

# ERICA M. FIELD

---

Department of Economics  
Harvard University  
Littauer M30  
Cambridge, MA 02138

Phone (617) 496-1895  
Fax (617) 495-8570  
efield@latte.harvard.edu  
<http://www.economics.harvard.edu/faculty/field/field.html>

---

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010 – John L. Loeb Associate Professor of Social Science (Economics), Harvard University  
2005 – 2009 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Harvard University  
2004 – Faculty Research Fellow (Labor), National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)  
2009 – 2010 National Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University  
2006 – 2007 Visiting Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ  
2006 – 2007 Visiting Faculty, Center for Health and Wellbeing, Princeton University  
2003 – 2004 Post-doctoral Research Fellow, RWJ Scholars in Health Policy Research, Harvard

**FIELDS OF INTEREST:** Development Economics, Labor Economics, Economic Demography, Health

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Affiliated Researcher, Bureau for Research in Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)  
Member, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), MIT  
Affiliated Researcher, Group for Development Analysis (GRADE), Lima, Peru  
Research Affiliate, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)  
Faculty Research Affiliate, Center for Microfinance, Chennai (CMF)

## EDUCATION

2003 Ph.D, MA Department of Economics, Princeton University  
1996 BA Economics and Latin American Studies, Vassar College

## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

“Muslim family law, prenuptial agreements and the emergence of dowry in Bangladesh” (with Attila Ambrus and Maximo Torero). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, August 2010, 125(3):1349–97.

“Health Insurance in Nicaragua: Enrollment, Retention, and Outcomes from a Randomized Experiment” (with Rebecca Thornton, Laurel Hyatt, and Mursaleena Islam). September 2010, *Health Economics* 19(S1): 181–206.

“Iodine Deficiency and Schooling Attainment in Tanzania” (with Omar Robles and Maximo Torero). *American Economic Journal – Applied Economics*, October 2009, 1(4):140-169.

“Educational Debt Burden and Career Choice: Evidence from a Financial Aid Experiment at NYU Law School.” *American Economic Journal – Applied Economics*, January 2009, 1(1): 1-21.

“Early Marriage, Age of Menarche and Female Schooling Attainment in Bangladesh” (with Attila Ambrus). *Journal of Political Economy*, October 2008, 116(5): 881-930.

“Entitled to Work: Urban Tenure Security and Labor Supply in Peru.” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, November 2007, 4(122): 1561-1602.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Do Property Titles Increase Credit Access among the Urban Poor?” (with Maximo Torero). May 2008. Revision requested by *American Law and Economic Review*.

“Does Group Lending Increase Social Capital? Evidence from a Field Experiment in India” (with Rohini Pande and Benjamin Feigenberg). August 2010. Working paper, Harvard University. Under review.

“Household Bargaining and Excess Fertility: Experimental Evidence from Zambia” (with Nava Ashraf and Jean Lee), November 2010. Working paper, Harvard University. Under review.

### WORKING PAPERS (CONTINUED)

- “Race and Student Achievement in Post-Apartheid South Africa” (with Patrick Nolen), September 2010. Working paper, Harvard University. Under review.
- “Fertility Responses to Urban Land Titling Programs: The Roles of Ownership Security and the Distribution of Household Assets”, October 2003. Working paper, Harvard University. Under review.
- “Term-structure of Debt and Entrepreneurial Behavior: Experimental Evidence from Microfinance” (with Rohini Pande, John Papp and Natalia Rigol). December 2010. Working paper, Harvard University.
- “Throwing the Baby out with the Drinking Water: Unintended Consequences of a National Arsenic Mitigation Campaign in Bangladesh” (with Reshma Hussam and Rachel Glennerster). December 2010. Working paper, Harvard University.
- “Are There Upward Intergenerational Education Spillovers? The Influence of Children’s Schooling on Parents’ Smoking Cessation” (with Jorge de la Roca). June 2005. Working paper, Harvard University.
- “Geographic Isolation and Cooperation on Networks: Evidence from a Housing Experiment in India” (with Sharon Barnhardt and Rohini Pande). September 2010. Working paper, Harvard University.

