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### ***EDUCATION***

- 2000–2005                      Ph.D. in Agriculture and Resource Economics  
University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, USA  
Thesis title: *The Impact of Managed Care and Conditional Cash Transfers on the Health of Low Income Children*
- 1994–1995                      Master's in Economics  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.
- 1989–1993                      Bachelor of Arts, (Honours) Economics  
McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

### ***EMPLOYMENT***

- Aug. 2005 – present        **UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER, Department of Economic and the Institute of Behavioral Science**  
Boulder, Colorado, USA  
*Assistant Professor of Economics*  
*Faculty Research Associate at the Institute of Behavioral Science*
- Fall 2003/2004              **BERKELEY UNIVERSITY, Deptment of Agriculture and Resouce Economics**  
Berkeley, CA, USA  
*Teaching Assistant for Dr. Elisabeth Sadoulet*
- May 2001–Aug.2003        **BERKELEY UNIVERSITY, School Of Business & Public Health**  
Berkeley, CA, USA  
*Graduate Student Researcher for Dr. Paul Gertler*
- Dec. 1997–Sept. 1999      **WORLD BANK, MENA Human Development Department**  
Sana'a, Yemen  
*Health and Education Economic Consultant*
- Sept. 1995–Nov. 1997      **WORLD BANK, Human Development Department**  
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.  
*Economic Consultant*

### ***CONSULTANCIES***

- May 2006 – present        **WORLD BANK, Human Development Department**  
Evaluation and program design for the Yemen Girl's Conditional Cash Transfer Program
- Feb. 2004-March 2006      **WORLD BANK, Human Development Department**  
The Impact of the Conditional Cash Transfer Program on Vaccination Rates"

**HONORS**

- July 2005                      Student Paper Award (second place), International Health Economics Association Conference for the paper "Providing a Healthier Start to Life: The Impact of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs on Infant Mortality."
- 2000-2002                      Regents Fellowship, University of California at Berkeley

**PUBLICATIONS**

"Beyond 80%: Are There New Ways of Increasing Vaccination Coverage? Evaluation of CCT Programs in Mexico and Nicaragua," Dec. 2007. *Health, Nutrition and Population Discussion Paper Series*, The World Bank (with Logan Brenzel and John Maluccio).

Van der Gaag, Jacques and Tania Barham. (1998) "Health and Health Expenditures in Adjusting and Non-Adjusting Countries". *Journal of Social Science and Medicine*, 46(8), 995-1009.

**WORKING PAPERS**

"Improving Cognition: The Long-Term Effects of Early Childhood Health Interventions of Adolescent Cognition in Matlab Bangladesh" March 2008.

"Eradicating Diseases: The Effect of Conditional Cash Transfers on Vaccination Coverage in Rural Nicaragua," Feb 2008. —(under review)

"Providing a Healthier Start to Life: The Impact of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs on Infant Mortality." May 2005. *Funded by a grant from UC Mexus.*—(under review)

"Making Babies Healthier by Providing a Managed Care Option to California's Poor," Jan. 2006. Discussion Paper No. 06-01 Department of Economics, University of Colorado Boulder (with Paul Gertler and Kristiana Raube).

**INVITED SEMINARS, LECTURES, AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**2006:** American Health Economics Conference, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE), Government of Yemen Ministry of Education (Sana'a, Yemen), WBCA Colloquium (Nairobi, Kenya).

**2005:** International Health Economics Conference (in Barcelona Spain), Pacific Development Conference (at University of San Francisco, University College London, McMaster University, Dalhousie University, RAND (Stanta Monica Office), Mathematica Inc. (Princeton Office), University of Colorado at Boulder (Economics Department and IBS), The International Food Policy Research Institute.

**RESEARCH SUPPORT**

Current Research Support

*IMPART (\$2,000)*

31/03/2007 – 21/03/2008

University of Colorado at Boulder

Collaborative Grant with Jennifer Lamping: Improving Women's Role in Economics

This grant is used to support to women economists give talks at the Department of Economics. The aim is to bring in women who are influential and helpful to women professors in the Department of Economics.

*Population Center Developmental Grant (\$10,000)*

15/12/2005 – 31/5/2008

University of Colorado at Boulder

Collaborative Research: Social and Economic Impacts of Electricity Provision in Brazil.

This project with, Dr.Mobarak, University of Colorado at Boulder, provides a small part of the funding needed to assemble a data set on the history of electricity provision and cost in Brazil.

Completed Research Support

*CARTSS Scholar Program* (\$4,000)

11/23/2005 – 11/31/2007

University of Colorado

Collaborative Research: Social and Economic Impacts of Electricity Provision in Brazil.

This project with, Dr.Mobarak, University of Colorado at Boulder, provides a small part of the funding needed to assemble a data set on the history of electricity provision and cost in Brazil.

*UC MEXUS* (\$12,000)

07/01/2004 – 07/01/2005

University of California

Individual Research: The Impact of Conditional Cash Transfers on Child Health.

This grant provided funding to develop a dataset on the supply of health care in Mexico from 1990-2001.

It also partially funded the analysis of the paper “Providing a Healthier Start to Life: The Impact of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs on Infant Mortality”.

*Institute of Business and Economic Research Mini Grant* (\$500)

01/01/2004 – 01/01/2005

University of California, Berkeley

Individual Research: The Impact of Conditional Cash Transfers on Child Health.

This grant provided travel money to Mexico for data collection.