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Senior Economist, Development Research Group    July 2007 – present  
Economist, Development Research Group    2001 – June 2007  
Young Professional    August 1999 – 2001

**EDUCATION:**    **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Cambridge, MA  
Ph.D. in Economics, June 1999

**Mount Holyoke College**, S. Hadley, MA  
B.A., Economics and Mathematics, June 1994  
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### JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS:

“When do legislators pass on “pork”? The Role of Political Parties in Determining Legislator Effort,” (with Phil Keefer), *American Political Science Review*, Forthcoming 2008

“Participation in a School Incentive Program in Karnataka,” (with Sharon Barnhardt and Dean Karlan), *Journal of Development Studies*, Forthcoming 2008.

“Party Politics and Fiscal Discipline in a Federation: Evidence from the States of India”.  
*Comparative Political Studies*, June 2007, 40 (6): 691-712

“Can Information Campaigns Raise Awareness and Local Participation in Primary Education?”  
(with Abhijit Banerjee, Rukmini Banerji, Esther Duflo, and Rachel Glennerster), *Economic and Political Weekly*, April 14, 2007, 42(15): 1365-1372

“Does Delegation of Fiscal Policy to an Independent Agency Make a Difference? Evidence from Intergovernmental Transfers in India.”  
*Journal of Development Economics*, March 2007, 82(2): 464-484

“Local Government Accountability for Health Service Delivery in Nigeria.”  
*Journal of African Economies*, June 2006, 15(2): 285-312

“Democracy, Public Expenditures, and the Poor” (with Philip Keefer).  
*World Bank Research Observer*, Spring 2005, 20:1-27

“Political Cycles in a Developing Economy: effect of elections in the Indian States.”  
*Journal of Development Economics*, February 2004, 73(1): 125-54.

“Why do the Poor Receive Poor Services?” (with Philip Keefer).  
*Economic and Political Weekly*, February 2004, 39(9): 935-43.

**BOOK CHAPTERS:**

“Gerrymandering Decentralization: Political Selection of Grants-Financed Local Jurisdictions”,  
In Albert Sole-Olle et al (Eds.) *Regional Fiscal Flows and Stability of Federations*, Edward  
Elgar, Forthcoming

“The Politics of Partial Decentralization” (with Shanta Devarajan and Shekhar Shah), In  
Ehtisham Ahmad and Giorgio Brosio (Eds.) *Effectiveness of Decentralized Strategies and  
Outcomes*, Edward Elgar, Forthcoming

“Can Information Campaigns Overcome Political Obstacles to Serving the Poor?” In *The  
Politics of Service Delivery in Democracies: Better Access for the Poor*, Shanta Devarajan and  
Ingrid Widlund (Eds.), Expert Group on Development Issues, Ministry for Foreign Affairs,  
Sweden, 2007

“Can Delegation Promote Fiscal Discipline in a Federation? Evidence from fiscal performance in  
the Indian states”, In *Institutions and Norms in Economic Development*, Mark Gradstein and  
Kai Konrad (Eds.), MIT Press: Cambridge, USA, 2007

“Decentralization and Service Delivery” (with Junaid Ahmad, Shantayanan Devarajan, and  
Shekhar Shah). In *Handbook of Fiscal Federalism*, Edited by Ehtisham Ahmad and Giorgio  
Brosio, 2006, Edward Elgar Publishers

“The Political Economy of Fiscal Equalization Transfers.” In *Fiscal Capacity Equalization and  
Intergovernmental Transfers*, Edited by Roy Bahl, Jorge Martinez and Robert Searle, 2006,  
Springer Publications

**WORKING PAPERS:**

“Pitfalls of Participatory Programs: Evidence from a randomized evaluation in education in  
India,” (with Abhijit Banerjee, Rukmini Banerji, Esther Duflo, and Rachel Glennerster), Policy  
Research Working Paper Series, WPS 4584, Development Research Group, The World Bank,  
Washington DC; (CEPR Working Paper No. DP6781 NBER Working Paper No. 14311; MIT  
Department of Economics Working Paper No. 08-18; SSRN Working Paper), Revise and  
resubmit at *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*

“Populist Fiscal Policy” (with Waly Wane), Policy Research Working Paper No. 4762,  
Development Research Group, The World Bank, October 2008

“Decentralization and Accountability: Are Voters More Vigilant in Local than in National Elections?” Policy Research Working Paper No. 2557, Development Research Group, The World Bank, February 26, 2001.

