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Current Position

2013-	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Economics and Nuffield College, University of Oxford

Affiliations

2013-	Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford
2013-	Research Associate, Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource Rich Economies
2013-	Associate, Center for International Development, Harvard

Education

2007-2013	Harvard University, Ph.D. in Economics
2000-2004	Yale University, B.A. in Ethics, Politics and Economics

Fields of Interest
Development Economics, Political Economy, Urban Economics

Working Papers
Politics and Local Economic Growth: Evidence from India (with Paul Novosad)

The Employment Effects of Road Construction in Rural India (with Paul Novosad)

Factory Farming: the Impact of Agricultural Output on Local Economic Activity in India (with Paul Novosad)

Dirty Politics: Natural Resource Wealth and Politics in India (with Paul Novosad)

Digging for Development: Natural Resource Wealth, Mining Booms, and Local Economic Development in India (with Paul Novosad)

Teaching

2013	Development Economics I (Oxford MPhil, Geography and Development module)
2009-2011	PED-309: Development Policy Strategy (Harvard Kennedy School, teaching fellow for Professor Ricardo Hausmann)
2009	Econ 2390b: Development Microeconomics (Harvard graduate, teaching fellow for Professors Sendhil Mullainathan and Richard Hornbeck)

Grants and Fellowships

2013	OxCarre Research Grant, Oxford University
2012-2013	Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University
2010-2013	Graduate Research Fellow, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University
2010	Graduate Research Fellow, Tobin Project
2010	Real Estate Academic Initiative Grant, Harvard University
2009-2013	Warburg Grant, Economics Department, Harvard University (3x)

2007-2009 Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University

Professional Activities

Referee Review of Economics and Statistics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, World Politics

Panelist USAID Development Innovation Ventures Proposal Review

Conference and Seminar Presentations

2013-2014 Northeast University Development Conference (NEUDC), Oxford

2012-2013 Northeast University Development Conference (NEUDC), Oxford, Harvard, Planning Commission (India)

Personal

Citizenship: USA

Date of Birth: August 6, 1982