar)
Wake Forest University, Department of Economics (Seminar)
San Diego State University, Center for Health Economics and Policy Studies (Seminar)
Northeastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference, Dartmouth
- 2019 Sustainability and Development Conference, University of Michigan
- 2018 University of Hawaii, Manoa, Department of Economics (Seminar)
Sustainability and Development Conference, University of Michigan
Inter-American Development Bank Research Department, Washington DC (Seminar)
Development Economics Conference, UC San Diego
Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, Department of Economics (Seminar)
Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, University of California, Davis
University of Madison, Wisconsin, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics (Seminar)
MSU Empirical Microeconomics Lunch Workshop
- 2017 Development Day Conference, Northwestern University
MSU Development Lunch Workshop
- 2016 Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, Philadelphia
- 2015 Labor Day Conference, University of Michigan
- 2014 Development Day Conference, Notre Dame University
Western Michigan University, Department of Economics (Seminar)
BREAD-CEPR-PODER Conference on Development, London School of Economics, London
- 2013 Dartmouth College, Department of Economics (Seminar)
Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (ACEGD), Indian Statistical Institute (Delhi)

- Northeastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference,
Harvard
Michigan State University, Department of Economics (Applied Seminar)
- 2012 University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Department of Public Policy (Seminar)
George Washington University, Department of Economics (Seminar)
Federal Housing Finance Agency (Seminar)
U.S. Treasury, Micro Group (Seminar)
Department of Justice (Seminar)
University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Economics (Seminar)
Michigan State University, Department of Economics (Seminar)
Claremont McKenna College, Department of Economics (Seminar)
Simon Fraser University, Department of Economics (Seminar)
Royal Holloway University, London, Department of Economics (Seminar)
Consumer Finance and Protection Bureau (Seminar)
Barnard College, Department of Economics (Seminar)
Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC), University
of Minnesota, Minneapolis
- 2011 Northeastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference, MIT
All-California Labor Economics Conference, RAND Santa Monica
NBER Entrepreneurship Research Boot Camp, NBER
Western Economic Association International Annual Conference,
San Diego
Conference on the Long Run Impacts of Early Life Events,
University of Michigan
Pacific Conference for Development Economics (Pac-Dev),
UC Berkeley
- 2010 Northeastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference, MIT
- 2009 Western Economic Association International Annual Conference,
Vancouver
Pacific Conference for Development Economics (Pac-Dev),
San Francisco State University

MEDIA COVERAGE AND CITATIONS

Podcasts/Radio: Academic Minute

Newspapers: The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, National Public
Radio, Business Insider, The Indian Express, The Hindu

Policy Briefs, VoxEU, VoxDev, Ideas for India, The Center for Global
Blogs, Etc.: Development, CATO Institute

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Professional Associations: American Economic Association, Econometric Society, Society of Labor Economics

Referee Service: Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, AEJ: Economic Policy, AEJ: Applied Economics, The Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, Economic Development and Cultural Change, World Bank Economic Review, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, World Development, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Demography, Canadian Journal of Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Feminist Economics, Health Economics, Population Studies, Economic Modelling

Excellence in Refereeing Award, World Bank Economic Review, 2021 and 2022

Department and University Committees and Roles: Wake Forest University:
Member of Associate Professor Hiring Committee (2022-3)
Chair of Assistant Professor Hiring Committee (2023-4)
Graduate School Liaison (Fall 2023-present)
Creator and Organizer of Junior Writing Group (Spring 2023)

Michigan State University:
Economics Advisory Committee to Chair (2012-3)
Development Field Exam Committee (2012-3, 2014-5)
Graduate Instruction Committee (2013-4, 2014-5)
Econometrics Field Exam Committee (2012-3, 2014-5)
Master's in Public Policy Advisory and Admissions Committee (2014-5)
Labor Recruiting Committee (2014-5)
Water (Environment/Development) Recruiting Committee (2014-5)
University Jurisdictional Appeal Panel (2016)
Department Computer Committee (2017-9)

Professional Meetings and Conferences: Wake Forest University:
Organizer/Co-organizer of the Triangle Economists in Applied

(Organizer,
Creator, Committees): Micro (TEAM) Seminar (Spring 2023, Fall 2023)
Selection Committee for the Liberal Arts College Public and Labor
Conference (LAC PaL, Spring 2023)

Michigan State University:

Co-organizer of Development Day Conference (2012, 2017)
Co-creator of MSU Development Lunch Workshop (2012-3)
Organizer of MSU Development Lunch Workshop (2013-4)
Creator and Organizer of MSU Assistant Professor Lunch Workshop
(2018-9)

TEACHING

Wake Forest University

ECN209: Applied Econometrics (Undergraduate)

- Fall 2020 (2 sections), Spring 2021, Fall 2022 (2 sections), Spring 2023, Fall 2022 (2 sections), Fall 2023 (2 sections)

ECN335: Economic Analysis of Labor Markets (Undergraduate)

- Spring 2021, Spring 2023

Independent Study (Undergraduate)

- Fall 2023 (Advising student research project)

Michigan State University

EC410: Development Economics (Undergraduate)

- Spring 2014

EC413: Economic Analysis of Asia (Undergraduate)

- Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2019

EC850: Growth, Development, and Human Resources (PhD Development Economics)

- Spring 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2019

PPL802: Quantitative Methods II (Master's Econometrics)

- Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2019

ADVISING

Wake Forest University

Note: I was on research leave Fall 2021 and Spring 2022

Honors Theses: Becca Spritzer, Elizabeth Crispino, Antonio Roca, Tristan Duthler,
Cameron Blair

Research Assistants: Dawn Zhong, Jasmine Xu (2 semesters), Emma Gao, Haosen He,
Marina Velasco, Brandon Staats, Cameron Blair

Teaching Assistants: Angela Waszkiewicz (2 semesters), Steven Cayea
Major Advising: Fall 2022 (15), Spring 2023 (42)
Research Fellowships (Advisor and Recommender): Jasmine Xu (Application for URECA Summer Research Fellowship)

Michigan State University

PhD: Committee member (Michigan State):
Economics: Asja Asenova, Hui Wang (Econ/AFRE), Muzna Alvi, Hyeongjun Bang, Godwin Debrah (Econ/AFRE), Kevin Kho, Sambojyoti Biswas, Kathryn Bollman
Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics (AFRE): Ayala Wineman, Aissatou Ouedraogo, Evgeniya Moskaleva, Josephat Koima, Judhajit Chakraborty

Master's: Public Policy (Michigan State): Eyup Civelek, Herve Mukuna, Keran Zhu, Qiang Feng, Weiqin Wu, Xiaodi Zhu, Haining Wang
Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics (Michigan State): Awa Sanou

Undergraduate: Economics Scholar Advisor (Michigan State): Ruth Awor, Sarah Schuitt, Ruth Archer, Chelsea Wein
Social Science Scholar Advisor (Michigan State): Grace Hough
AEA Scholars Program – Faculty Research Mentor (Michigan State, 2017)

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2023 – 2026 Clark Family Faculty Fellowship, Wake Forest University
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