## **REPORTS:**

“Political Economy and Institutional Issues in Service Delivery”, Background paper for “*India: Living Conditions and Human Development in Uttar Pradesh*”, Report No. 43573-IN, The World Bank, June 25, 2008

“China: Public Services for Building the New Socialist Countryside”, The World Bank, March 2007

“Primary Health Care in Nigeria: Decentralized Delivery in the States of Lagos and Kogi” (with Monica Das Gupta and Varun Gauri). Africa Region Human Development Working Paper 70. World Bank, Washington, D.C., 2004.

“Nigeria: Options for Reforming Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations”, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund, February 2001

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

### **The World Bank, Human Development Forum**

November 5, 2008

Paper presented: ““Pitfalls of Participatory Programs: evidence from a randomized evaluation in education in India”

### **Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB), University of Barcelona, 5<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Fiscal Federalism, June 19-20, 2008**

Paper presented: “Multiplying Jurisdictions: The Political Economy of Grants-based Decentralization”

### **Department of Economics, Development Seminar, University of California—Berkeley, March 2008**

Paper presented: “When do legislators pass on “pork”? The Role of Political Parties and Affirmative Action in Determining Legislator Effort”

### **The World Bank, Education Learning Event, Human Development Network, March 2008**

Paper presented: “Pitfalls of Participatory Programs: evidence from a randomized evaluation in education in India”

### **The World Bank, Micro Seminar Series, Development Research Group, January 2008**

Paper presented: “Pitfalls of Participatory Programs: evidence from a randomized evaluation in education in India” (joint with Abhijit Banerjee et al)

**AFD-EUDN Conference on Culture and Development, Paris, December 2007**

Comments on Michael Walton's "Culture matters for poverty but not because of a culture of poverty"

**International Seminar on Intergovernmental Expenditure Assignments, Hangzhou, China, November 2007**

Presentation: "Expenditure Assignments and Local Accountability"

**South Asia Regional Conference on Education Quality, New Delhi, India, October 2007**

Presentation: "Information Campaigns to Encourage Participation and Improve Public Schools—Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Uttar Pradesh, India"

**Centro Studi Sul Federalismo, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Moncalieri, Italy, September 2007  
Seminar on Effectiveness of Decentralized Strategies and Outcomes**

Paper Presented: "The Politics of Partial Decentralization"

**Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 2007**

Paper presented: "Why do some politicians pass on "pork"? Evidence from a unique public spending program in India"

**The World Bank, Africa Human Development BBL Series, May 2007**

Paper presented: "Local Government Accountability for Health Service Delivery in Nigeria"

**The World Bank, Economists Form, April 2007**

Presentation: Encouraging Participation: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Education in India

**Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, India, March 2007**

Presentation: "Understanding Political Incentives for Public Spending: What can we learn from the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) in India?"

**The World Bank New Delhi Office, March 2007**

Paper presented: "Can Information Campaigns Overcome Political Obstacles to Serving the Poor?"

**National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, India, March 2007**

Presentation: "Understanding Political Incentives for Public Spending: What can we learn from the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) in India?"

**Department of Political Science, Faculty Colloquium, Princeton University, February 2007**

Paper presented: "Can Information Campaigns Overcome Political Obstacles to Serving the Poor?"

**The World Bank, Macro Seminar Series, Development Research Group, January 2007**

Paper presented: “Populist Fiscal Policy” (joint with Waly Wane)

**Sweden: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Stockholm, April 2006**

Workshop Title: “The Politics of Service Delivery in Democracies”

Paper presented: “Can Information Campaigns Overcome Political Obstacles to Serving the Poor?”

