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EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham (NC) PhD Candidate in Economics	2012 - 2018 (expected)
Bocconi University, Milan (Italy) MSc in Economics and Social Sciences	2009 - 2012
Bocconi University, Milan (Italy) BA in Economics and Social Sciences	2006 - 2009

RESEARCH

Research Interests: Development Economics, Global Health, Political Economy

Publications

“*Is Traditional Male Circumcision Effective as HIV Prevention Strategy? Evidence from Lesotho*” - forthcoming ***PLoS ONE***

“*An innovative public-private partnership to target subsidized antimalarials: a study protocol for a cluster randomized controlled trial to evaluate a community intervention in Western Kenya*” (with Jeremiah Laktabai, Adriane Lesser, Alyssa Platt, Manoj Mohanan, Diana Menya, Wendy Prudhomme OMeara, Elizabeth L Turner) ***BMJ Open***, March 2017;7(3):e013972. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2016-013972.

“*Assessing the independent and combined effects of subsidies for antimalarials and rapid diagnostic testing on fever management decisions in the retail sector: Results from a factorial randomized trial in western Kenya*” (with Wendy Prudhomme OMeara, Jeremiah Laktabai, Manoj Mohanan, Adriane Lesser, Alyssa Platt, Elizabeth Turner, Diana Menya) ***BMJ Global Health***, September 2016; 1:e000101. doi:10.1136/bmjgh-2016-000101

Working Papers

“*Can individuals beliefs help us understand non-adherence to malaria test results? Evidence from rural Kenya*” (with Manoj Mohanan, Wendy Prudhomme OMeara, and Elizabeth L Turner), Economic Research Initiatives at Duke (ERID) Working Paper No. 243

“*Household Beliefs about Malaria: The Role of Diagnostic Testing and Treatment*” (with Indrani Saran, Diana Menya, Wendy Prudhomme OMeara”)

“*Does the Experience of Malaria Testing Increase Trust the Results? Providing Rapid Diagnostic Test through Community Health Workers*” (with Indrani Saran, Wendy Prudhomme OMeara, Elizabeth Turner)

“*The Political Economy of Slow-Onset Disasters: The Impact of the Ebola Outbreak in Liberia*”

“*The Local Health Impacts of Natural Resources’ Booms*”

Work in Progress

“The Impact of Formal Finance on the Moneylender Market: Evidence from Rural India” (with Isabelle Cohen, Erica Field and Rohini Pande)

“The Health Impacts and Effective Delivery of Maternal Cash Transfers in Myanmar” (with Erica Field)

“Eliciting Beliefs and Subjective Expectations in the Context of Chronic Disease, Tamil Nadu, India” (with Manoj Mohanan and Harsha Thirumurthy)

“Development of Touchscreen based methods for elicitation of subjective expectations in India” (with Manoj Mohanan)

“Is the Phone Mightier than the Virus? Cell Phone Access and Epidemic Containment Efforts” (with Erica Field and Robert Gonzalez)

Policy Reports

“*Feasibility Study: Technical options to implement a universal maternal and child cash transfer program in Myanmar*”, IGC, UNICEF, Save the Children, 2015 (with Jenny Hilton)

“*Leveraging Technology-Enabled Banking Agent Distribution Networks*”, Fino Fintech Foundation, Interim Baseline Report, CIRM (Center for Insurance and Risk Management), 2014 (with Saurabh Sharma and Rupalee Ruchismita)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Duke University Field Experiments (Graduate summer course)	Summer 2016
Teaching Assistant for Prof. Erica Field, Duke University Economics of Global Health (Undergraduate)	Fall 2015

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Duke University, Durham, NC June 2013 -
Research Assistant *Durham, NC*

- Research Assistant for Prof. Erica Field, in Durham, NC.
- Impact of Rural Microfinance on Poverty and Well-being

Yangon, Myanmar May-August 2015
Consultant *Yangon, Myanmar*

- Consultant for IGC, UNICEF, Save the Children
- Feasibility study to implement a maternal and child cash transfer program in Myanmar

World Bank, Washington, DC February 2012 - June 2012
Research Assistant *Milan, Italy*

- Research Assistant for Prof. Svensson, Prof. Bjorkman, Dr. de Walque, and Prof. Corno

World Bank, Washington, DC February 2011 - 2012
Research Manager *Maseru, Lesotho*

- Research Manager for Prof. Svensson, Prof. Bjorkman, Dr. de Walque, and Prof. Corno
- Short-term financial incentives, sexual behaviour and HIV

IGIER, Milan, Italy

Research Assistant

October 2010 - February 2011

Milan, Italy

- Research assistant in development and health economics for Prof. Martina Bjorkman.

Mimoza Enterprises Finance Pvt. Ltd, Dehradun, India

Summer Intern

Summer 2009

Dehradun, UP, India

- Microfinance

FIELD WORK EXPERIENCE

Yangoon, Myanmar

May 2015, April 2016

Monrovia and Bong County, Liberia

April, July, December 2015

Eldoret, Bungoma East, Kenya

July-August, December 2014

Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, India

July 2013, 2014

Maseru, Lesotho

February 2011-February 2012

PRESENTATIONS

iHEA, 11th World Congress, Boston (upcoming 2017)

Development and Political Economics Graduate Student Conference (DEVPEC), Stanford University, CA (2017)

Duke University Center for International and Global Studies (DUCIGS), Duke University (2017)

CEAR-CSAE Workshop, Eliciting Subjective Beliefs and Risk and Time Preferences in Developing Countries, Georgia State University, Atlanta (2016)

Duke Global Health Institute, Scholars' Seminar Series, Duke University (2016)

International Population, Health and Development Lunch, Duke University (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)

iHEA, 11th World Congress, Milan, Italy (2015)

Naypyidaw, Myanmar, Department of Social Welfare (2015)

PAA Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA (2015)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Conference Travel Award, Graduate School, Duke University (2017)

Duke Global Health Scholarship (2015-2016, renewed 2016-2017, 2017-2018)

Summer Research Fellowship, Graduate School, Duke University (2014, 2015, 2017)

Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, Duke University (2014 - 2018)

“Premio all Studio”, BCC Treviglio, Italy (2011, 2012)

GRANTS

2017: Duke Brazil Initiative Research Grants (2,500\$)

2017: Duke Policy Bridge, Sanford School of Public Policy (3,400\$)

2016: Working Groups on Global Issues for AY 2016-17, Duke University Center for International and Global Studies (DUCIGS), Global Challenges in Development Economics (1,000\$)

2016: Travel Fund, Duke University (2,400\$)

2016: Global Health Doctoral Dissertation Grant (12,500\$)

2016: International Growth Center, Myanmar 2016 (145,000£)

2015: Governance Initiative, J-PAL (5,350\$)

2015: International Growth Center, Liberia (63,000£)

2015: Travel Fund, Duke University (5,000\$)

REFEREE

World Development

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

STATA, ArcGIS, \LaTeX , Matlab, Survey CTO, CPro.

LANGUAGES

Italian (mother tongue), English (fluent)