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## Academic Positions

- 2006- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Stanford University  
2004-2006 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research, University of California, Berkeley

## Education

- 2004 Ph.D., Harvard University, Economics  
1999 M.A., Harvard University, Physics  
1995 M.A., B.A., University of Oxford, Physics and Philosophy (First class honors)  
1993 B.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Electrical Engineering (GPA: 5.0/5.0)

## Research Interests

Development economics, labor economics, political economy

## Affiliations

- 2007- Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)  
2006- Research Affiliate, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)  
2004- Affiliate, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)  
2008- Faculty Fellow, Stanford Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law  
2008- Faculty Affiliate, Stanford Center for Health Policy  
2007- Faculty Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research  
2006- Faculty Fellow, Stanford Center for International Development  
2004-2006 Research Associate, California Center for Population Research

## Published and Forthcoming Papers

- “Air Quality and Early-Life Mortality: Evidence from Indonesia’s Wildfires,” Journal of Human Resources, forthcoming  
“Life Expectancy and Human Capital Investments: Evidence from Maternal Mortality Declines” (with A. Lleras-Muney), Quarterly Journal of Economics, 124(1), February 2009, pp. 349-397  
“The Jeffords Effect,” Journal of Law and Economics, 49(2), October 2006, pp. 397-425  
“Selling Labor Low: Wage Responses to Productivity Shocks in Developing Countries,” Journal of Political Economy, 114(3), June 2006, pp. 538-575  
“Odious Debt,” (with M. Kremer), American Economic Review, 96(1), March 2006, pp. 82-92

**Working Papers**

- “Why Do Mothers Breastfeed Girls Less Than Boys? Evidence and Implications for Child Health in India” (with I. Kuziemko), April 2009
- “Modern Medicine and the 20th-Century Decline in Mortality: Evidence on the Impact of Sulfa Drugs,” (with A. Lleras-Muney and K. Smith), December 2008, under revision for AEJ: Applied Economics
- “Incentives to Teach Badly? After-School Tutoring in Developing Countries,” September 2008

**Articles Written for the Popular Press**

- “Loan Sanctions: A New Tool for Diplomacy?” (with M. Kremer), washingtonpost.com, Feb. 7, 2007
- “A Dictator’s Crippling Debt,” (with M. Kremer), Harvard Magazine, July 2003
- “Make Odious Debt Too Risky to Issue,” (with M. Kremer), Financial Times, May 9, 2003
- “Odious Debt,” (with M. Kremer), Brookings Review, Spring 2003
- “A World of Junk-Status States,” (with M. Kremer), Guardian, Aug. 19, 2002
- “Odious Debt,” (with M. Kremer), Finance and Development, June 2002

**Awards**

- 2008-2009 UPS Foundation Grant
- 2007 Stanford Center for Demography and Economics of Health and Aging Grant
- 2005-2006 California Center for Population Research Seed Grant
- 2003-2004 Eliot Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University
- 2002-2003 Program on Justice, Welfare, & Economics Fellowship, Harvard University
- 2002 Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University
- 2001-2002 Social Science Research Council Fellowship
- 2000-2001 Harvard University, Department of Economics Scholarship
- 1997-2000 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship (Physics, Economics)
- 1993-1995 Marshall Scholar

**Professional Service**

- Faculty instructor, MIT Poverty Action Lab Executive Training Course, Indonesia, June 2008
- Faculty instructor, SIEPR Summer Institute for High School Teachers, August 2008
- Co-organizer, Stanford Institute in Theoretical Economics (SITE) Conference on Growth and Development: Macro and Micro Approaches, August 2009
- Co-organizer, Stanford Institute in Theoretical Economics (SITE) Conference on Health and Economic Development, June 2006
- Departmental service: Junior Faculty Recruiting Committee (2007-8, 2008-9), Graduate Program Committee (2007-8)

**Other Experience**

- 2005 United Nations Development Program, Hanoi Office, consultant on design of the 2006 Vietnam Household Living Standards Survey
- 2002 Google Inc., short-term consultant on employee performance and hiring projects
- 1995-1997 McKinsey & Company, San Francisco, management consultant