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### **POSITIONS:**

University of Michigan

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics (2007-)

Research Affiliate, Population Studies Center, Institute for Social Research (2007-)

Associate Director (2008-) and Core Faculty Associate (2007-), Center for South Asian Studies

### **EDUCATION:**

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Economics (2007)

M.A., Economics (2004)

M.A., History [South Asia] (2001)

University of Southern California

B.A. *magna cum laude*, Philosophy [Ethics]; Religion; History (1996)

### **FIELDS OF INTEREST:**

Development Economics, Economic History, Political Economy

### **PAPERS:**

"The Price of Fertility: Marriage Markets and Family Planning in Bangladesh", with Suresh Naidu (2008),  
under review

"On the Heterogeneity of Dowry Motives", with Trevon D. Logan (2008), under review

"Is There Dowry Inflation in South Asia?", with Trevon D. Logan (2008), under review

"Prostitutes *and* Brides?", with Manisha Shah (May 2008), *American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings*  
98(2): 516-522

"The Prostitute's Allure: The Returns to Beauty in Commercial Sex Work", with Manisha Shah (2008)

"Are All STI Epidemics Self-Limiting?", with Manisha Shah (2008)

## **GRANTS AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

Center for International Business Education research award, University of Michigan (2008):  
Principal Investigator, "Firms and the Welfare State: A Test of the Microfoundations of  
Employer Support for Social Protection"

BASIS Assets and Market Access CRSP (2007-2010):  
Evaluation Consultant, "Micro Health Insurance in Rural Cambodia"

Agence Française de Développement (2007-2010):  
Additional Investigator, "A Randomized Controlled Trial of Micro-Health Insurance in Cambodia"

United States Marine Corps, Center for Lessons Learned (2004):  
Consultant, "Preliminary Report on the Retention of USMC Veterans"

## **HONORS AND AWARDS:**

Journal of Development Economics Award, UC Berkeley (2006)  
Scientific Evaluation for Global Action Graduate Fellow, UC Berkeley (2005-2007)  
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley (2003)  
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (1998-2000)  
Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies (1997-1998)  
USC Trustee Full-Tuition Scholarship (1993-1996)  
USC Resident Honors Program [left high school a year early] (1993-1994)

## **RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS:**

"Are All STI Epidemics Self-Limiting?" (2008)  
New Techniques in Development Economics conference [Australian National University]

"The Price of Fertility: Marriage Markets and Family Planning in Bangladesh" (2006-2008)  
UC Berkeley, University of Michigan, Harvard School of Public Health, UC Santa Cruz, University of  
Virginia, Williams College, Reed College, IIES [Stockholm], University of Alberta, Simon Fraser  
University, University of Maryland, Dartmouth College, UCSD, Ohio State University, Universidad Carlos  
III de Madrid, University of New South Wales, Australian National University RISS, University of  
Melbourne, University of Adelaide, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, University of Calgary

"On the Heterogeneity of Dowry Motives" (2005-2007)  
UC Berkeley, Ohio State University,  
North American Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society [co-author presented]

"Prostitutes *and* Brides?" (2008)  
American Economic Association annual meeting [co-author presented]

"Is There Dowry Inflation in South Asia?" (2008)  
Population Association of America annual meeting [co-author presented]

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

### Undergraduate:

Development Economics, University of Michigan (2008) and UC Berkeley (2005, 2006)  
Senior Honors Thesis, UC Berkeley (2005)  
Social Science Research Methods, UC Berkeley (2004)  
Classical Theories of Political Economy, UC Berkeley (2004, 2005, 2006)  
Survey of World History, UC Berkeley (2002, 2003)  
Survey of Modern European History, University of San Francisco (2002)

### Graduate:

PhD Development Economics, University of Michigan (2008)

### Teaching Assistant, UC Berkeley:

Senior Honors Thesis (2003); Contemporary Theories of Political Economy (2003);  
Classical Theories of Political Economy (2001, 2002); Survey of Modern European History (2001);  
Survey of Precolonial African History (2000, 2001)

## **UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SERVICE:**

Department of Economics Executive Committee (2008-2009)  
Department of Economics FASAC Search Committee (2008-2009)  
Center for South Asian Studies Associate Director (2008-)  
Center for South Asian Studies Academic Committee (2007-2008)

## **REFEREE SERVICES:**

*Journal of Human Resources* (2), *Review of Economics and Statistics*

## **OTHER INFORMATION:**

Affiliations: American Economic Association, Econometric Society  
Citizenship: USA