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## Academic Appointments

University of Southern California Department of Economics and Center for Economic and Social Research, Associate Professor (Research)	2022-present
University of Southern California Department of Economics and Center for Economic and Social Research, Assistant Professor (Research)	2017-2022
Dartmouth College Department of Economics, Assistant Professor	2011-2018
Harvard Kennedy School, Visiting Assistant Professor	2016-2017
Brown University, Visiting Assistant Professor	2014-2015
Harvard Kennedy School, Evidence for Policy Design, Visiting Scholar	2015

## Education

Ph.D., Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2006-2011
A.B., Economics ( <i>summa cum laude</i> ), Princeton University	1999-2003

## Publications

"Cohort Profile: Real-Time Insights of COVID-19 in India (RTI COVID-India)" (with Joyita Banerjee, Sarah Petrosyan, Abhijith R. Rao, Steffi Jaco, Pranali Yogiraj Khobragade, Bas Weerman, Sandy Chien, Marco Angrisani, Arunika Agarwal, Nirupam Padan, Tanya Sethi, Sharmistha Dey, David E. Bloom, Jinkook Lee, and A.B. Dey). *BMC Public Health*, 2023, 23:293.

"Indian Female Migrants Face Greater Barriers to Post-Covid Recovery than Males: Evidence from a Panel Study" (with Jenna Allard, Maulik Jagnani, Yusuf Neggers, Rohini Pande, and Charity Troyer Moore). *eClinicalMedicine*, 2022, 53, 101631.

"Adherence to COVID-19 Protective Behaviors in India Over Time: Evidence from a Nationally Representative Survey" (with Natalie Theys, Marco Angrisani, Joyita Banerjee, Pranali Yogiraj Khobragade, Sarah Petrosyan, Arunika Agarwal, Sandy Chien, Bas Weerman, Avinash Chakrawarty, Prasun Chatterjee, Nirupam Madaan, David Bloom, Jinkook Lee, and Aparajit Ballav Dey). *BMJ Open*, 2022, 12:e058065.

"Does Patient Demand Contribute to the Overuse of Prescription Drugs?" (with Carolina Lopez and Anja Sautmann). *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2022, 14(1), pp. 225-260.

"On Her Own Account: How Strengthening Women's Financial Control Impacts Labor Supply and Gender Norms" (with Erica Field, Rohini Pande, Natalia Rigol, and Charity Troyer-Moore). *American Economic Review*, 2021, 111(7), pp. 2342-75

"Tracking the Effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Lives of American Households" (with Arie Kapteyn, Marco Angrisani, Daniel Bennett, Wandi Bruin de Bruin, Jill Darling, Tania Gutsche, Ying Liu, Erik Meijer, Francisco Perez-Arce, Kyla Thomas, and Bas Weerman). *Survey Research Methods*, 2020, 14(2), pp. 179-186.

"The Persistent Power of Behavioral Change: Long-Run Impacts of Temporary Savings Subsidies for the Poor", *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2018, 10(3), pp. 67-100.

"Male Social Status and Women's Work" (with Arielle Bernhardt, Erica Field, Rohini Pande, Natalia Rigol, and Charity Troyer-Moore). *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 2018, 108, pp. 363-367.

“Salary Delays and Overdrafts in Rural Ghana” (with Niklas Buehren, Virginia Ceretti, Ervin Dervisevic, Markus Goldstein, Leora Klapper, and Tricia Koroknay-Palicz). *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 2018, 108, pp. 449-452.

“The Cost of Convenience? Transaction Costs, Bargaining Power, and Savings Account Use in Kenya”. *Journal of Human Resources*, 2017, 52(4), pp. 919-945.

“Do Opposites Detract? Intrahousehold Preference Heterogeneity and Inefficient Strategic Savings”. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2015, 7(2), pp. 135-174.

