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PROFESSIONAL POSITION

Assistant Professor of Economics, School of Management, Yale University, July 2007 -

OTHER CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Faculty Affiliate, Economic Growth Center, Department of Economics, Yale University, July 2007 -

Research Associate, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, May 2003 –

Member, Council for South Asian Studies, Yale University Sept 2007 -

PAST POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Colorado, Boulder, U.S.A, Aug. 2002 – June 2007

Visiting Assistant Professor, Economics Department, Yale University, New Haven, U.S.A., Fall 2006

Consultant, The World Bank, Washington D.C., U.S.A., 1998 – 2001

Economist (summer program), International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C., U.S.A. 2001

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, 1997 - 2002

M.A. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, 1997 - 1999

B.A. Mathematics and Economics, Macalester College, 1994 - 1997 (magna cum laude with thesis)

PUBLICATIONS

“Democracy, Volatility and Development,” *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 87 (2), May 2005.

“The Impact of Urban Spatial Structure on Travel Demand in the United States,”
The Review of Economics and Statistics 87 (3), August 2005. (with A. Bento, M. Cropper, K. Vinha)

“Financial Sector Development in Middle East and North Africa,” *IMF Staff Papers* 53 (3), 2006

“Does Rising Income Increase or Decrease Damage Risk from Natural Disasters?,” *Journal of Urban Economics* 63 (3): 788-802, May 2008 (with D. Kellenberg)

“The Transforming Power of Democracy: Regime Type and the Distribution of Electricity,” *American Political Science Review*, forthcoming May 2009 (with D. Brown).

REVISE AND RESUBMITS

“Protection For Sale to Firms: Evidence From Indonesia” R&R at the *Review of Economics and Statistics* (with D. Purbasari)

“The Political Economy of Health-Care Provision and Access in Brazil,” R&R at *Economic Development and Cultural Change* (with A. Rajkumar and M. Cropper)

OTHER PUBLISHED WORK

“Asian Graduate Education and Innovation: Issues for East Asian Technology Policy,” *Asian Economic Papers* 6 (3): 78-94, Fall 2007 (with Keith Maskus and Eric Stuen)

“Evaluating Financial Sector Development in the Middle East and North Africa: New Methodology and Some New Results,” *Journal of the Middle East Economic Association*, volume 6, 2004.

(with S. Creane, R. Goyal and R. Sab).

“Banking on Development,” *Finance and Development* 40(1): 26-30, March 2003
(with S. Creane, R. Goyal and R. Sab).

“Financial Development and Economic Growth in the Middle East and North Africa,” *Newsletter of the Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey* 10(2), Summer 2003
(with S. Creane, R. Goyal and R. Sab).

“Financial Development in the Middle East and North Africa,” *Pamphlet published in conjunction with the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings in Dubai 2003* (in Arabic and in English)
(with S. Creane, R. Goyal and R. Sab).

WORKING PAPERS

“Marriage Market Effects of a Wealth Shock in Bangladesh,” (with R. Kuhn and C. Peters), 2007
Presented at the University of Colorado, University of Washington, University of British Columbia, UC- Berkeley, Yale School of Management, Boston College, University of Maryland, Penn State, North American Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society, 9th BREAD conference, Minnesota International Economic Development Conference.
Under Review

“Foreign Graduate Students and Knowledge Creation at U.S. Universities: Evidence from Enrollment Fluctuations,” (with E. Stuen and K. Maskus), 2006
Presented at the 2006 NBER Summer Institute in Innovation Policy and the Economy, the 2006 NBER Summer Institute in International Trade and Investment, Development Lunch at Yale, Vanderbilt GPED Conference 2006, Duke (Economics), University of Waterloo.

“Decentralization and Pollution Spillovers: Evidence from the Re-drawing of County Boundaries in Brazil” (with M. Lipscomb).
Presented at the 2006 ISNIE conference (Boulder), 2007 Population Association of America Annual Meetings, NBER Summer Institute in Environmental Economics, Wesleyan, Harvard, 11th BREAD conference (LSE), Carnegie Mellon/Univ. of Pittsburgh

“Partner Search by Multinational Corporations in a Corrupt Environment,” (with D. Purbasari), 2006
Presented at Brown University (PSTC), NEUDC 2005 (Brown Univ.), IMF and World Bank Joint Trade Seminar, Minnesota International Economic Development Conference, Victoria University Wellington, University of Otago

