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Current Position:

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of California, Santa Cruz (from 7/2007)

Other Affiliations:

Research Affiliate, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (from 5/2008)  
Research Affiliate, Innovations for Poverty Action (from 10/2009)  
Affiliate, Center of Evaluation for Global Action at UC Berkeley (from 5/2009)

Education:

Princeton University,  
Ph.D., Economics, 2007  
M.A., Economics, 2004

Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
S.B., Economics, S.B., Political Science, 2001

Publication:

“How High are Rates of Return to Fertilizer? Evidence from Field Experiments in Kenya,” with Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer, 2008, *American Economic Review (Papers & Proceedings)* 98 (2): 482-488.

Other Publication:

Book Review of *Sex Markets: A Denied Industry* by Marina Della Giusta, Maria Laura Di Tommaso, and Steinar Strøm, in *Feminist Economics*, 2009, 15 (4): 158-161.

Working Papers:

“Savings Constraints and Microenterprise Development: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Kenya,” with Pascaline Dupas, (January, 2009).

“Transactional Sex as a Response to Risk in Western Kenya,” with Ethan Yeh, (May, 2009).  
Revise and resubmit, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.

“Nudging Farmers to Use Fertilizer: Evidence from Kenya,” with Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer, (June, 2009).  
Revise and resubmit, *American Economic Review*

“Coping with Political Instability: Micro Evidence from Kenya’s Post Election Violence,” with Pascaline Dupas, (May 2009).

“Limited Insurance within the Household: Evidence From a Field Experiment in Western Kenya,” (April, 2008).

“The Return to Capital for Small Retailers in Kenya: Evidence from Inventories,” with Michael Kremer and Jean Lee (June, 2008).

“Sexual Networks as a Risk-Coping Strategy: Evidence from Transfers from Clients to Commercial Sex Workers in Kenya,” with Ethan Yeh (August 2009).

Works in Progress:

“Social Learning in Fertilizer Adoption,” with Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer.

“Savings for Health: Individual and ROSCA-Level Interventions in Kenya,” with Pascaline Dupas.

“The Returns to Training among Kenyan Farmers,” with Pascaline Dupas.

“Public Health Training and Demand for Health Products: A Randomized Evaluation,” with Bruce Wydick.

“Evaluating the Impact of Home Computers on School Performance: A Randomized Evaluation among Low-Income Middle School Students in California,” with Rob Fairlie.

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

*Internal*

UC Santa Cruz

Divisional Special Research Grant, 2008

Faculty Development Grant, 2008

Committee on Research Grant, 2007

Divisional Junior Faculty Research Grant, 2009

Princeton University

Fellowship, 2002-2007

Summer Fellowship, 2002-2006

Industrial Relations Section Research Support, 2004-2006

Center for Health and Wellbeing (CHW) Dissertation Grant, 2005

*External*

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Center for Behavioral Economics and Decision-Making  
Dissertation Grant, 2005

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2005

SEVEN Foundation Grant (with Michael Kremer, Jean Lee, and Olga Rostapshova), 2007

National Bureau of Economic Research Africa Program Grant (with Michael Kremer, Jean Lee, and Olga Rostapshova), 2008

World Bank, Doing Business and Gender Unit Grant (with Pascaline Dupas), 2008

National Bureau of Economic Research Africa Program Grant (with Pascaline Dupas), 2009

3ie Foundation Grant (with Pascaline Dupas), 2009

International Growth Centre Research Grant (with Pascaline Dupas), 2009

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant (with Pascaline Dupas and Dean Karlan), 2009

Teaching Experience:

Instructor (UCSC):

Development Economics (undergraduate), twice yearly, 2007-

Development Microeconomics (Ph.D.), yearly, 2007-

Teaching Assistant (Princeton University):

Introductory Microeconomics, Econometrics for MPA students.

Professional Activities:

*Presentations:*

2006: Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) - Cornell, Princeton University

2007: UC Santa Cruz, University of Pittsburgh, University of Houston, University College London, IFPRI, NEUDC (Harvard), Infectious Diseases in Poor Countries Conference (Cornell)

2008: Midwest International Economics Development Conference (University of Wisconsin), San Francisco Fed Applied Microeconomics Conference, Santa Cruz Center for International Economics Conference, UC San Diego, Santa Clara University, NEUDC (Boston University), London School of Economics, University of Bristol

2009: Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo, Pacific Development Conference at SFSU, UC Berkeley, University of Maryland, Population Association of America Annual Meetings, UCSD Conference on Microfinance, UCLA, SF Fed Applied Micro Conference, SITE Summer Workshop, (scheduled) Notre Dame, Baylor, World Bank Conference on Entrepreneurship and Growth, University of San Francisco, NEUDC (Tufts), UC Berkeley (CEGA), NBER Africa Program Meeting

2010: World Bank Development Economics Research Group, Yale, Cornell

*Invited Discussant*

2009: Conference on Institutions and Economic Growth in South Asia, Stanford Center for International Development

*Referee for:*

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics of Governance, Journal of Human Resources, Quarterly Journal of Economics, National Science Foundation

Other Experience:

Evaluation Consultant, International Child Support - Africa (Busia, Kenya), 2001-2002