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Do Traditional Institutions Constrain Female Entrepreneurship? A Field Experiment on Business Training in India” (with Seema Jayachandran and Rohini Pande). *American Economics Review Papers and Proceedings*, May 2010, 100(2):125-29.
- “Segregation, Rent Control and Riots: The Economics of Religious Conflicts in an Indian City” (with Rohini Pande and Sujata Visaria), *American Economics Review Papers and Proceedings*, May 2008, 98(2): 505-510.
- “Globalization, Crop Choice and Property Rights in Rural Peru, 1994-2004” (with Alfred Field), Chapter 14 in The Poor under Globalization in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Edited by Machiko Nissanke and Erik Thorbecke, UNU-WIDER for Oxford University Press, 2009. (WIDER Research Paper No. 2007/72 (ISSN: 1810-2611)).
- “Repayment Frequency and Default in Micro-finance: Evidence from India” (with Rohini Pande), *Journal of European Economic Association Papers and Proceedings*, April-May 2008, 6(2-3): 501-509.
- “Impact Evaluation for Slum Upgrading Interventions.” (with Michael Kremer), *Doing Impact Evaluation Series* #3, World Bank, July 2006.
- “Property Rights and Investment in Urban Slums.” *Journal of the European Economic Association Papers and Proceedings*, April-May 2005, 3(2-3): 279-290.
- “Property Rights, Community Public Goods and Household Time Allocation in Urban Squatter Communities.” *William and Mary Law Review*, February 2004, 45(3): 837-887.
- “Diferencias en el acceso de las mujeres al microcrédito en el Perú e impacto de la tenencia del título de propiedad” (with Maximo Torero), in Gender, Poverty and Micro-credit, CIES, Lima, Peru, 2004.

### ONGOING RESEARCH

- “Business Training and Financial Behavior” (with Seema Jayachandran, Rohini Pande and Natalia Rigol)
- “Causes and Consequences of Consanguineous Marriage” (with Seema Jayachandran and Mohammed Al Shafae)
- “Adverse and Advantageous Selection in Health Insurance Markets for the Poor: Experimental Evidence from Nicaragua” (with Rebecca Thornton)
- “Marriage Contract Adjustment to Public Information on Health Risk: Agreeing to Disagree” (with Attila Ambrus, Rachel Glennerster, and Reshma Hussam)
- “The Economic Roots of Religious Violence in Gujarat” (with Rohini Pande and Sujata Visaria)
- “Can Microcredit Reduce Poverty in Urban India? SEWA after Ten Years” (with Rohini Pande)
- “Adolescent Empowerment and Early Marriage in Rural Bangladesh” (with Rachel Glennerster)
- “An Experimental Evaluation of Property Reform in Mongolia” (with Leigh Linden and Shing-Yi Wang)

## **ONGOING RESEARCH (CONTINUED)**

- “The Role of IT in Diffusing Health Information in Rural Peru” (with Maximo Torero and Alberto Chong)  
“Iron Deficiency Anemia and School Performance in Rural Peru” (with Maximo Torero and Alberto Chong)  
“Impact of Banking on the Rural Poor” (with Ben Feigenberg, Rohini Pande, and John Papp)  
“Investigating Influences on Male Fertility Preferences” (with Nava Ashraf and Alessandra Voena)

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

- 2011-2014 International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) Project Award (with Nava Ashraf)  
2010-2011 National Department of Labor Research Award (with Rohini Pande)  
2010-2015 National Institute of Health R01 Project Award (with Rachel Glennerster)  
2010-2012 Science of Generosity Research Award (with Rohini Pande)  
2010-2011 Milton Fund, Harvard University  
2009-2012 International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) Project Award (with Rachel Glennerster)  
2009-2010 International Growth Center (IGC) Project Award (with Rohini Pande)  
2009-2010 Harvard Sustainability Science Program Research Grant  
2009-2010 Harvard Center for International Development Empowerment Lab Faculty Grant  
2008-2010 National Science Foundation SES Grant, #0752792 (with Rohini Pande)  
2008-2010 Hewlett/PRB Research Grant (with Nava Ashraf)  
2008-2010 Weatherhead Initiative in International Affairs Project Grant (with Rohini Pande)  
2008-2009 Real Estate Academic Initiative Faculty Grant, Harvard University (with Rohini Pande)  
2007-2008 Faculty Research Development Grant, Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard University  
2007-2008 National Science Foundation Small Grant for Exploratory Research, #0725075 (with Nava Ashraf)  
2005-2011 Warburg Faculty Grant, Harvard University  
2007 Faculty Grant for Research, Middle East Initiative, Harvard KSG  
2006-2007 Research Grant for Semester Leave of Absence, Harvard Weatherhead Center for International Affairs  
2005-2007 National Science Foundation SES Grant (#0519260)  
2005-2006 Junior Faculty Development Grant, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies  
2005-2006 Center for International Development Faculty Grant, Harvard University  
2004-2005 Milton Fund, Harvard University  
2004-2005 Faculty Research Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University  
2004-2005 Faculty Research Grant, Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University  
2002 Research Network on Gender, Poverty and Micro-credit, CIES, Lima (auspices: Ford Foundation)

