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Contact Information

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Employment

2014 – present: Assistant Professor, Harvard University, Department of Economics

Past employment

2016 – 2017: Visiting Assistant Professor, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research
2012 – 2014: Junior Fellow, Harvard Society of Fellows

Affiliations

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
Associate Fellow, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research

Education

2012: PhD Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2007: MPhil Economics, Oxford University, with Distinction
2005: AB Economics, Harvard University, *summa cum laude*

Awards and Grants

2017	Andrew Carnegie Fellowship
2016	National Science Foundation Grant #1628867: “Military and Civic Action” (\$364,407)
2016	Alfred Sloan Fellowship
2014	Named by the IMF as the youngest of 25 economists under the age of 45 shaping thought about the global economy
2012	Review of Economic Studies Tour
2007	National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship
2005	Rhodes Scholarship
2005	John Williams Prize – Best Undergraduate Harvard Student in Economics
2005	Seymour Harris Prize – Best Undergraduate Harvard Thesis in Economics
2004	Harry S. Truman Scholarship

Publications

“Nation Building Through Foreign Intervention: Evidence from Discontinuities in Military Strategies.” (with Pablo Querubin). Forthcoming *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

“Trafficking Networks and the Mexican Drug War” *American Economic Review*, 105 (6), 2015, 1738-1779.

"What Do We Learn from the Weather? The New Climate-Economy Literature" (with Ben Jones and Ben Olken). *Journal of Economic Literature*, 52(3), September 2014, pp. 740-798.

“Temperature Shocks and Economic Growth: Evidence from the Last Half Century” (with Ben Jones and Ben Olken). *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, 4(3), July 2012, pp. 66-95.

“The Persistent Effects of Peru’s Mining *Mita*.” *Econometrica* 78(6), 2010: pp. 1863–1903. Translated and reprinted in *Apnutes* 68, 2011: pp. 209-263.

“Productivity Differences Between and Within Countries” (with Daron Acemoglu). *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 2(1), January 2010: pp. 169–188.

“Temperature and Income: Reconciling New Cross-Sectional and Panel Estimates” (with Ben Jones and Ben Olken). *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings* 99 (2), May 2009: pp. 198-204.

Posted Working Papers

“The Historical State, Local Collective Action, and Economic Development in Vietnam” (with Nathaniel Lane and Pablo Querubin). Revise and Resubmit *Econometrica*.

“The Development Effects of the Extractive Colonial Economy: The Dutch Cultivation System in Java” (with Ben Olken)

“Insurgency and Long-Run Development: Evidence from the Mexican Revolution”

Selected Work in Progress

“Chinese Competition and the Mexican Drug War” (with Ben Feigenberg and Kensuke Teshima)

“Agricultural Productivity Shocks and Structural Change in Mexico” (with Pablo Querubin)

“Labor Skill Linkages and Structural Transformation” (with Sahar Parsa)

“Foreign Connections and Structural Transformation: Evidence from Discontinuities in Douglas MacArthur’s Economic Purge” (with Sahar Parsa)

“The Lasting Effects of Japanese Anti-Western Propaganda During the Second World War”

“Water Scarcity and Local Collective Action in Vietnam” (with Pablo Querubin)

Professional Activities

Associate Editor for the *Journal of the European Economic Association*.

Referee for *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, *American Economic Journal: Policy*, *American Political Science Review*, *Econometrica*, *The Economics of Transition*, *Environment and Development Economics*, *European Economic Review*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Regional Science*, *Oxford Development Studies*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Revista de Historia Económica*, *Science*, *Nature*, *Nature Climate Change*