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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**      Assistant Professor, Duke University, Department of Economics, July 2013 - Present  
Visiting Fellow, Economic Growth Center, Yale University, Jan. 2017 – May 2017  
Visiting Scholar, Columbia University Graduate School of Business, July 2016 - June 2017

**AFFILIATIONS**      Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2014-Present

**EDUCATION**      Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), June 2013  
Ph.D., Economics  
  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, May 2008  
B.A. with Honors in Economics, B.A. with Honors in Mathematics, and with Honors in the Liberal Arts

**BIRTHPLACE**      USA                              **GENDER**      Female                              **YEAR OF BIRTH**      1988

**CITIZENSHIP**      USA

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS**      Development, Micro Theory

**LANGUAGES**      English (native), Spanish (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (fluent speaking)

**PUBLICATIONS**      **“The Limits of Meritocracy: Screening Bureaucrats Under Imperfect Verifiability”**  
(with Juan Carlos Suarez Serrato and Shuang Zhang), forthcoming at *Journal of Development Economics*

**“Policymaking and the Adaptability of Informal Institutions”, *World Bank Economic Review*, 29(suppl 1): S174-S181, 2015**

**WORKING PAPERS**      **“Risk Sorting, Portfolio Choice, and Endogenous Informal Insurance”** (previously circulated as “Endogenous Insurance and Informal Relationships”), **NBER Working Paper no. 20429**

**“Income Changes and Domestic Violence: Evidence from Unconditional Cash Transfers in Kenya”** (with Johannes Haushofer, Jeremy Shapiro, and Charlotte Ringdal), **NBER Working Paper no. 25627**

**“Risk, Incentives, and Contracting Relationships”**

**“A Note on Moral Hazard and Linear Compensation Schemes”**

**“Interdependent Utility and Truthtelling in Two-Sided Matching”**

**“Lending Mechanisms in Developing and Developed Economies: Evidence from Hyderabad”**

**IN PROGRESS**

**“Power vs. Money: Alternative Approaches to Reducing Child Marriage in Bangladesh, A Randomized Control Trial”** (with Nina Buchmann, Erica Field, Rachel Glennerster, Shahana Nazneen, Svetlana Pimkina, and Iman Sen)

**“Combating Committee Bias: Theory and Evidence for Representation and Contract Design”** (with Arun G. Chandrasekhar)

**“Parenthood and Labor Market Outcomes in Indonesia”** (with Jeremy Lebow, Duncan Thomas, and Daniel Yi Xu)

**FELLOWSHIPS,  
HONORS, AND  
AWARDS**

PEDL Exploratory Research Grant (with Arun Chandrasekhar)	2014-2017
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2008-2011
MIT Department of Economics, Supplemental Fellowship	2008-2011
Phi Beta Kappa (second year)	2006
F. Chandler Young Award (best graduating honors student), UW-Madison	2008
Gerald G. Somers award (best economics thesis), UW-Madison	2008
Mark Ingraham award (best undergraduate math majors), UW-Madison	2008

**PROFESSIONAL  
ACTIVITIES**

*Invited Seminars and Conference Presentations:*

Yale-Nankai Development Economics Conference	2019
MIT Sloan, Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) at Cornell	2018
Paris-Berkeley Organizational Economics Workshop, Yale	2017
Stanford University Graduate School of Business (PE), Columbia Development Colloquium, NYU, Duke Microeconomics Jamboree, Columbia GSB Micro Colloquium, New York Federal Reserve Micro	2016
Cornell University, Theory and Measurement: A Conference Honoring Robert Townsend (Chicago Federal Reserve and the Becker-Friedman Institute, University of Chicago), Theoretical Research in Development Economics (ThReD) Conference	2015

(ECARES), Improving Productivity in Developing Economies (IFS London), World Congress of the Econometric Society (Montreal), Duke University, NBER/BREAD Fall Development Conference, NEUDC at Brown University

Stanford University, Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (World Bank) 2014

Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) at Harvard Kennedy School, Theoretical Research in Development Economics (ThReD ) Conference (Oslo), Duke Economics, University of Chicago Economics, University of Notre Dame Economics, University of Warwick Economics, Yale University School of Management 2013

North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) at Dartmouth College; Households and Risk Conference, Center for the Economic Analysis of Risk 2012

*Referee:*

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Population Economics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Economic Inquiry, World Development

*Service:*

Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (Development) Co-Organizer 2016  
 Theoretical Research in Development Economics (ThReD) Co-Organizer 2016  
 Applied Microeconomics Jamboree Co-Organizer 2014  
 Duke Economics Jr Recruiting 2015  
 Duke Economics PhD Admissions 2014,15,18

**TEACHING**

Development Economics: Theory and Empirics (Ph.D., Duke course 881.16), *Instructor (with Prof. Erica Field)* 2013-17,19  
 Policymaking: People and Poverty (undergraduate Duke course 390S.05), *Instructor* 2014-17,19  
 Micro Theory III (Ph.D., MIT course 14.123), *Teaching Assistant to Prof. Jawaad Noor* 2013  
 The Challenge of World Poverty (undergraduate, MIT course 14.73), *Teaching Assistant to Prof. Dave Donaldson and Prof. Eliana La Ferrara* 2013  
 Statistical Methods in Economics (Ph.D., MIT Course 14.381), *Teaching Assistant to Prof. Anna Mikusheva and Prof. Victor* 2010

*Chernozhukov*

Math Camp (Ph.D., MIT), *Instructor*

2010

Creative Writing: The Short Story (MIT summer class), *Instructor*

2009