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Academic Positions

2009- Assistant Professor, Boston University, Department of Economics
2006-2008 Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy, Harvard University
2005-2009 Assistant Professor, University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy

Education

2005 Ph.D., Economics, Princeton University
2002 M.A., Economics, Princeton University
2000 B.S., Economics, University of Maryland, College Park,
1999 B.A., Mathematics, University of Maryland, College Park

Primary Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Health economics, Development Economics, Industrial Organization

Affiliations

2009- Faculty Associate, Institute for Economic Development, Boston University
2008- Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)
2006-2009 Research Associate, Center for Health and the Social Sciences,
Center for Human Potential and Public Policy, University of Chicago
2005- Research Associate, Population Research Center, NORC, University of Chicago

Published and Forthcoming Papers

[“Female Empowerment: Impact of a Commitment Savings Product in the Philippines”](#) (with Nava Ashraf and Dean Karlan) *World Development*, 2010, 38(3), pages 333-344

[“Impact of Medicare Part D on elderly Medicare-Medicaid dual eligible subjects”](#) (with Anirban Basu and Caleb Alexander), *Health Services Research*, February 2010, 45(1), pp. 133-151

[“R&D Policy, Agency Costs and Innovation in Personalized Medicine,”](#) *Journal of Health Economics*, September 2009, 28(5), pp. 950-962

[“Market Incentives and Pharmaceutical Innovation”](#) *Journal of Health Economics*, July 2008, 27(4), pp. 1060-1077

[“The Effect of the Medicare Part D Prescription Benefit on Drug Utilization and Expenditures”](#) *Annals of Internal Medicine*, Lead Article, February 2008, 148(3), pp. 169-177 (w/ Anirban Basu, James X. Zhang, Atonu Rabbani, David O. Meltzer, and G. Caleb Alexander (lead article))

[“Impact of the Medicare Part D drug benefit on use of generic drugs and different therapeutic drug classes”](#) (with James Zhang, Shawn Sun, Caleb Alexander), *Journal of General Internal Medicine* October 2008, 23:10, pp. 1673-1678

[“Designing Targeting Schemes with Poverty Maps: Does Disaggregation Help?”](#) (with Berk Özler, Chris Elbers, Tomoki Fujii, Peter Lanjouw) *Journal of Development Economics*, May 2007, 83(7)

[“Tying Odysseus to the Mast: Evidence from a Commitment Savings Product in the Philippines”](#) (with Nava Ashraf and Dean Karlan) *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, May 2006, 121(2), pp. [Awarded the TIAA-CREF Certificate of Excellence, 2006]

[“Deposit Collectors”](#) (with Nava Ashraf and Dean Karlan), *Advances in Economic Analysis & Policy*, March 2006, 6(2), Article 5

Commentaries and Review Articles

[“Solutions and Challenges to Curing Global Health Inequality”](#) *Innovations* 2(4), October 2007, pp. 72-80.

[“Valuing health technologies at nice: recommendations for improved incorporation of treatment value in HTA”](#) (with Dana Goldman, Darius Lakdawalla and Tomas Philipson) *Health Economics*, October 2010, 10(11) pp. 1109-1116

[“Testing Savings Product Innovations Using an Experimental Methodology”](#), Asian Development Bank, Economics and Research Department Technical Paper No. 8. November, 2003 (with Nava Ashraf and Dean Karlan).

[“A Review of Commitment Savings Products in Developing Countries”](#), Asian Development Bank, Economics and Research Department Working Paper No. 45. June, 2003 (with Nava Ashraf, Nathalie Gons and Dean Karlan).

Working Papers and Work in Progress

[“Insurers' Negotiating Leverage and the External Effect of Medicare Part D”](#) submitted (w/ Darius Lakdawalla)

“Competition, Growth and Drug Quality in Indian Retail Pharmacy Markets” (w/ Dan Bennett)

“Anti-counterfeit Technology and Retail Drug Quality in Nigeria” (w/ Seema Jayachandran and Dan Bennett)

“Behavioral Response to Medical Innovation” (w/ Darius Lakdawalla and Robert Kaestner)

Awards

Gerald L. Gitner Award for Excellence in Teaching (2011), Boston University

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant (2010) “Drug Quality and Indian Retail Pharmacy Markets” (w/ Dan Bennett)

University of Chicago Global Health Initiative (2009) "Counterfeits, Substandard Drugs and Health Disparities in India" (with Dan Bennett)
University of Chicago Program in Pharmaceutical Policy-Merck Grant (2008) "Competition and Prices in the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Market" (w/ C. Alexander)
NICHD Grant (2007) "Credit Market Discrimination", Population Research Center, University of Chicago (w/ F. Finan)
Center for Health Administration Studies Grant (2007), "Impact of Medicare Part D", Social Service Administration, University of Chicago (w/ C. Alexander and J. Zhang)
TIAA-CREF Certificate of Excellence (2006) "Tying Odysseus to the Mast: Evidence from a Commitment Savings Product in the Philippines" (w/ N. Ashraf and D. Karlan)
NICHD Grant (2006) "Behavioral Response to Medical Technology," Population Research Center, University of Chicago
AHRQ Grant for Health Services Dissertation Research (2004-2005)
Social Science Research Council Fellowship, Applied Economics (2002-2003)
Phi Beta Kappa (1999)

Teaching

Topics in Development Economics II, Boston University (Second year PhD course)
Statistics for Economists, Boston University, (Core MA course)
Economic Statistics, Boston University, (Undergraduate core)
Economics of Science and Innovation, University of Chicago (MPP and MBA elective)
Advanced Statistics, University of Chicago (Core MPP course)

Professional Service

Referee: *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economic Letters*, *Economic Journal*, *Economic Letters*, *Health Affairs*, *Health Services Research*, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Health Economics Policy and Law*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Law and Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *National Science Foundation*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Rand Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, and others.

Expert Testimony: *Institute of Medicine*, *Department of Defense*

Other Experience

2010- Board of Advisors, Philanthropist.org
2003 Consultant, World Bank Group, Research Department, Washington DC
2002 Consultant, World Bank Group, Poverty Group, Latin America and Caribbean Region, Washington DC