

Curriculum Vitae
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Brown University, Providence, RI, May 2001
M.A. Economics, Brown University, Providence, RI, May 1996

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2018 – present Professor, Department of Economics & International Business School
2009 – 2017 Associate Professor, Department of Economics & International Business School
2018 – present Affiliate, Center for Development Economics and Sustainability, Monash University, Australia
2011 – present Affiliated Faculty, Heller School for Social Policy and Management
2006 – present Associated Faculty, Women and Gender Studies Department
2006 – present Associated Faculty, South Asian Studies Department
2001 – 2008 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics & International Business School

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Associate Editor, *World Development*
Member, American Economic Association
Member, Royal Economic Society
Member, Econometric Society
Member, Population Association of America
Member, American Society of Health Economists
Member, International Health Economics Association

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Health, Applied Microeconomics, Gender, Labor

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Spring 2018	Visiting Professor, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
Fall 2017	Visiting Researcher, Institute for Economic Development, Boston University
2010 – present	Research Fellow, IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor)
2010 – 2011	Senior Research Scientist, Wellesley Centers for Women, Wellesley College

OTHER POSITIONS

2016	Consultant, Food and Agricultural Organization, Rome
2015	Consultant, Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines
2012	Consultant, United Nations Foundation, New York
2010 – 2011	Consultant, Gender and Development, The World Bank, Washington D.C.
2009 – 2010	Consultant, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, East Asia and Pacific Region, The World Bank, Washington D.C.
2000 – 2001	Consultant, Development Economics Research Group and World Bank Institute, The World Bank, Washington D.C.

PUBLICATIONS/FORTHCOMING IN REFEREED JOURNALS

“The Winter’s Tale: Season of Birth Impacts on Children in China,” with Pushkar Maitra and Chau Tran. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, forthcoming.

“Labor Market Engagement and the Body Mass Index of Working Adults: Evidence from India,” with Archana Dang and Pushkar Maitra. *Economics and Human Biology*, 2019, 33, 58-77.

“Spatial Decentralization and Program Evaluation: Theory and an Example,” with Mark Pitt. *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 2019, 81(3), 511-539.

“Child Labor and the Minimum Wage: Evidence from India,” with Yana Rodgers. *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 2018, 46(2), 480-494.

“The Impact of the Minimum Wage on Male and Female Employment and Earnings in India,” with Yana Rodgers. *Asian Development Review*, 2017, 34(1), 28-64.

“Land Reform and Welfare in Vietnam: Why Gender of the Land Rights Holder Matters,” with Yana Rodgers and Alexis Kennedy. *Journal of International Development*, 2017, 29(4), 454-472.

“Gender and Technology Use in Developing Countries: Evidence from Firms in Kenya,” *Journal of Economic Development*, 2015, 40(3), 105-140.

“Religion and Health in Early Childhood: Evidence from South Asia,” with Elizabeth Brainerd. *Population and Development Review*, 2015, 41(3), 439-463.

- “War and Women’s Work: Evidence from the Conflict in Nepal,” with Yana Rodgers. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2015, 59(1), 51-73.
- “The “State” of Persons with Disabilities in India,” with Susan Parish and Roderick Rose. *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, 2014, 15(4), 391-412.
- “Seasonal Effects of Water Quality: The Hidden Costs of the Green Revolution to Infant and Child Health in India,” with Elizabeth Brainerd. *Journal of Development Economics*, 2014, 107, 49-64.
- “Women’s Land Rights and Children’s Human Capital in Vietnam,” with Yana Rodgers and Huong Nguyen. *World Development*, 2014, 54, 18-31.
- “Technology Use and Firms with Female Principal Owners in Kenya,” *Journal of African Development*, 2013, 15(2), 19-60.
- “Labor Regulations and Job Quality: Evidence from India,” with Yana Rodgers. *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 2013, 66(4), 933-957.
- “Impact of the 2008-2009 Twin Economic Crises on the Philippine Labor Market,” with Yana Rodgers. *World Development*, 2012, 40(11), 2318-2328.
- “How Access to Credit Affects Self-Employment: Differences by Gender during India’s Rural Banking Reform,” with Yana Rodgers. *Journal of Development Studies*, 2011, 47(1), 48-69.
- “Investment Credit and Child Labor,” *Applied Economics*, 2010, 42(12), 1461-1479.
- “Public Programs Pare Poverty: Evidence from Chile,” with David Glick. *Bulletin of Economic Research*, 2009, 61(3), 249-282.
- “International Trade and the Gender Wage Gap: New Evidence from India’s Manufacturing Sector,” with Yana Rodgers. *World Development*, 2009, 37(5), 965-981.
- “Rainfall Uncertainty and Occupational Choice in Agricultural Households of Rural Nepal,” *Journal of Development Studies*, 2009, 45(6), 864-888.
- “Learning, Diversification, and the Nature of Risk,” with Narayanan Subramanian. *Economic Theory*, 2008, 35(1), 117-145.
- “The Relationship between Labor Unionization and the Number of Working Children in India,” *Indian Economic Journal*, 2007, 54(3), 133-151.
- “Labor Conflicts and Foreign Investments: An Analysis of FDI in India,” with Paroma Sanyal. *Review of Development Economics*, 2007, 11(4), 629-644.
- “Inter-dependencies in Micro-Credit Groups: Evidence from Repayment Data.” *Journal of Developing Areas*, 2007, 40(2), 111-132.

