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Education

2002-2009 Ph.D. and M.A. in Economics, Stanford University.
Thesis Title: *Brazilian Ethanol: A Gift or Threat to the Environment?*
1998-2002 B.A. in Economics and Minor in Mathematics, Stanford University, with honors and university distinction.

Professional Appointments and Affiliations

Present Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Center for Environmental Studies, Brown University
Present Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University
Present Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences, Brown University
Present Adjunct Staff Member, RAND Corporation

Research and Teaching Fields

Primary fields: Development Economics, Environmental Economics.
Secondary fields: Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics.

Research Papers

“Brazilian Ethanol: A Gift or Threat to the Environment and Regional Development?”
“Profiling the Plight of Disconnected Youth in America” (with Thomas MaCurdy and Bryan Keating)
“Policy Options for Food Assistance in India: Lessons from the US” (with Thomas MaCurdy, forthcoming in Stanford Center for International Development India Conference Volume, Oxford University Press)

Research in Progress

“Household Schooling Decisions During Argentina’s Financial Crisis” (with Andres Santos)
“The Targeted Public Distribution System in Uttar Pradesh” (with Sheetal Sekhri and Santosh Anagol)

Invited Presentations

January 2009 “Brazilian Ethanol: A Gift or Threat to the Environment and Regional Development?”, American Economics Association Session on Natural Resources
June 2007 “Policy Options for Food Assistance in India: Lessons from the US”, Stanford Center for International Development India Conference, Stanford University
March 2005 “Did Argentina’s Financial Crisis Affect Household Schooling Choices?”, Stanford Center for International Development seminar, Stanford University

Teaching

2008-2009 Environmental Economics (Undergraduate), Brown University
2008-2009 Development Economics I (Graduate), Brown University
2006, 2008 Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Econometrics III (Graduate), Stanford University

Employment in Research Activities

- 2003-2007 Research Assistant, Professor Thomas MaCurdy, Stanford University
Selected topics: Wage dynamics and attrition; food stamp eligibility re-determination; minimum wages and living wages; Social Security Research Center proposal.
- 2000-2003
(Summers) Research Analyst, Sphere Institute, Burlingame, CA
Selected topics: San Mateo County welfare caseloads; Medi-Cal take-up of foster care youth; tax treatment of medical expenses.

Fellowships and Honors

- 2007 – 2008 Taube/Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research Fellowship
- Spring 2006 Teaching Assistant Award, Stanford University
- 2002 – 2005 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2002 – 2005 Stanford Graduate Fellowship (Koret Foundation)
- Spring 2002 Anna Laura Meyers Award for Economics Honors Theses, Stanford University
- Spring 2001 Phi Beta Kappa, Stanford University

Languages

English, Spanish (moderate speaking, comprehension, and reading ability), Telugu (moderate comprehension and limited speaking), Portuguese (moderate reading)