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CURRENT POSITION      Department of Economics, University of Maryland-College Park  
Assistant Professor, 2008-(on leave 2010-2012)  
Department of Economics, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile  
Assistant Professor, 2010-

RESEARCH INTERESTS      Family economics, labor economics, development economics

EDUCATION      Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA  
Economics, June 2008  
*Essays on Matching, Marriage and Human Capital Accumulation*  
Advisors: Esther Duflo, David Autor, Josh Angrist and Abhijit Banerjee  
M.A., University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada  
Economics, June 2003  
B.A., McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada  
Honors in Economics, June 2002  
Minor in International Development

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE      Summer 2008, Visiting Assistant Professor, Instituto de Economía, Pontificia  
Universidad Católica de Chile  
Summer 2009: Universidad Católica de Chile  
2005: Research Assistant to Prof. Esther Duflo  
2006: Research Assistant to Prof. David Autor  
2003-2004: Economist, Economic Studies and Policy Analysis Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

AWARDS      MIT Graduate Fellowship 2004-2006  
MIT Ida Green Fellowship for most promising female graduate student 2004-2005  
Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada Doctoral Scholarship 2004-2008  
University of Toronto Fellowship 2002-2003  
McGill Greville-Smith Scholarship 1999-2002

TEACHING

2011: Instructor, Economic Development (EAE3975), graduate level; Intermediate Microeconomics (EAE210B), undergraduate level

2010: Instructor, Topics in Econometrics (EAE3512), graduate level; Intermediate Microeconomics (EAE210B), undergraduate level

2010: Instructor, Seminar in Economic Development (ECON616), graduate level; Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON326), undergraduate level

2009: Instructor, Seminar in Economic Development (ECON616), graduate level; Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON326), undergraduate level (Spring and Fall)

2009: Instructor, Topics in Labor Economics, PUC-Chile

2008: Teaching Assistant, Principles of Microeconomics (14.01), Prof. Jeffrey Harris

2006-2007: Teaching Assistant, Graduate Development Economics: Micro Issues (14.771), Prof. Esther Duflo, Abhijit Banerjee and Sendhil Mulhainathan, MIT and Harvard University

2007-2008: Teaching Assistant, JPAL Executive Class on Randomized Trials

2005: Lecturer, “Designing and Conducting Small Scale Surveys” World Bank International Program for Development Evaluation Training, Carleton University

2002-2003: Teaching Assistant, Principles of Economics for Non-Specialists (ECO105Y), Prof. Michael J. Hare, University of Toronto

ADVISING

Co-chair: Quynh Nguyen (2010), Yeon-Soo Kim (2010), Alessandro Orfei (2011)  
 Chair: Carolina Gonzalez-Velosa (2011)  
 Committee Member: Lingsheng Meng (2010)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee for *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economic and Statistics*, *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Review of Economics of the Household*, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, *Cuadernos de Economía*, *National Science Foundation grants*

Discussant of the paper “World War II, Missing Men, and Out-Of-Wedlock Childbearing” at the AEA Meetings, January 2009, San Francisco

RESEARCH PAPERS

“Making Yourself Attractive: Pre-Marital Investments and The Returns to Education in the Marriage Market”, submitted.

“Marry for What? Caste and Mate Selection in Modern India” (joint with Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Maitreesh Ghatak), NBER Working Paper #14958, submitted

“Smooth(er) Landing? The Role of Networks in the Location and Occupational Choice of Immigrants” (joint with José Tessada), submitted

“Not Yet Married but Already Paying the Price: Some theory and empirical evidence on the policy neutrality of intra-household allocations” (joint with Pierre-André Chiappori, Murat Iyigun and Yoram Weiss)

WORK IN  
PROGRESS

“More hands, More power? The Impact of Immigration on Farming and Technology Choices in US Agriculture in Early 20th Century” (joint with José Tessada and Carolina Gonzalez), available upon request

“What Happens the Morning After? Access to Emergency Contraception and its Impact on Fertility and Abortion” (joint with Tal Gross and Corinne Low), available upon request

“All for One? Family Size and Children’s Educational Distribution Under Credit Constraints” (joint with Soohyung Lee), available upon request

“Why Wait? Male and Female Marriage Timing and its Fertility Consequences”

“Migration, Firms and Labor Markets Then: Effects of Migration to the US in early 20th Century” (joint with José Tessada)

“Peer Effect in Training Programs: A Randomized Evaluation in Chile” (joint with José Tessada and Marcela Peticara)

PRESENTATIONS

“Not Yet Married but Already Paying the Price: Some theory and empirical evidence on the policy neutrality of intra-household allocations”

Columbia University (2010), LACEA (2010), Université Laval (2010), Cornell (2011)

“All for One? Family Size and Children’s Educational Distribution Under Credit Constraints”

Oxford University (2011)

“Smooth(er) Landing? The Role of Networks in the Location and Occupational Choice of Immigrants”

Maryland Population Research Center (2008), Yale University (2010), University of North Carolina (2010), LSE/UCL growth seminar (2011)

“Marry for What? Caste and Mate Selection in Modern India”

Stanford University (2008), Clemson University (2009), PUC-Chile (2009)

“Making yourself attractive: Pre-Marital Investments and The Returns to Education in the Marriage Market”

2009: University of Virginia, University of British Columbia, Georgetown University

2008: UCLA, UC Berkeley, University of Maryland-College Park, Carleton University, University of Toronto, Université de Montreal, Università Bocconi, Board of Governors of Federal Reserve Bank, ZEW “Gender and Labor Markets conference”, SOLE

“What Fathers Do? From Polygamy to Monogamy” (with Aloysius Siow)

“The Evolution of Preferences”, UC Davis (2003)

“Demographic Shifts and Aggregate Productivity Growth: The Effect of Changing Consumption Patterns”

Canadian Economic Association Meetings (2004)

PUBLICATION “Demographic Shifts and Aggregate Productivity Growth: The Effect of Changing Consumption Patterns”, Department of Finance Working Paper 2005-01, (online).

CITIZENSHIP Canadian

LANGUAGES French (native), English (very fluent), Spanish (fluent)

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