“Long Term Benefits of Membership in Microfinance Programs,” *Journal of International Development*, 2006, 18, 571-594.

“Non-Linearities in Returns to Participation in Grameen Bank Programs.” *Journal of Development Studies*, 2006, 42(8), 1379-1400.

“Labor Disputes and the Economics of Firm Geography: A Study of Domestic Investment in India,” with Paroma Sanyal. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 2005, 53(4), 825-854.

PUBLICATIONS/FORTHCOMING INVITED PAPERS

“Portliness amidst Poverty: Evidence from India,” with Pushkar Maitra. *Arthaniti – Journal of Economic Theory and Practice*, 2019, 18(2), 138-170.

CHAPTERS AND ARTICLES IN EDITED VOLUMES

“International Trade and Women Workers,” in Gunseli Berik and Ebru Kongar (eds), *Routledge Handbook of Feminist Economics*. New York and London: Routledge Press, forthcoming (with Yana Rodgers).

“The Geography of Excess Weight in Urban India: Regional Patterns and Labor Market and Dietary Correlates” in Amit Batabyal, Yoshiro Higano and Peter Nijkamp (eds), *Disease, Human Health, and Regional Growth and Development in Asia*, New Frontiers in Regional Science: Asian Perspectives 38. New York: Springer, 2019, pp. 47-69 (with Pushkar Maitra and Archana Dang).

“Women’s Labor Market Status and Economic Development” in Susan L. Averett, Laura M. Argys and Saul D. Hoffman (eds.), *Oxford Handbook on the Economics of Women*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018, pp. 699-730 (with Yana Rodgers).

“Credit and Self-Employment,” in Deborah M. Figart and Tonia Warnecke (eds.), *Handbook of Research on Gender and Economic Life*. Northampton, MA, and London: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2013, pp. 359-377 (with Yana Rodgers).

“Gender Inequality in the Labor Market During Economic Transition: Changes in India’s Manufacturing Sector,” in Ravi Kanbur and Jan Svejnar (eds.), *Labor Markets and Economic Development*. London and New York: Routledge Press, 2009, pp. 341-363 (with Yana Rodgers).

“Trade Policy Liberalization and Gender Equality in the Labor Market: New Evidence for India,” *Rutgers University World Affairs Review*, Fall 2008, Issue 3, pp. 1-25 (with Yana Rodgers).

POLICY PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

“Health Policy and Economic Growth in India: Lessons from International Growth Center Projects.” Report submitted to the International Growth Center, May 2017

“Gendered labor Access and Opportunities in the Rural Landscape and in Agricultural Markets,” with Yana Rodgers. Report submitted to the Food and Agricultural Organization, October 2016.

“Gender Earnings Gaps in Asia: Recent Trends and Explanations,” with Yana Rodgers, Joseph Zveglic and Marife Lou Bacate. Report submitted to the Asian Development Bank, October 2015.

“A Meta-Analysis of Land Rights and Women’s Economic Well-Being,” with Yana Rodgers. Report submitted to the United Nations Foundation, November 2012.

“Gender Differences in Socioeconomic Status and Health: Evidence from the 2008 Vietnam Household Living Standard Survey,” with Yana Rodgers. Report submitted to the World Bank Vietnam Office, November 2010.