“Does Income Inequality Hinder the Diffusion of Technology? Information Exchange Between Pakistani Farmers” (with U. Serajuddin). Presented at NEUDC 2006 (Cornell University)

“Democracy and Policy Stability,” Presented at the NEUDC 2001 (Boston Univ.) and University of Maryland

“Democracy and Economic Performance: Micro Evidence from Brazil,” presented at NEUDC, 2002.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Socio-economic and Biological Trade-offs of Consanguinity in an Arranged Marriage Market: Evidence from Bangladesh” (with A. Bittles, M. Iyigun, N. Khan)

“Are Dictators Held Accountable? Wars, Crises, Sanctions, Disasters and Economic Performance” (with D. Baker)

- “The Impact of Natural Disasters on Child Schooling Decisions in Brazil” (with G. Hilton, C. Goemans)
- “The Returns to Electricity Provision: Evidence from the Quasi-Random Placement of Hydro-electric Plants in Brazil” (with Tania Barham and Claudio Ferraz)
- “The Causes and Consequences of Indoor Air Pollution: An Experimental Intervention Study in Bangladesh,” (with Grant Miller, Lynn Hildemann and Paul Wise)

RESEARCH GRANTS

- National Science Foundation (NSF), Science of Science Innovation and Policy Grant, 2007-09 (\$196,000) – Principal Investigator (co-PI: Keith Maskus)
- National Science Foundation (NSF), Human and Social Dynamics Grant SES-0527751, 2005-08 (\$450,000) – Principal Investigator (co-PI: Murat Iyigun)
- National Science Foundation (NSF), Materials Use: Science, Engineering and Society Grant, 2006-10 (\$1,100,000) – co-PI (PI: John Spear)
- National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), “Innovation Policy and the Economy” Grant 2005-06 (\$20,000) – Principal Investigator (co-PI: Keith Maskus)
- Resources for the Future (RFF), John F. Krutilla Fellowship 2007 (\$9000) – Principal Investigator
- Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF), Grant for research on infrastructure (\$15,000), 2007
- AusAID, “Migration as a Labor Market Intervention,” A\$320,000 (PI: S. Chowdhury)
- Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF), Grant for research on decentralization in Brazil (\$10,000), 2008
- United Nations Development Program (UNDP).
- Grants for Research on Indoor Air Pollution in Bangladesh:*
- Hewlett Foundation Travel Grant, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment Grant and Asia-Pacific Research Center Pilot Grant (PI: Grant Miller)
- World Bank Research Committee Grant, 2001 (\$40,000, PI: Sunil Rajkumar)
- The Macmillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, 2008 (\$7500)
- CU/NICHD Population Center Pilot Grant (\$10,000) – Principal Investigator, along with Tania Barham
- Junior Faculty Development Award, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2005
- Center for Advancement in Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences Grant Award, 2005-06
- Dean’s Fund for Excellence Grant Award, University of Colorado, 2004
- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant
- Center for Advancement in Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences Grant Award, 2004-05
- University of Maryland Summer Research Grant, 1999
- Other Successful Grant Submissions in which I Played a Minor Role:*
- National Institutes of Health - NICHD Development Population Center Grant to the University of Colorado IBS Population Program
- U.S. Department of Education - National Resource Center and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship to the Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado at Boulder

AWARDS

2006-2007 Award for Most Outstanding Faculty Advisor in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado at Boulder
Residence Life Academic Teaching Award, Committee on Learning and Academic Support Services, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2005 (Nominated by Undergraduate Students)
Special Recognition Award for Teaching and Advising from Economics Honors Students, University of Colorado, 2005
University Fellowship, University of Maryland 1997-2000
Phi Beta Kappa (Junior Year), and Economics Departmental Awards, Macalester College
DeWitt Wallace Scholarship, Macalester College 1994-1997.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MBA 2nd Year Elective “Doing Business in the Developing World,” Fall 2007, 2008 Yale SOM
Trip Leader for MBA ‘International Experience’ Trip to South Africa and Namibia, 2008, Yale SOM
Trip Leader for MBA ‘International Experience’ Trip to Ghana and Egypt, 2009, Yale SOM
Leadership Seminars on Economic Development, Yale World Fellows Program
Ph.D. Development Economics, University of Colorado, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006
Senior Seminar in Development, Yale University Economics Department, Fall 2006
Undergraduate Development Economics, University of Colorado, Fall 2002, 2003; Spring 2003, 2004, 2006
Undergraduate Development Economics, Yale University Economics Department, Fall 2006
Undergraduate Intermediate Microeconomics, University of Colorado, Spring 2003, 2004
Undergraduate Honors Thesis Seminar, University of Colorado, Fall 2004, 2005
Undergraduate Development Economics, University of Maryland, Summer 2000
Undergraduate Principles of Macroeconomics, University of Maryland, Summer 1998 & Summer 1999

