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Academic Positions

2009- **Department of Economics, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH**
Assistant Professor

2012-14 **Harvard Kennedy School**
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Sustainability Science Program (SSP) (2012-13)
Visiting Scholar, Evidence for Policy Design (EPOD) (2013-14)

Affiliations

Affiliate, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)
Affiliate, Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), MIT

Education

2004-2009 **Harvard University, Cambridge, MA**
Ph.D.
Dissertation Title: Essays in Development Economics
Committee: Sendhil Mullainathan, Rohini Pande, Andrei Shleifer

1996-2000 **Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA**
B.A., *Highest Honors*

Research Papers

"Building State Capacity: Evidence from Biometric Smartcards in India" (with Karthik Muralidharan and Paul Niehaus), *forthcoming, American Economic Review.*
[Previous version: "Payments Infrastructure and the Performance of Public Programs: Evidence from Biometric Smartcards in India", *NBER Working Paper w19999*, March 2014.]

"Does Firm Ownership Structure Matter? Evidence from Sugar Mills in India", *forthcoming, Journal of Development Economics.*

"Corruption in India: Bridging Research Evidence and Policy Options" (with Milan Vaishnav), *Brookings-NCAER India Policy Forum 2014,* Jul 2015.

"The Impact of Corruption on Consumer Markets: Evidence from the Allocation of 2G Wireless Spectrum in India," *Journal of Law and Economics*, vol 58, no 1, pp 75-108, Feb 2015.

"Corruption Dynamics: The Golden Goose Effect" (with Paul Niehaus).
American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, vol 5, no 4, pp 230-69, Nov 2013
Awarded the 2014 American Economic Journal: Economic Policy best paper prize by the American Economic Association

"The Marginal Rate of Corruption in Public Programs" (with Paul Niehaus).
Journal of Public Economics, vol 104, pp 52-64, Aug 2013.

"Sweetening the Deal? Political Connections and Sugar Mills in India." *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, vol 4, no 3, pp 43-63, Jul 2012.

"Does Happiness Pay? An Exploration Based On Panel Data from Russia" (with Carol Graham and Andrew Eggers). *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, vol 55, no 3, pp 319-342, Nov 2004.

"Does Economic Crisis Reduce Support for Markets and Democracy in Latin America? Some Evidence from Surveys of Public Opinion and Well Being" (with Carol Graham). *Journal of Latin American Studies*, vol 36, no 2, pp 349-377, May 2004.

Work in Progress

"General Equilibrium Effects of (Improving) Public Employment Programs: Experimental Evidence from India" (with Karthik Muralidharan and Paul Niehaus).

"Ten Years of NREGA: Lessons and Open Questions" (with Clement Imbert).

"Price Risk and Poverty" (with Lucie Gadenne, Sam Norris, and Monica Singhal).

"Policy Analysis by Revealed Preference: With an Application to Food Security" (with Karthik Muralidharan and Paul Niehaus).

"Improving Citizen Access to Basic Services" (with Ana Bellver, Shrayana Bhattacharya, Daniel Rogger, and Gabriel Tourek).

Policy and Other Writing

"What do We Know about Corruption in India?" (with Milan Vaishnav). *Ideas for India*, September 2015. Available at http://www.ideasforindia.in/article.aspx?article_id=1503 (reprinted in Mint, http://www.livemint.com/Opinion/9FkwZiJYmcGAMpSMFUOW1I/Tackling-corruption-in-India.html)

"Building State Capacity for Better Programme Implementation: Lessons from the Andhra Pradesh Smartcard Programme" (with Karthik Muralidharan, and Paul Niehaus). *Ideas for India*, December 2014. Available at: http://www.ideasforindia.in/Article.aspx?article_id=382

"The Sweet Spot", Op-ed, *The Indian Express*, November 14, 2014. Available at: http://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/the-sweet-spot/.

"Because the Price was Right", Op-ed, *The Indian Express*, February 18, 2014. Available at: http://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/because-the-price-was-right/. (Original title: "The Final Episode of the 2G Saga?")

"Two Questions about the 2G Scam", *Ideas for India*, March 2013. Available at: http://www.ideasforindia.in/Article.aspx?article_id=120

"Implementing a Biometric Payment System: The Andhra Pradesh Experience" (with Piali Mukhopadhyay, Karthik Muralidharan, and Paul Niehaus). Technical Report, University of California, San Diego 2013. Available at: http://econweb.ucsd.edu/~kamurali/papers/Other%20Writing/Implementing%20a%20Biometric%20Payment%20System%20(18%20May%202013).pdf

"Corruption in MGNREGA", *Ideas for India*, July 2012. Available at: http://www.ideasforindia.in/Article.aspx?article_id=1

"What Determines MGNREGA Wages? Some Evidence on Voice and Exit from Orissa", *India in Transition*, University of Pennsylvania Center for the Advanced Study of India, April 9, 2012. Reprinted in *Hindu Business Line*

"The Right to Choose your Food" (with Karthik Muralidharan and Paul Niehaus), Op-ed, *The Indian Express*, August 2, 2011

"Assessing the Scope for Cash Transfers in lieu of the TPDS in Rural and Urban Bihar" (with Karthik Muralidharan and Paul Niehaus), Policy Report, July 2011

