

MELISSA DELL

Contact Information

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Employment

2018 – present: Professor, Harvard University, Department of Economics

Past employment

2014 – 2018: Assistant Professor, Harvard University, Department of Economics
2016 – 2017: Visiting Assistant Professor, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research
2012 – 2014: Junior Fellow, Harvard Society of Fellows

Affiliations

National Bureau of Economic Research, Faculty Research Fellow
Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), Fellow
Institute for Quantitative Social Science Scientific Program Director and Faculty Affiliate
Harvard University Academy for International and Area Studies, Senior Scholar
Harvard University Asia Center, Faculty Council
Harvard University Center for the Environment, Faculty Associate
Harvard University Center for International Development, Faculty Affiliate
Harvard University Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Faculty Associate

Education

2012: PhD Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2007: MPhil Economics, Oxford University, with Distinction
2005: AB Economics, Harvard University, *summa cum laude*

Awards and Grants

2020	John Bates Clark Medal, American Economic Association
2018	Named by the <i>Economist</i> as one of the decade's top eight young economists
2018	Elaine Bennett Research Prize
2018	National Science Foundation Grant #1823616: "Management and Economic Performance" (\$336,360)
2017	Calvó-Armengol International Prize
2017	Andrew Carnegie Fellowship
2016	National Science Foundation Grant #1628867: "Military and Civic Action" (\$364,407)
2016	Alfred Sloan Fellowship
2014	Named by the IMF as the youngest of 25 economists under the age of 45 shaping thought about the global economy
2012	Review of Economic Studies Tour

2007 Castle Krob Fellowship, MIT Economics
2007 National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship
2005 Rhodes Scholarship
2005 John Williams Prize – Best Undergraduate Harvard Student in Economics
2005 Seymour Harris Prize – Best Undergraduate Harvard Thesis in Economics
2004 Harry S. Truman Scholarship

Publications

Dell, Melissa, and Benjamin Olken. “The Development Effects of the Extractive Colonial Economy: The Dutch Cultivation System in Java.” *Review of Economic Studies* 87, no. 1 (2020): 164-203.

Zhang, Kaixuan, Zejiang Shen, Jie Zhou, and Melissa Dell. “Information Extraction from Text Regions with Complex Tabular Structure.” *NeurIPS Document Intelligence Workshop* (2019).

Dell, Melissa, Benjamin Feigenberg, and Kensuke Teshima. “The Violent Consequences of Trade-Induced Worker Displacement in Mexico.” *American Economic Review: Insights* 1, no. 1 (2019): 43-58.

Dell, Melissa, and Pablo Querubin. “Nation Building Through Foreign Intervention: Evidence from Discontinuities in Military Strategies.” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 133, no. 2 (2018): 701-764.

Dell, Melissa, Nathan Lane, and Pablo Querubin. “The Historical State, Local Collective Action, and Economic Development in Vietnam.” *Econometrica* 86, no. 6 (2018): 2083-2121.

Dell, Melissa. “Trafficking Networks and the Mexican Drug War.” *American Economic Review* 105, no. 6 (2015): 1738-1779.

Dell, Melissa, Benjamin Jones, Benjamin Olken. “What Do We Learn from the Weather? The New Climate-Economy Literature.” *Journal of Economic Literature* (2014).

Dell, Melissa, Benjamin Jones, and Benjamin Olken. “Temperature Shocks and Economic Growth: Evidence from the Last Half Century.” *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 4, no. 3 (2012): 66-95.

Dell, Melissa, and Daron Acemoglu. “Productivity Differences Between and Within Countries.” *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 2, no. 1 (2010): 169–188.

Dell, Melissa. “The Persistent Effects of Peru's Mining Mita.” *Econometrica* 78, no. 6 (2010): 1863-1903.

Dell, Melissa, Benjamin Jones, and Benjamin Olken. "Temperature and Income: Reconciling New Cross-Sectional and Panel Estimates." *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings* 99, no. 2 (2009): 198-204.

Working Papers

Shen, Zejiang, Kaixuan Zhang, and Melissa Dell. "A Large Dataset of Historical Japanese Documents with Complex Layouts," arXiv:2004.08686 [cs.CV].

Dell, Melissa. "Path Dependence in Development: Evidence from the Mexican Revolution," Working Paper.

Professional Activities

Editorial Board, *Econometrica*; Foreign Editor, *Review of Economic Studies*; Editorial Board: *AEJ: Applied*; Editorial Board: *Journal of Economic Literature*; Editorial Board, *Explorations in Economic History*