“Price Subsidies, Diagnostic Tests, and Targeting of Malaria Treatment: Evidence From a Randomized Controlled Trial” (with Pascaline Dupas and Jessica Cohen). *American Economic Review*, 2015, 105(2), pp. 609-645.

### Working Papers

“Understanding Rural Households’ Time Use in a Developing Setting: Validating a Low-Cost Time Use Module” (with Erica Field, Rohini Pande, Natalia Rigol, Elena Stacy, and Charity Troyer Moore. September 2022. *Revised and resubmitted, Journal of Development Economics*.

“The Limits of Commitment: Who Benefits from Illiquid Savings Products?” (with Niklas Buehren, Markus Goldstein, Leora Klapper, and Tricia Koroknay-Palicz). July 2022.

“Banking on Transparency for the Poor: Experimental Evidence from India” (with Erica Field  Natalia Rigol  Charity Troyer Moore  Rohini Pande). July 2022. NBER Working Paper No. 30289.

“Information, Intermediaries, and International Migration” (with Samuel Bazzi, Lisa Cameron, and Firman Witoelar). May 2022.

“Remote Work and the Heterogeneous Impact of COVID-19 on Employment and Health” (with Manuela Angelucci, Marco Angrisani, Daniel Bennett, and Arie Kapteyn). August 2020.

“Female Labor Force Participation in Asia: Indonesia Country Study” (with Smita Das), February 2016. ADB Economics Working Paper No. 474.

### Selected Work in Progress

“Following Up for Better Health: Improving Non-Communicable Disease Compliance in Urban India” (with Daniel Bennett).

“Hold the Phone? Social and Economic Implications of Improving Women's Agency and Control over Smartphones” (with Giorgia Barboni, Erica Field, Rohini Pande, Natalia Rigol, and Charity Troyer Moore).

“Do At-Scale Audits Improve Service Delivery of a Large Public Works Program”? (with Rohini Pande and Charity Troyer Moore”).

### Professional Affiliations

Scientific Director – Gender, Inclusion Economics	2022-present
Affiliate, Center for Effective Global Action	2018-present
Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research	2016-present

Affiliate, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development	2013-present
Affiliate, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab	2013-present

### Honors, Fellowships, and Awards

USAID DIV Grant	2022-2024
Mercury Project Grant	2022-2024
IPA IPV Initiative Grant	2022-2023
AER Insights Excellence in Refereeing Award	2021
Economic Journal Referee Prize	2021
J-PAL Gender and Economic Agency Initiative Grant	2021-2022
Women's Economic Empowerment and Digital Finance Grant	2021
National Science Foundation Grant	2020-2022
Initiative for What Works to Advance Women and Girls in the Economy (IWWAGE) Grant	2020-2021
IZA-DFID G <sup>2</sup> LM-LIC COVID-19 Grant	2020-2021
Weiss Fund Grant	2020-2021
NIH/NIA 3U01AG064948-02S1/02S2 (Co-Investigator)	2020-2022
IZA-DFID G <sup>2</sup> LM-LIC Grant	2020
AER Insights Excellence in Refereeing Award	2020
J-PAL Government Innovation Initiative Grant	2020
J-PAL Jobs and Opportunity Initiative Grant	2020-2021
J-PAL Cash Transfers for Child Health Grant	2020-2021
Gates Foundation Grant	2019-2022
Gates Foundation Grant	2019-2023
AER Excellence in Refereeing Award	2018
USAID Women Connect Challenge Grant	2018-2019
International Development Research Centre Grant	2018-2020
J-PAL Cash Transfers for Child Health Pilot Grant	2017-2018
Gates Foundation Grant	2017-2019
IPA Financial Services for the Poor Initiative	2017-2018
Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Explorations Grant	2015-2017
Gates Foundation Grant	2015-2017
J-PAL Government Partnership Initiative Grant	2015-2016
J-PAL Urban Services Initiative Grant	2015-2017
Australia Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Grant	2015-2018
ESRC-DFID Development Frontiers Grant	2015-2017
J-PAL Southeast Asia IRF Grant	2015-2018
Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiative Pilot Grant	2014-2015
IZA-DFID GLM-LIC Grant	2014-2015
J-PAL Governance Initiative Pilot Grant	2014
Junior Faculty Fellowship, Dartmouth College	2014-2015
Rockefeller-Haney Fellowship, Dartmouth College	2014-2015
J-PAL Southeast Asia IRF Pilot Grant	2013