## **EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 2009 Associate Editor, *Journal of Development Economics*

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2010 Furer Fellow, Harvard University  
2010 Elaine Bennett Prize, AEA Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession 2009-  
2010 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow  
2007 Albert Rees Prize for Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation in Labor Economics  
2001-2003 Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars  
2000 Mellon Foundation Research Travel Award  
1998 Susan K. Welles Alumni Graduate School Fellowship, Vassar College  
1996 J. William Fulbright Fellow, U.S.-Peruvian Fulbright Committee  
1996 Anne C. Hutchinson Thesis Prize in Economics

## **PRESS**

- “Help Microfinance, Don’t Kill It.” Editorial, Indian Express, Financial Times, December 2010.  
“The Women’s Crusade.” New York Times Magazine, August 23, 2009  
“The Mystery of Capital Deepens.” Economist, August 24, 2006  
“Forgive Us Our Student Debts.” New York Times Magazine, June 11, 2006  
“Informal Enterprise in Urban Peru.” Development Outreach Magazine, World Bank Institute, March 2005  
“Land Titles Give Poor a Chance to Advance.” Miami Herald, April 4, 2004  
“Study Looks at Squatters and Land Titles in Peru.” New York Times, January 9, 2003

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

### *“Entitled to Work: Urban Tenure Security and Labor Supply in Peru”*

Group for Development Analysis (GRADE) Workshop, Lima, Peru, August 2002  
New York University School of Law, Colloquium on Law and Economics, October 2002  
University of North Carolina, International Economics Workshop, November 2002  
Washington and Lee University, Capstone Course Lecture, January 2003  
Harvard University, January 2003  
Yale University, January 2003  
University of California – San Diego, IRPS, January 2003  
University of California – Berkeley, January 2003  
Northwestern University, January 2003  
Columbia University, January 2003  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, January 2003  
University of California – Los Angeles, February 2003  
University of California – San Diego, February 2003  
William and Mary Law School, Conference on Property Rights and Development, February 2003  
World Bank Development Research Group, March 2003  
London School of Economics and University College of London, Development Workshop, October 2003  
Universidad Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Labor Economics Workshop, October 2003  
University of Maryland – College Park, Applied Microeconomics Workshop, March 2004  
Dartmouth University, Applied Microeconomics Workshop, April 2004  
Boston University, Development Workshop, May 2004

### *“Property Rights, Community Public Goods and Household Time Allocation in Urban Squatter Communities”*

Beyond the Washington Consensus: New Directions for Development Strategy, UCSD, November 2003  
Urban Research Symposium, World Bank, December 2003  
Davidson College Economics Senior Session, April 2004

### *“Property Rights and Investment in Urban Slums”*

European Economics Association Meetings, Madrid, August 2004

### *“Educational Debt Burden and Career Choice: Evidence from a Financial Aid Experiment”*

Stanford Business School, May 2003  
Harvard University Labor Economics Workshop, November 2003  
MIT Labor/Development Workshop, March 2004  
Cornell/LSE Conference on Behavioral, Public and Development Economics, May 2004  
APPAM, Washington DC, November 2007  
American Economics Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, January 2008

### *“Do Property Titles Increase Credit Access among the Urban Poor? Evidence from Peru”*

Latin American and Caribbean Economics Association Meetings, October 2003  
American Economics Association Annual Meetings, San Diego, January 2004

### *“Fertility and the Gender Distribution of Household Assets”*

IUSSP Seminar on Poverty, Programs and Demographic Outcomes, Mexico City, November 2003

### *“Consequences of Early Marriage for Women in Bangladesh”*

Harvard University Summer Workshop, July 2004  
University of Michigan, Applied Microeconomics Workshop, September 2004  
Princeton University, Development Economics Workshop, November 2004  
New York University, Development Economics Workshop, November 2004  
Brown University, Applied Microeconomics Workshop, December 2004  
Vassar College, Applied Microeconomics Workshop, April 2005  
American Economic Association Meetings, January 2006

### *“Are There Upward Intergenerational Education Spillovers on Health?”*

Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Annual Meeting, May 2004  
Southern Economics Association Annual Meetings, November 2004  
Brown University, Population Studies and Training Center Workshop, December 2004  
Michigan State University, Applied Microeconomics Workshop, April 2005  
Wharton School of Business, Policy Studies Applied Microeconomics Workshop, April 2005  
Cornell University, Industrial and Labor Relations Workshop, April 2004

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)**

*“Iodine Deficiency and Schooling Attainment in Tanzania”*

SITE Health and Development Conference, Stanford University, June 2006  
University of Michigan, Applied Microeconomics Workshop, September 2006  
Princeton University, Development Economics Workshop, November 2006  
CEPR/BREAD Workshop, Stockholm, March 2007  
University of California, Riverside, Development of Economics Workshop, April 2007  
Columbia University, Development Economics Workshop, March 2007  
Yale University, Development Economics Workshop, April 2007  
BREAD Workshop, Princeton University, April 2007  
Mathematica Policy Research Center, June 2007  
New York University, International Economics Workshop, December 2007  
University of California, Los Angeles, June 2008  
Wellesley College, September 2008  
CUNY Graduate School, NYC, November 2008

