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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of California, Merced (July 2014 –)
Assistant Professor, Economics

EDUCATION

PhD, Economics, University of California, San Diego, 2008 - 2014
Thesis: "Essays in Development Economics"
BA, Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2004
BA, Psychology, University of California, Berkeley, 2004

PUBLICATIONS

Bridging Education Gender Gaps in Developing Countries: The Role of Female Teachers (*with Karthik Muralidharan*) (*forthcoming, Journal of Human Resources*)

"Gender Discrimination in the Family" (with Prashant Bharadwaj and Gordon B. Dahl), in *Family Economics*, ed. by Esther Redmount, ABC-Clio Publishers.

"US-China Trade Disputes: Rising Tide, Rising Stakes" (with Gary Clyde Hufbauer and Yee Wong). Institute for International Economics, Washington D.C., 2006 (124 pages).

WORK IN PROGRESS

Insuring the Poor: Overcoming Adverse Selection and Increasing Demand for Health Insurance

The Dynamic Relationship Between Savings and Credit: Evidence from Savings Promotion in India (with Lukas Valentin Semmler)

The Effects of Multi-Grade Teaching (with Karthik Muralidharan)

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Pacific Conference for Development Economics (2016, 2013), Western Economic Association International Annual Conference (2015), Indian School of Business (2015), Midwest International Economic Development Conference (2015), UC Merced (2015), CSU Fresno (2015), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (2014, 2013), Delhi School of Economics (2014), UCSD Development Seminar (2014), Gender Beyond Boundaries UCSD (2013)

TEACHING

Development Economics (Undergraduate, UC Merced)

Advanced Econometrics (Undergraduate, UC Merced)

Directed Independent Study with seven undergraduate students on Financial Inclusion for Low-Income Households in High-Income Countries, Spring 2015

HONORS AND AWARDS

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| 2011 - 2014 | Research Grant from International Labour Organization's (ILO) Microinsurance Innovation Facility and European Research Development Network (EUDN) |
| 2010 | UC San Diego Student Research Grant |
| 2009, 2010 | UC San Diego Summer Graduate Student Research Fellowship |
| 2003 | Emerging Leaders Scholarship (UC Berkeley) |

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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| 2011 – 2014 | Principal Investigator, ILO/EUDN Grant (USD 10,000) |
| 2009 – 2013 | Research Assistant for Professor Karthik Muralidharan (UCSD, Economics) |
| 2011 | World Bank Consultant, Regional Study on Education Quality |
| 2010 | World Bank Consultant, South Asian Human Development Sector |
| 2006 – 2008 | Consultant, Chaitanya (<i>Non-profit microfinance institution</i>) (Maharashtra, India) |
| 2005 – 2006 | Research Assistant, Peterson Institute for International Economics |
| 2004 | Research Assistant for Professor Edward Miguel (UC Berkeley, Economics) |
| 2002 – 2003 | Research Assistant for Professor Dacher Keltner (UC Berkeley, Psychology) |

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Proficient in STATA

Languages:

English: Native; *Marathi*: Competent; *Gujarati*: Competent; *Hindi*: Beginner; *Spanish*: Beginner