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## EDUCATION

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MA, 2015

Ph.D. Public Policy

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, OXFORD, UK, 2009

Graduate-level coursework in Mathematics and Economics

HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE, AMHERST, MA, 2007

B.A. Mathematics and Economics, Minor: Public Policy

## CURRENT POSITIONS

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MA, 2015-2016

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Economics

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, NOTRE DAME, IN, 2016-

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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*Research Associate*, Centre for Micro Finance/MIT-Poverty Action Lab, India, 2008-2009

*Research Associate*, Harvard Business School, Cambridge, MA, 2007-2008

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Shackled to the Soil: The Long-Term Effects of Inherited Land on Labor Mobility and Consumption.”

“The Value of Advice: Evidence from the Adoption of Agricultural Practices” with Shawn Cole (Harvard Business School)

“Social Interactions, Technology Adoption and Information Exchange: Evidence from a Field Experiment.”

“Can Diversity Reduce Implicit Bias? Evidence from the Composition of Umpiring Panels in Cricket Matches” with Siddharth Eapen George (Harvard)

“Field Comparisons of Incentive-Compatible Preference Elicitation Techniques” , with Shawn Cole (HBS), Daniel Stein (World Bank) and Jeremy Tobacman (Wharton)

“Learning or Herding? Testing Between Theories of Technology Adoption with a Cluster Randomized Experiment” with Shawn Cole (HBS) and Hee Kwon Seo (Chicago-GSB)

“Contract Farming among Marginal Farmers: A randomized evaluation of RUDI Multi-trade Company” with Sara Hernandez (MIT), Reshmaan Hussam (MIT) and Natalia Rigol (MIT)

“Experiences from Mobile Phone-Based Data Collection: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment”  
with Shawn Cole (HBS) and Laura Litvine (UCL)

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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Research Grant, Weiss Family Fund for Development, \$35,022, co-PI with Niharika Singh, 2015

Research Grant, Sustainability Science Program, \$15,000, Harvard Kennedy School, 2014

Christopher and Silvana Pascucci Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2014-2015

Sustainability Science Doctoral Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School, 2013-2014

USAID-Development Innovation Ventures, \$162,811, co-PI with Shawn Cole, 2013

Norberg-Bohm Doctoral Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School, 2012-2013

Gates Foundation / ATAI, \$156,049, co-PI with Shawn Cole, 2012

Harvard Graduate Language Grant, 2011

Harvard Kennedy School Graduate Fellowship, 2010-2012

Full Tuition Grant, Hampshire College, 2003-2007

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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Referee Service: *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, USAID-DIV Proposal Review Panel (Agriculture/Development)

## OTHER

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*Languages*: English, Sinhalese, Spanish (Basic), Hindi (Basic)

*Citizenship*: Sri Lanka

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