PEDL Exploratory Research Grant	2013
Microsavings and Payments Innovation Initiative Grant	2012
Russell Sage Foundation Small Grant in Behavioral Economics	2009
George and Obie Shultz Grant	2009
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2006–2011
Phi Beta Kappa, Princeton University	2003

## Professional Activities

### Referee Services

*American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics, USAID Development Innovation Ventures, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economica, Economic Journal, Economic Policy, Economics Letters, Global Innovation Fund, Health Economics, International Economic Review, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Management Science, National Science Foundation, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford Development Studies, PNAS, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economics of the Household, Science, Swiss National Science Foundation, World Bank Economic Review, World Development*

### Invited Academic Presentations

Northeast Universities Development Consortium	2010
The London School of Economics, Yale University, Stanford University, Duke University, Washington University in St. Louis, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, The University of Pennsylvania, The World Bank, University of Michigan, Queens University Belfast, Oxford University, Columbia University	2011
ASSA Meetings, Northeast Universities Development Consortium, UCLA Anderson	2012
Harvard/MIT, Evidence on Innovations in Savings and Payments (IPA), Institutional Challenges in Emerging Economics (Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics), Understanding Banks in Emerging Markets (CEPR/EBRD/EBC/RoF)	2013
Northwestern Kellogg, University of Missouri, Boston University, Tufts Economics/Fletcher Development Seminar, Brown University	2014
International Food Policy Research Institute, Pacific Conference for Development Economics, IPA Researcher Gathering on Financial Inclusion, Barcelona Summer Forum: Advances in Development Economics, Duke, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, Notre Dame	2015
World Bank-CEGA Financial Inclusion Workshop, Georgetown, IZA/GLM-LIC Conference, Virginia Tech, Boston College, USC Center for Economic and Social Research, Harvard Kennedy School Women in Public Policy Forum	2016
Harvard Business School NOM, USC Center for Economic and Social Research, UVA Darden, Warwick, Duke Sanford, Yale, Northwestern, BREAD, University of Toronto Institute for Management and Innovation Junior Faculty Workshop, Loyola Marymount University, UCSD Rady	2017

ASSA Meetings, PAA Meetings, Barcelona Summer Forum: Advances in Development Economics, East Africa Social Science Translation Summit, PUC-Rio, FGV-São Paulo, Microsoft Research, Stanford Rosenkranz Global Health Workshop	2018
IPA Researcher Gathering on Financial Inclusion, NBER-CCER Conference, USC Economics, Stockholm School of Economics, University of Gothenburg, Tinbergen Institute, Grand Challenges Annual Meeting	2019
UC Berkeley, NBER Summer Institute, University of Melbourne, Washington State University	2020
PAA Meetings, Trinity College Dublin, RAND, CEGA Research Retreat, NBER NABE-TECH Conference, 14 <sup>th</sup> Migration and Development Conference	2021
University of Washington, Northwestern University, Southern California Conference on Applied Microeconomics, G <sup>2</sup> LM-LIC Covid-19 Research Meeting, The Promise and Future of New Financial Technology: For Better or Worse?, SITE, Harvard/MIT, IIM Calcutta	2022
Tufts, Georgetown	2023

**Other Work Experience**

Research Associate II, The Urban Institute	2006
Research Assistant, The Urban Institute	2004-2006
Associate, The Boston Consulting Group	2003-2004

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