WORKING PAPERS

“Echo Effects of Early-Life Health Shocks: The Intergenerational Consequences of Prenatal Malnutrition During the Great Leap Forward Famine in China,” with Jinhu Li. April 2020

“The Brazilian Bombshell? The Long Term Impact of the 1918 Influenza Pandemic the South American Way,” with Amanda Guimbeau and Aldo Musacchio. November 2019

“Christianity and Girl Child Health in India,” with Kathleen McQueeney. September 2019.
Revise and resubmit

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Evidence on the Impact of Pollution from Coal on the Anemic Status of Women and Children in India,” with Gaurav Datt, Pushkar Maitra, Ranjan Ray, Sagnik Dey and Sourangsu Chowdhury

“The Long Term Consequences of DDT Use in Brazil,” with Amanda Guimbeau, Aldo Musacchio and Rodrigo Soares

RECENT CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

2019: India Symposium, Harvard, December
LACEA/LAMES, Puebla, Mexico, November
Northeastern, Boston, September
NBER-DAE, Summer Institute, July
Seminar, INSPER, Sao Paulo, Brazil, May
Economic History Conference, University de San Andreas, Buenos Aires, May
Economics & Society Series Speaker, University of Rhode Island, April
Gender and Development Conference, Williams, April
Gosnell Lecture, Rochester Institute of Technology, April
Political Economy of Religion Seminar Series, Harvard, March
PacDev Conference, USC, March

- 2018: ICID-IFAD-SITES Conference, Rome, Italy, October
 Workshop on Sustainable Development, Prato, Italy, June
 Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, June
 Australian Development Economics Workshop, Canberra, Australia, June
 University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, May
- 2017: Center for Development Studies, Trivandrum, Kerala, India, August
 Madras School of Economics, Chennai, India, July
 IGC-Ideas for India-ISI India Development Policy Conference, Delhi, India, July
 Royal Economic Society Meetings, Bristol, UK, April
 Amherst College, Amherst, MA, March
 North American Meeting of the Econometric Society, January
- 2016: Food and Agricultural Organization, Rome, Italy, November
 University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, July
 University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, July
 University of Adelaide, Adelaide, Australia, July
 University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, July
 Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, India, July
 North American Meeting of the Econometric Society, Univ. of Pennsylvania, June
 Association of Economics, Religion, and Culture Conference, Copenhagen, May
 University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, April
 Cornell University, Ithaca, April
 Symposium on Population, Migration, and the Environment, Oxford, March
 Gender and Macroeconomics Conference, New York, March
- 2015: Northeast Universities Development Conference (participant), Brown, November
 Social Sciences Forum, Brandeis, November
 Sixth IGC-ISI India Development Policy Conference, Delhi, India, July
 Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia, May
 Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, April
 Royal Economic Society Meetings, Manchester, UK, March
 American Economic Association Meetings, Boston, January

2014 and earlier: American Economic Association Meetings (multiple), American Economic Association-CSWEP Workshop, Bureau for Research in the Economic Analysis of Development (participant), Center for the Study of African Economies (Oxford, UK) (multiple), Clark University, Eastern Economic Association Meetings, Economic Demography Workshop, Econometric Society Meetings (multiple), Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research (Mumbai, India), Industrial Organization Conference, ISI-IGC Economic Growth and Development Conference (Delhi, India) (multiple), IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, NBER Universities Research Conference (participant), NBER Summer Institute, Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (multiple), Northeastern University, Population Association of America Meetings (multiple), Royal Economic Society Meetings (multiple), Rutgers University, Spring Meeting of Young Economists (multiple), Boston University, Brandeis University Economics (multiple), Brandeis Center for International Development (Heller), Boston College, Brown University, Durham University (UK), Georgetown University, The Grameen Bank, The World Bank (multiple), UN Foundation, Tufts University, University of Connecticut, Wellesley College, Williams College

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Grant Reviews: International Growth Center, LSE, London, UK, 2018
US-Israel Binational Science Foundation, 2017
National Science Foundation, 2015

Summer Schools: International Growth Center, LSE, Delhi, India, 2015
International Growth Center, LSE, Delhi, India, 2016

External Review Committees: Center for Development Economics, Williams College, 2017
Program Committees: AAEA and NAREA Joint Annual Meeting, 2011
Spring Meeting of Young Economists, 2006

Referee for: *National Science Foundation, Journal of Economic Literature, Journal of Economic Perspectives, Demography, World Development (multiple), Journal of Developing Areas, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Food Policy, Review of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, World Bank Economic Review, World Bank Research Grant, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy, Journal of Asian Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Swiss National Science Foundation, Journal of Human Resources (multiple), Asian Development Review, Economics and Human Biology, Journal of Development Economics (multiple), Journal of Health Economics, OEP, Canadian Journal of Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association.*

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS

OTHER

Food and Agricultural Organization, 2016
Asian Development Bank, 2015
United Nations Foundation, 2012
International Growth Center Research Grant, LSE/Oxford, UK, 2011, 2013
World Bank, 2009, 2010.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

