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## Education

Ph.D. Economics, 2011	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
B.A. Ethics, Politics & Economics (Honors, 2004)	Yale University

## Working Papers

**“Creative Destruction from the Great Boston Fire of 1872: Barriers to Urban Growth Illuminated”** *Forthcoming, American Economic Review*  
with Richard Hornbeck

**“The Local Economic Effects of Commodity Booms and Busts in Modern America”** *Submitted*  
with Hunt Allcott, *Revise and resubmit, Review of Economic Studies*

**“Can Institutions be Reformed from Within? Evidence from a Randomized Experiment with the Rajasthan Police”** *Revise and resubmit, American Economic Journal - Policy*  
with Abhijit Banerjee, Raghavendra Chattopadhyay, Esther Duflo, and Nina Singh

**“Bargaining and Welfare: A Dynamic Structural Analysis”**

**“Structural versus Experimental Estimates of the Return to Capital for Microenterprises”**

**“The Efficient Deployment of Police Resources: Theory and New Evidence from a Randomized Drunk Driving Crackdown in India”**  
with Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo, and Nina Singh

**“Long Run Impacts of the 1918 Influenza in India”**  
with David Donaldson

## Ongoing Research

**“Productivity and Competition in India’s Brick Industry”**

**“Changing Beliefs, Changing Bribes”**  
with Esther Duflo, Abhijit Banerjee, Ben Olken, John Firth, and Jeff Weaver

**“Identifying Subsistence and Aspirational Entrepreneurs”**  
with Russell Toth

**“Technology Adoption and Group Learning about Coffee Farming in Rwanda”**  
with Esther Duflo and Tavneet Suri

**“Financial Deepening, Entry Deterrence and Adverse Selection in the Spanish Banking Sector”**  
with Robert Townsend

## Work Experience

<b>Yale University</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Economics, August 2011-</i>	New Haven, CT
<b>Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab</b> <i>Research Assistant, July 2004-August 2006</i>	Delhi and Jaunpur, India

## Languages

English (native), French (fluent), Haitian Kreyol (proficient), Hindi (conversational).

**Fellowships,  
Honors and  
Awards**

Robert Solow Endowment Prize (2011)  
Review of Economic Studies European Tour (2011)  
Abdul Latif Jameel Graduate Fellowship (2010)  
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2006)  
Abdul Latif Jameel Graduate Fellowship (2006, declined)  
Fulbright Fellowship (2004, declined)

**Teaching  
Experience**

Economic Development I & II	Graduate-level Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012
Approaches to International Development	Undergraduate-level Fall, 2011, Spring 2013

**Professional  
Activity**

Refereed for: *American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied, American Economic Journal: Public Policy, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, Econometrica, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Public Economics,*