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# **Current Employment:**

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Stanford University, 7/2014-

#### **Affiliations:**

Affiliate, Stanford Center for International Development, 11/2014-Affiliate, Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA), 9/2014-Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau for Economic Research, 5/2014-Affiliate, J-PAL Urban Services Initiative, 2/2014-

#### **Education:**

Ph.D., Economics (*with distinction*), Yale University, 2007-2013

Thesis: "Temporary Migration and Endogenous Risk Sharing in Village India"

Committee: Mark Rosenzweig, Aleh Tsyvinski, Chris Udry

B.Com., (hons), The University of Auckland, 2005

# **Previous Employment:**

Junior Scholar, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, 6/2013-6/2014 Consultant for *Macroeconomics (Karlan/Morduch)* textbook, McGraw Hill, 1/2011-6/2011 Research Assistant, World Bank Development Economics Research Group, 6/2009-8/2009 Research Assistant, Motu Economic Research and Public Policy, Wellington, New Zealand, 2/2006-7/2007

#### **Publications:**

"Remittances and the Brain Drain Revisited: The Microdata Show That More Educated Migrants Remit More" (2010) with A. Bollard, D. McKenzie and H. Rapoport, *World Bank Economic Review*.

"The Remitting Patterns of African Migrants in the OECD" (2010) with Albert Bollard and David McKenzie, *Journal of African Economics*.

### **Working Papers:**

"Roads, Migration and Labor Market Integration: Evidence from a Planned Capital City", (March 2014) with Jaqueline Oliveira

"Temporary Migration and Endogenous Risk Sharing in Village India" (September 2013), Revision requested, Journal of Political Economy

"A Personal Touch: Text Message Reminders and Loan Repayment" (March 2012) with Dean Karlan and Jonathan Zinman, *NBER Working Paper No. 17952* 

# Fellowships, Honors and Awards:

Review of Economic Studies, May Meetings Speaker, 2013 George Trimmins Dissertation Prize, 2013 Poster Prize, NEUDC, MIT, 2010 Robert Evenson Travel Fellowship, Yale University, 2010 Sasakawa Fellowship, Yale University, 2010 Overbrook Fellowship, Yale University, 2009-2010 A.R. Bergstrom Prize in Econometrics, 2008 Yale Fellowship for Doctoral Study, 2007-2013 Motu Doctoral Scholarship, New Zealand, 2007

# **Conference and Seminar Presentations**

2015\* University of California Berkeley, University of Toronto, Oxford CSAE conference

- 2014 Harvard/MIT Development Seminar, NBER SI (Development Economics), AFD/CGD Migration and Development Conference (Oxford), SITE (Stanford), PODER/CEPR Workshop (Stockholm), IFS/CEAR Family and Risk Workshop, WUSTL/Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis, Brown University, University of Calgary
- 2013 Royal Holloway, UCL/LSE Development Workshop, University of Oxford, USC, IZA/WZB Field Days Conference (Berlin), NBER SI (Development Economics), Central European University (Budapest), Goethe University Frankfurt, University of Edinburgh, UCLA, University of Minnesota, University of Chicago, Stanford GSB, Stanford, UCL, Harvard University, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Princeton University, Northwestern University
- 2012 NEUDC (Dartmouth), CEAR Households and Risk Workshop (University of Georgia)
- 2011 NEUDC (Yale), Advances with Field Experiments Conference (University of Chicago)
- 2010 NEUDC (MIT, Poster), Migration and Development Conference (Paris School of Economics)

#### **Referee Service:**

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Innovations for Poverty Action Research Review Committee, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science, Review of Economics and Statistics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics.

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<sup>\*</sup>including scheduled