Provost's Research Grant, 2015, 2018
Theodore and Jane Norman Research Grant, 2006, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2019
Bernstein Fellowship Award for Teaching Excellence, 2004
Schiff Fellowship Award, 2003
Mazer Research Award, 2002

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Compton Fellowship, 2000
Umezawa Stoltz Award, 1999
Graduate Dissertation Fellowship, 1999-2000
Mellon Foundation Research Grant, 1998
Hewlett Foundation Fellowship, 1997-1999
Ehrlich Foundation Research Grant, 1996
University Fellowship, 1995-1996

TEACHING – BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE

Advanced Microeconomics (PhD)
Development Economics (PhD)
Strategies for Economic Development (MA)
Agents of Development: Individuals, Households, and Firms (MA/PhD)

UNDERGRADUATE

Statistics and Economic Analysis
Econometrics
Introduction to Development Economics
Household, Health, and Hunger in Developing Countries
International Economics

POPULAR PRESS

http://vox.lacea.org/?q=blog/lessons_1918flu_pandemic (April 22, 2020)
<https://nadaesgratis.es/admin/lecciones-de-la-gripe-de-1918-para-los-paises-en-desarrollo> (April 13, 2020)
NBER: <https://www.nber.org/papers/w26929> (April 9, 2020)
IndiaSpend: <https://www.indiaspend.com/indians-in-white-collar-jobs-are-more-prone-to-obesity-chronic-health-risks> (March 14, 2019)
Ideas for India: <http://ideasforindia.in/article.aspx?article=Health-policy-and-economic-growth-in-India> (July 27, 2017)
Ideas for India: http://www.ideasforindia.in/article.aspx?article_id=1654 (June 27, 2016)
Business Standard: http://wap.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/how-the-socio-economic-fabric-has-changed-116032700724_1.html (March 27, 2016)
LSE: <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/southasia/2015/07/15/religion-and-health-in-early-childhood-evidence-from-south-asia/> (July 15, 2015)
IGC: <http://www.theigc.org/blog/religion-and-health-in-early-childhood-evidence-from-south-asia/> (July 8, 2015)
Ideas for India: http://www.ideasforindia.in/article.aspx?article_id=1473 (July 3, 2015)
Times of India: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Agricultural-fertilizer-chemicals-in-water-causing-neonatal-deaths/articleshow/29019929.cms> (January 18, 2014)
Ideas for India: http://ideasforindia.in/article.aspx?article_id=194 (September 9, 2013)

ADVISING

Ph.D. committees and first placements

Amanda Guimbeau (ongoing)
Kyeongah Lee (ongoing)
Kathleen McQueeney (2017, GAO)
Hiroyoshi Fujimoto (2014, Fukuyama University)
Satyam Pandey (2013, Standard and Poor's)
Nabila Alam (2012, Grinnell)

Masters Internship Program/Schiff Fellowship Program/McNair Scholars Program

Bozhanka Vitanova (2016), Bree Neff (2007), Ben Ngan (2003), Daniela Crawley (2002)

Undergraduate Honors Theses

Chris de Mena (2019), Michael Kroker (2019), Axel Szmulewicz (2016), Jingwan Wang (2016), Lantian Xiang (2016), Laura Hazan (2015), Woo Sang Jo (2013), Sari Ladin (2012), David Kuperstein (2008), David Glick (2007), Mitali Kamdar (2006), Mehrun Etabari (2004), Eyal Wallenberg (2004), Shirin Imran (2003), Milica Vukotic (2003), Jasa Chawla (2003)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Economics Department & International Business School, Ph.D. Program Director, 2019-
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2015-2017

Economics Senior Honors Program Faculty Coordinator, 2009-2010, 2016-2017

Economics Department Faculty Search Committee, 2001, 2004, 2009, 2016, 2018

Davis Teaching Fellowship, 2015-2016

Kay Fellowship Search Committee, 2015-2016

Research Task Force, 2015-2016

New Student Book Forum for Incoming Freshman, 2014

Department of Economics Research Seminar Coordinator (one of three), 2013-2014

Department of Economics Brown Bag Seminar Coordinator, 2002-2003, 2011-2013

Academic Advisor for First Year Students, 2005, 2007, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018

International Development Management Faculty Search Committee, Heller School, 2011

Monsoon – The Asian Journal of Brandeis University, Faculty Advisor, 2007-2008

BA/MA Interviewing Committee, 2003, 2004

Ph.D. Exam Committee, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2017, 2020