*“Impact Evaluation for Slum Upgrading Interventions”*

World Bank, July 2006

*“Globalization, Poverty and Crop Choice in Rural Peru, 1994-2004”*

UNU-WIDER Conference on Poverty and Globalization in Latin America, September 2006

*“Muslim family law, prenuptial agreements and the emergence of dowry in Bangladesh”*

Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Sciences Seminar, April 2007  
Duke University, Development Economics Workshop, November 2007  
Harvard University, Law, Economics and Organization Workshop, February 2008  
Yale School of Law, Law and Economics Workshop, February 2008  
BREAD Workshop, Brown University, May 2008  
University of Edinburgh, June 2008  
University of Essex, June 2008  
Harvard University, Economics of Religion Seminar, November 2008  
Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, Demography Workshop, March 2009  
American Economic Association Meetings, Atlanta, January 2010

*“Impact of Contract Design on Consumption, Investment and Repayment of Micro-credit Clients”*

Invited Presentation, European Economic Association Meetings, Budapest, August 2007  
Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Conference, October 2008  
Northeastern Universities Development Conference, Tufts University, October 2009  
Pacific Development Conference, University of Southern California, March 2010  
IPA Microfinance Impact and Innovation Conference, NYC, October 2010

*“Segregation, Rent Control and Riots: The Economics of Religious Conflicts in an Indian City”*

CSWEP Panel, American Economics Association Meetings, January 2008

*“Building Social Capital through Microfinance”*

University of Toronto, Applied Microeconomics Workshop, March 2009  
Bocconi University, Development Economics Workshop, June 2009  
University of Amsterdam, Applied Microeconomics Workshop, June 2009  
University College London, Development Economics Workshop, June 2009  
Harvard/MIT, Development Economics Workshop, February 2010  
Stanford GSB Applied Microeconomics Workshop, May 2010  
Economics of Social Networks Conference, Soldeu, Andorra, June 2010  
University of Maryland, Applied Economics Workshop, November 2010

*“Geographic isolation and cooperation on networks: Evidence from a housing experiment in India”*

Economics of Social Networks Conference, Soldeu, Andorra, June 2010

*“Household bargaining and Excess Fertility: Experimental Evidence from Zambia”*

SITE Meetings, Stanford University, August 2009  
University of California – Santa Barbara, November 2009  
University of Southern California, Development Workshop, November 2009  
University of Maryland – College Park, Applied Microeconomics Workshop, December 2009  
Stanford University, Applied Microeconomics Workshop, February 2010

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)**

University of Washington – Seattle, Applied Microeconomics Workshop, March 2010  
University of Arizona – Phoenix, March 2010  
University of California – San Diego, March 2010  
Claremont College, April 2010  
University of California – Berkeley, April 2010  
Central European University, Budapest, June 2010  
University of Virginia, September 2010  
Brown University, September 2010  
BREAD/NBER Conference, Cambridge, MA, September 2010  
Duke University, Applied Economics Workshop, November 2010  
Cornell University, Applied Economics Workshop, November 2010  
*“Unintended Consequences of Arsenic Testing on Health and Wellbeing in Bangladesh”*  
University of Houston Workshop on the Economics of Gender and Health, May 2010

**INVITED DISCUSSANT**

NBER Economics of Entrepreneurship Workshop, March 2008  
American Economic Association Meetings, January 2008  
Harvard Academy Conference on Property Rights and Development, September 2007  
UNU-WIDER Conference on Poverty and Globalization in Latin America, September 2006  
American Economic Association Meetings, January 2006  
Society of Labor Economics Meeting, May 2006  
American Economic Association Meetings, January 2005  
First International Conference on Advances in Economic Research, Universidad de Navarra, October 2003  
Latin American and Caribbean Economics Association Meetings, October 2003  
Conference on Credit Markets and the Poor, Princeton University, May 2003  
William and Mary Law School, Conference on Property Rights and Development, February 2003

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Economics Association, Latin American and Caribbean Economics Association, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics

**REVIEWER**

*American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Political Economy, National Science Foundation, Economic Journal, Journal of the European Economic Association, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Development Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Labor Economics, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Health Economics, Management Science, Rationality and Society, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Research Report, American Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Literature*

**CONSULTING**

Millennium Challenge Corporation (Property Rights Reform in Mongolia)  
Abt., Associates (Impact evaluation of national health insurance pilot in Nicaragua)  
World Bank (Survey Design, impact evaluation of urban transport upgrading in Accra)  
US Agency for International Development (rural titling impact evaluation in Peru)  
National Property Institute, Republic of Honduras (titling program impact evaluation design)

*Last updated: December 2010*