"The Bigger They are, the Harder They Fall: The Cost of the Crisis in Corporate Governance" (with Robert Litan and Carol Graham) *Milken Institute Review*, 5(1): First Quarter 2003, 37-45

Research Grants

2015-	International Growth Center (co-PI with Monica Singhal and Lucie Gadenne)
2015-	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (co-PI with Karthik Muralidharan and Paul Niehaus)
2015-	Omidyar Network Research Award (co-PI with Karthik Muralidharan and Paul Niehaus)
2015-	International Growth Center (co-PI with Karthik Muralidharan and Paul Niehaus)
2014-	National Science Foundation SES-1426003 (co-PI with Karthik Muralidharan and Paul Niehaus)
2014-15	Yale University Global Financial Inclusion Initiative (co-PI with Karthik Muralidharan and Paul Niehaus)
2012-14	JPAL Governance Initiative Grant (co-PI with Karthik Muralidharan and Paul Niehaus)
2010-14	Omidyar Network Research Award (co-PI with Karthik Muralidharan and Paul Niehaus)
2009-11	International Growth Centre Research Award (co-PI with Sendhil Mullainathan)
2009-	Burke Research Award, Dartmouth College
2008-09	National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant SES-0752929
2008	Simon Kuznets Travel Grant
2006-2008	Warburg Funds Research Grant

Fellowships and Awards

2014	Best Paper Award, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*
2013-14	Junior Faculty Fellowship, Dartmouth College
2012-13	Giorgio Ruffalo Research Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School
2009, 2012	Rockefeller Award, Department of Economics, Dartmouth College
2008-09	Eliot Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University
2008-09	South Asia Initiative Graduate Student Associate
2007	Nominated for Robert F. Levensohn Memorial Teaching Award (best teaching fellow in an undergraduate course), Harvard University
2006-09	Doctoral Fellowship, Harvard University Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy, a National Science Foundation IGERT program
2004-06	Harvard University Fellowship

Invited Seminars and Conference Presentations

2015-16	Stockholm School of Economics SITE Conference, University of Virginia, Harvard-MIT-Brown Joint Seminar in South Asian Politics, Delhi Economics Conclave, Brown University (Political Economy and Labor Studies Forum), Oxford University, AEA meetings (San Francisco)

2014-15	University of Bristol, UCL-STICERD Development Seminar (University College London and London School of Economics), Oxford University, Indian Statistical Institute-Delhi (ISI), Clark University, GFII Yale University, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, International Growth Center India Development Policy Conference
2013-14	University of Connecticut, Brown University (Applied Micro lunch), Indian Statistical Institute-Delhi (ISI), MIT-Harvard Development Seminar, Harvard India Conference, Harvard International Development conference, NBER Organizational Economics workshop, BREAD conference (University of California, Berkeley), ABCDE 2014 (World Bank), CASI workshop (University of Pennsylvania), International Growth Center India Development Policy Conference, Brookings-NCAER India Policy Forum
2012-13	NEUDC-Dartmouth, Indian Statistical Institute-Delhi (ISI), AEA meetings (San Diego), Harvard University Applied Theory Seminar, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Bocconi University, Stockholm University, Boston University
2011-12	IGC Growth Week (LSE), NEUDC-Yale, Columbia University, Swarthmore College AEA meetings (Chicago), Econometric Society meetings, University of Pennsylvania, Northwestern University
2010-11	NEUDC-MIT, Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research (IGIDR), Cornell University
2009-10	University of New Hampshire, World Bank (DECRG), Center for Global Development (CGD), Indian Statistical Institute-Delhi (ISI)
2008-09	BREAD Conference, Brookings Institution, Dartmouth College, New York University-Wagner School, Boston College, Wesleyan University, Wellesley College, University of Wisconsin-Madison, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), NEUDC-Boston University, NBER Student Political Economics Conference

Teaching Experience

2010-2015	Development Economics (BA), Dartmouth College
2014, 2015	International Growth Center (IGC) Summer School (PhD), Delhi
Summer 2007	Designed Economic Development course (MBA) for the Institute for Financial Management and Research (IFMR), Chennai, India
Spring 2007	Microeconomics of Development (BA), Harvard University
Fall 2006	Development Economics (PhD), Harvard University/MIT, teaching fellow for Professors Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo, and Sendhil Mullainathan

Professional Service

Referee	*American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; American Economic Journal: Microeconomics; American Economic Review; American Political Science Review; Cambridge University Press; Economica; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Economic Journal; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Law and Economics; Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Public Policy;* National Science Foundation; *Oxford*

University Press; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Science; World Bank Economic Review

Other J-PAL Executive Education, Spring 2013, Summer 2014

Internal Service

2009-12 Friendship Family program, International Student host
2010-16 First-year advising
2010-16 Presidential Scholar research assistance and mentoring program
2010-11 Economics Department Junior Lunch organizer
2011-12 Economics Department Seminar organizer
2011-12 Economics Department Seminar organizer
2012-13 John Sloan Dickey Center Manuscript Review Seminar
2012-16 John Sloan Dickey Center Human Development Initiative

Research Experience and Other Employment

2003-04 Center for Global Development, Research Assistant to Dr. Nancy Birdsall
2001-03 Brookings Institution, Research Assistant to Dr. Robert Litan and Dr. Carol Graham
2000-01 NERA, Research Associate