ADVISING

Either Chair or a Core Advisor for the following Ph.D. Economics Candidates:
Denni Purbasari (Colorado, 2006), currently Assistant Professor of Economics, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Eric Stuen (Colorado, 2008), Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Idaho
Christina Peters (Colorado, 2008), Assistant Professor of Economics, Metro State Denver
Pinar Keskin (Yale, 2009)
Achyuta Adhvaryu (Yale, 2009)
Molly Lipscomb (Colorado, 2009)
Rachel Heath, (Yale, ongoing)

Primary Advisor for the following M.A./B.A. Honors Thesis Students:

Christina Peters, Gina Hilton (Colorado M.A.), Cecilia Barsk, Dan Vedra, Deborah Baker, Justin Shuler, John Meinen (Colorado B.A. Economics or Int’l Affairs), Ahmed Makani, Sherry Wang (Yale B.A.)

Ph.D. Dissertation/Thesis Committees

Colin Starkweather, Ji Guo, Alpna Bhatia, Nam Voang Tran (Colorado Economics), Michael Touchton (Colorado Political Science), Umar Serajuddin (Texas-Austin Public Policy), Josh Wimpey, Robyn Melzig, Joe Neguse (Colorado M.A.), Committee Member for numerous B.A. Honors Thesis students

SEMINAR/CONFERENCE INVITATIONS

2009

University of Virginia, World Bank Impact Evaluation Group, Rutgers, American Association for the Advancement of Science

2008

American Economic Association Annual Meetings (2 papers), Carnegie Mellon/University of Pittsburgh, University of California – Berkeley (Energy Institute), Columbia University (GSB/Econ), Resources for the

Future, Williams College, Yale International Relations Seminar, Gadjah Mada University (Indonesia), NCState/Duke/Research Triangle Institute, The World Bank, Center for Global Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, NEUDC (Boston University), Latin American and Caribbean Economics Association Meetings, Latin American Meetings of the Econometric Society (Rio de Janeiro), Quinnipiac University Conference on Global Business (speaker in keynote session)

2007

North American Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society, University of San Francisco, Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Brandeis University, Boston University (Democracy Conference), American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Boston College, Brown University, University of California at Berkeley (ARE), University of Maryland (AREC), NBER Higher Education Working Group Meeting, NBER Summer Institute in Environmental Economics, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Harvard University, National Science Foundation, Wesleyan University, 11th BREAD conference (LSE)

Prior Years

Yale School of Management, Duke University, Pennsylvania State University, Yale University (Economics), University of Washington at Seattle, University of British Columbia, North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, NBER Summer Institute in Innovation Policy and the Economy, NBER Summer Institute in International Trade and Investment, NEUDC (Cornell University), National Science Foundation, 9th BREAD conference (Yale University), Minnesota International Economic Development Conference, University of Otago (New Zealand), Victoria University – Wellington (New Zealand), University of Melbourne (Australia), Columbia University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Colorado at Denver (Economics Dept), 2nd International Economic Development Conference (University of Minnesota), 3rd Annual Wits/Brown/Colorado Colloquium on Emerging Population Issues, Brown University, NBER Summer Institute in International Trade and Investment, NEUDC 2005, International Monetary Fund and World Bank Joint Trade seminar, Empirical Investigations in International Trade 2005 Conference (Purdue Univ.), University of Maryland (Economics), International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Democracy and Human Development Conference (Boston University), 75 Years of Development Research Conference (Cornell University), ISNIE Annual Conference, NEUDC 2004 (HEC Montreal), BREAD conference, AERE Workshop, AEA Annual Meetings, University of Colorado (IBS), NEUDC (Yale University), University of Southern California, International Monetary Fund, NEUDC (Williams College), University of Colorado at Boulder (Economics), University of Maryland (AREC), Carleton College, Kenyon College, Williams College, Boulder Environmental Economics Conference, NEUDC 2001 (Boston University), NBER Summer Institute in Environmental Economics, United Nations University/ WIDER in Helsinki