**The World Bank, Economic Policy and Debt Department, Washington, DC, April 2006**

Presentation: “If Politics Drives Fiscal Profligacy Can We Do Anything About it? In Quest of Institutions that Promote Fiscal Discipline”

**Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, Washington, DC, March 2006**

Course: Topics in Public Sector Reform Presentation: “Improving Public Services”

**Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Columbia University, New York, NY, February 2006**

Event: Decentralization Task Force Meeting

Presentation: “Can Delegation Promote Fiscal Discipline in a Federation? Evidence from fiscal performance in the Indian states”

**Stanford University and Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio Center, Italy, December 2005**

Conference: “Poverty, Democracy, and Clientelism: The Political Economy of Vote Buying”

Presentation: “Clientelism in India”

**Ronald Coase Institute and Washington University, St. Louis, MS, November 2005**

Event: Working group meeting on the role of institutions in development

Discussant

**International Monetary Fund, Fiscal Affairs Department, Washington, DC, September 2005**

Presentation: “Political Incentives of Multi-tiered Governments: Impact on Fiscal and Service Delivery Performance, & Implications for Institutional Reform”

**CESifo’s Venice Summer Institute, Venice International University, Venice, Italy, July 2005**

Conference: “Political Economy and Development”

Paper Presented: “Can Delegation Promote Fiscal Discipline in a Federation?: Evidence from fiscal performance in the Indian states”

**Inter-American Development Bank and The World Bank, Washington, DC, June 2005**

Conference: “Political Economy of Service Delivery”

Presentation: “Beyond Compensating Losers: Using the New Political Economy to Inform Reform” (with Phil Keefer)

**Cornell University and ISEC, Bangalore, India, June 2005**

Conference: “Development in Karnataka—a multidisciplinary perspective”

Paper presented: “Participation in a School Incentive Program in Karnataka” (with Sharon Barnhardt and Dean Karlan)

**The World Bank, South Asia Governance Cross-Sectoral Group, May 2005**

Presentation: “Beyond Winners and Losers: Using the New Political Economy to Improve Development Effectiveness” (with Phil Keefer)

**International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, DC, April 2005**

Presentation: “Why do the poor receive poor services? A political economy explanation and exploration of solutions”

**The World Bank, PREM Network, Washington, DC, April 2005**

Governance and Political Economy Seminar Series

Paper Presented: “Decentralization and Service Delivery” (with Junaid Ahmad, Shanta Devarajan, and Shekhar Shah)

**Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, October 2004**

Conference: “Fiscal Equalization and Intergovernmental Transfers”

Paper Presented: “The Political Economy of Equalization Transfers”

**International Monetary Fund and University of Turin, Italy, August 2004**

Workshop: Handbook of Fiscal Federalism

Paper Presented: “Decentralization and Service Delivery” (with Junaid Ahmad, Shanta Devarajan, and Shekhar Shah)

**The World Bank, Washington DC, April 2004**

Conference: “Politics and Service Delivery: When do Governments Fail Voters?”

Presentation: “Delegating the Monitoring of Minimum Services to an Independent Agency—Can it Make a Difference?”

**Center for the Study of African Economies, Oxford University, March 2004**

Conference: “Growth, Poverty Reduction, and Human Development in Africa”

Paper Presented: “Local Government Accountability for Service Delivery in Nigeria”

**Economist’s Forum, The World Bank, Washington DC, April 2003**

Presentation: “Federal Politics and Budget Deficits”

**Annual Bank Conference for Development Economics, Washington DC, April 2000**

Paper Presented: “Decentralization and Accountability: Are Voters More Vigilant in Local than in National Elections?”

**HONORS:**

George & O'Be Shultz Research Grant, MIT, 1998; Research Fellowship, The World Economy Laboratory, MIT, Summer 1996; Bardwell Memorial Fellowship, Mount Holyoke College, 1995; Student Leadership and Service Award, Mount Holyoke College, 1993; First Prize, Phi Beta Kappa Competition, 1994; Phoebe Tulman Perlman Prize (for best economics thesis), 1994; Phi Beta Kappa, 1993

**REFEREE:**

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal, American Political Science Review, Economics and Politics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, World Development

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

American Economic Association, American Political Science Association