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## Academic Positions

- 2006- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Stanford University
- 2004-2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of California, Los Angeles (on leave 2004-2006)
- 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

## Research

### Published and Forthcoming Papers

- “Life Expectancy and Human Capital Investments: Evidence from Maternal Mortality Declines” (with A. Lleras-Muney), Quarterly Journal of Economics, forthcoming February 2009
- “Air Quality and Early-Life Mortality: Evidence from Indonesia’s Wildfires,” Journal of Human Resources, forthcoming

“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  
(Reprinted in P. Collier and J. Gunning (eds.), Globalization and Poverty, Edward Elgar, 2008)

### **Working Papers**

“Incentives to Teach Badly? After-School Tutoring in Developing Countries,” (with P. Glewwe), December 2006

### **Book Chapters**

“Odious Debt,” (with M. Kremer) in C. Jochnick and F. Preston (eds.), Sovereign Debt at the Crossroads, Oxford University Press, 2006

“Odious Debt,” (with M. Kremer) in A. Mody and C. Pattillo (eds.), Macroeconomic Policies and Poverty, Routledge, 2006

### **Articles in 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
1993	Phi Beta Kappa

### **Professional Service**

Referee for American Economic Review, American Economic Journal, B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis & Policy, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, National Science Foundation, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, and others

Faculty instructor, MIT Poverty Action Lab course, Indonesia, June 2008

Co-organizer, Stanford Institute in Theoretical Economics (SITE) Conference on Health and Economic Development, June 2006

Departmental service: Junior Recruiting Committee (2007-8), Graduate Program Committee (2007-8)

### **Other Experience**

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