CONSULTING AND OTHER NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Corporación Andina de Fomento (Andean Development Corporation), Caracas, Consultant 2008 -
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Colombo, Consultant, 2007
The World Bank, Consultant, Development Economics Research Group, 1998 – 2001
International Monetary Fund, Economist, Summer Program, Middle East Department, Summer 2001
Center for Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector, Researcher, 1999 – 2000
American Enterprise Institute, Intern for Dr. Robert Hahn, 1997 - 1998
Forum One Communications, Economic Consultant, 1998

SERVICE

Service at Yale:

Co-organizer, Seminar Series on Development in the Economics Department 2007-08
Junior Recruiting Committee in Economics, School of Management 2007-08
Member, Yale University South Asian Studies Council
Selection Committee, Yale World Fellows Program (South and Central Asia Panel)
Faculty Mentor to a Yale World Fellow 2008-2009

Faculty Advisor, School of Management International Club
Guest Lecturer, Industrial Ecology in Developing Countries, Yale School of Forestry and
Environmental Studies

Departmental Service at the University of Colorado at Boulder:

IBS/Economics Junior Faculty (Health Behavior) Recruiting Committee 2004-05,
Junior Faculty (Micro Theory) Recruiting Committee 2004-05,
Co-Director, Undergraduate Honors Program 2004-06,
Undergraduate Economics Club Faculty Advisor 2003-2005,
Graduate Admissions Committee 2002-03, 2005-06
Undergraduate Economics Tutoring Program Director 2003-2005,
Research Committee 2002 - 2004,
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee 2003,
Faculty Advisor, Omicron Delta Epsilon, CU-Boulder Chapter 2003-2005.

University-wide Service at the University of Colorado at Boulder:

Member, International Affairs Program Committee, University of Colorado, Boulder 2006-09
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado, July 2005-Present
Organized and Moderated Session on "Free Trade Agreements from the Perspective of the
Developing World," Conference on World Affairs, University of Colorado, Boulder 2003
Organized a Weekly Workshop on "Demography and Development," which attracted faculty and
graduate students from Economics, Sociology, IBS, and the Leeds School of Business, Fall 2005
Speaker at the University of Colorado Graduate School Fall Symposium on "Loss of International
Graduate Students: Causes and Consequences."
Member, University of Colorado Task Force on International Graduate Education

Service to the Profession:

Consanguinity Risk Factor Working Group, Global Burden of Disease Project (www.globalburden.org)

Referee: American Economic Review*, Review of Economics and Statistics*, Economic Journal*,
Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of
Development Economics*, Journal of Human Resources*, American Journal of Political Science,
Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Urban Economics, Economic
Development and Cultural Change*, Berkeley Electronic Press Journals, Economics and Politics*,
Economic Inquiry, Journal of Macroeconomics, Journal of International Money and Finance,
Empirical Economics, Review of Development Economics, Quarterly Review of Economics and
Finance, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Journal of Biosocial Sciences, The Financial Review,
Economia Aplicada (Brazilian Journal of Applied Economics), National Science Foundation, Social
Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, University of Michigan Press, Metanexus
Institute Spiritual Capital Grant Program, McGraw-Hill Publishers

* indicates multiple reviews

Editorial Board, Lahore Journal of Economics

Editorial Team, Oxford University Centre for Islamic Studies Discussion Paper Series

Assistant General Secretary, Association for Economic Development Studies on Bangladesh

Co-organizer and Co-chair, Economics track for "Conference on Trade and Global Business,"
Quinnipiac University, 2008.

Session Organizer, Northeast Universities Development Economics Conference, 2002.

Session Organizer, International Society for New Institutional Economics Conference, 2006.

Session Organizer, ASSA 2008 session for the Association for Economic Development Studies on
Bangladesh

Session Organizer, Northeast Universities Development Economics Conference, 2008
Alumni Admissions Committee, Macalester College, 2002-Present

Ph.D. DISSERTATION

“Democracy, Volatility and Development,” Advisors: Roger Betancourt and Maureen Cropper, 2002

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Development Economics, Environmental Economics, Political Economy

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Nationality: Bangladesh (U.S. Permanent Resident)

Male, born 1976, Married, two children.

Languages: Bengali and English (Native), French (working knowledge)