

Curriculum Vitae
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Brown University, Providence, RI, May 2001
Dissertation: “Evaluating Program Effects with Endogenous Program Placement”
Advisors: Mark Pitt, Andrew Foster, Moshe Buchinsky
M.A. Economics, Brown University, Providence, RI, May 1996
B.A. Economics, with High Honors, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, May 1994

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2009 – present Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Economics & International Business School
2011 – present Affiliated Faculty, Heller School for Social Policy and Management
2006 – present Associated Faculty, Women and Gender Studies Department
2001 – 2008 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics & International Business School

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

2010 – 2011 Senior Research Scientist, Wellesley Centers for Women, Wellesley College
2010 – present Research Fellow, IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor)

OTHER POSITIONS

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.
1998 Research Fellow, The Grameen Bank, Dhaka, Bangladesh

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Labor, Gender, Applied Microeconomics, Demography

PUBLICATIONS/FORTHCOMING IN REFEREED JOURNALS

“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.

CHAPTERS AND ARTICLES IN EDITED VOLUMES

“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).

“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).

WORKING PAPERS

“Impact of the Food, Fuel, and Financial Crisis on the Philippine Labor Market,” with Yana Rodgers. October 2010.

“Obstacles to Business, Technology Use, and Firms with Female Principal Owners in Kenya.” February 2011.

“Credit and Self-Employment,” with Yana Rodgers. May 2011.

“War and Women’s Work: Evidence from the Conflict in Nepal,” with Yana Rodgers. July 2011.

“The Effect of Communication Technologies on Firm Productivity in a Difficult Business Environment: Evidence from Kenya.” July 2011.

“Spatial Decentralization and Program Evaluation: Theory and an Example,” with Mark Pitt. August 2011.

“The Economic and Demographic Well-Being of the Disabled: Evidence of State-Level Variability from India,” with Susan Parish. August 2011.

PERMANENT WORKING PAPER

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

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Seasonal Effects of Water Quality on Maternal and Infant Health: Evidence from India on Agrichemicals in Surface Water,” with Elizabeth Brainerd.

“Land Rights and Child Well-Being in Vietnam,” with Yana Rodgers and Huong Nguyen

“Government Schools and Girls’ Education in India,” with Sari Kerr

“The Role of Learning and Risk in Occupational Choice,” with Narayanan Subramanian

“Formal and Vocational Training and Occupational Choice: Evidence from *VOICE* in India”

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- 2011: Southeast Economic Association Meetings, Washington, November
Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research, Mumbai, India, June
Boston University, April
Durham University, Durham, UK, March
Center for the Study of African Economies, Oxford, UK, March
American Economic Association Meetings*, Denver, January
- 2010: World Bank Conference on Gender and Conflict*, World Bank Oslo, December
Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, MIT, November
Wellesley Economics, Wellesley College, October
Wellesley Centers for Women, Wellesley College, October
NBER/BREAD conference (participant), September
IAFFE Summer Conference*, Buenos Aires, Argentina, July
World Bank Conference on Gender and Conflict, World Bank, June
American Economic Association Meetings*, Atlanta, January
- 2009: Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Tufts, November
World Bank Conference on Female Entrepreneurship: Constraints and Opportunities*,
World Bank, June

* Presented by co-author

Pre-2009: American Economic Association Meetings (multiple times), Eastern Economic Association Meetings, NBER Universities Research Conference (participant), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (multiple times), NBER Summer Institute (participant), Econometric Society Meetings, Bureau for Research in the Economic Analysis of Development (participant), Spring Meeting of Young Economists (multiple times), Industrial Organization Conference, Brandeis University Economics Department (multiple times), American Economic Association-CSWEP Workshop, Brandeis University Center for International Development, Brown University, Georgetown University, The Grameen Bank, The World Bank

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Program Committees: AAEA and NAREA Joint Annual Meeting, 2011
Spring Meeting of Young Economists, 2006

Referee for: *Journal of Economic Literature*, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, *Demography*, *World Development*, *Journal of Developing Areas*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Review of Development Economics*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, *World Bank Economic Review*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*, *Journal of Population Economics*.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association
Royal Economic Society
Econometric Society
IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor)
The Society of Labor Economists

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS

OTHER

International Growth Center Research Grant, LSE, UK, 2011
World Bank, 2009, 2010.
Who's Who in America, 2009

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

Theodore and Jane Norman Research Grant, 2006, 2008
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

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

Phi Beta Kappa, 1994
Magna Cum Laude, 1994
Virginia Galbraith Prize for Senior Thesis, 1994

TEACHING – BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE

Advanced Microeconomics (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

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Department of Economics Senior Honors Program Faculty Coordinator, 2009-2010
Academic Advisor for First Year Students, 2005-2006, 2007-2008
Senior Undergraduate Honors Program Advisor, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2005-06, 2006-07
Economics Department Faculty Search Committee, 2001-2002, 2004-2005, 2009
Monsoon – The Asian Journal of Brandeis University, Faculty Advisor, 2003-2004
BA/MA Interviewing Committee, 2003, 2004
Ph.D. Exam Committee, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2008
Economics Department Brown Bag Seminar Coordinator, 2002

PERSONAL

Indian citizen and US permanent resident
Married with two children