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## Academic Positions:

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN  
Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics and Econometrics, July 2009-  
Faculty Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, August 2009-  
Faculty Fellow, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, May 2010-  
Faculty Fellow, Eck Institute for Global Health, February 2011-

## Education:

Ph.D. in Economics, May 2009, University of Colorado at Boulder  
M.A. in Economics, May 2005, University of Colorado at Boulder  
BA in Economics, May 1999, Claremont McKenna College  
With honors, Magna Cum Laude, Minor in Political Science

## Fields of Interest:

Primary: Environmental Economics, Development Economics  
Secondary: International Trade, Applied Microeconomics.

## Papers under Review:

"Returns to Electricity: Evidence from Quasi-Random Placement of Hydro-Electric power plants in Brazil." Working Paper with Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak and Tania Barham, March 2011, *Revise and Resubmit, AEJ: Applied Economics*.

"Decentralization and the Political Economy of Water Pollution: Evidence from the Re-drawing of County Borders in Brazil." with Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak, November, 2011. *Under Review*.

"Service Reform and Manufacturing Performance: Evidence from India." Working Paper with Jens Arnold, Beata Javorcik, and Aaditya Mattoo, July 2010. CEPR Working paper #8011. *Under Review*.

## Working Papers:

"Liquidity Effects in the Decision to use Credit versus Debit: Evidence from India," with Sumit Agarwal and Amit Bubna, Working paper, December, 2011.

"The Effect of Environmental Enforcement on Firm Product Choice: Theory and Product Level Evidence from India." December, 2011.

"Negotiation over Water Quality: Evidence from Brazilian Water Basin Committees" with Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak July, 2008.

## Published:

"Does Corruption Exacerbate the Human Effects of Financial Crises? A Survey of the Evidence from the Asian Financial Crisis." With Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak. In *Tackling Corruption, Transforming Lives: Technical Background Papers for the Asia Pacific Regional Human Development Report 2007*. UNDP.

## Popular Press:

*Vox* invited publication: "Services Sector Reform and the Indian Manufacturing Miracle" (with Arnold, Javorcik, and Mattoo); October, 2010.

**Academic Honors and Grants:**

Gates Foundation: \$631,000 “Households and Adoption of Sanitation Technology” with Laura Schechter (through Innovations for Poverty Action).

Gates Foundation: \$383,000 “Industrial Organization of the Sanitation Sector in Senegal,” with Jean François Houde and Laura Schechter (through Innovations for Poverty Action).

John Templeton Foundation: \$280,000 (co-PI) with Robert Dowd.

Tony Blair Faith Foundation: \$29,150, January 2011 (co-PI) with Robert Dowd.

Ford Family Program Seed Grant: \$15,000, November 2009

National Science Foundation (NSF) Dissertation Improvement Grant, May 2008

World Bank Spot Award, April 2007.

Morris E. Garnsey Fellowship, May 2006.

Economics Department Fellowship, April 2006.

Leslie Whittington Fellowship for Excellence in Economics.

**Seminars and Conference Presentations:**

“Service Reform and Manufacturing Performance: Evidence from India” CEPR Globalization meetings in Stockholm, July 2011 (invited presentation).

“Can Environmental Enforcement Induce Product Responses? Theory and Firm and Product Level Evidence from India.”: Yale University Environmental Economics Seminar, November, 2008; Northeastern Universities Development Conference, November 2009; Vail Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop, September, 2008; Pennsylvania State University, Department of Environmental Studies, January 2009, Environmental Protection Agency, NCEE February 2009; Notre Dame University, January 2009; Quinnipiac University, May 2009, Heartland Environmental Conference, October 2010.

“Returns to Electricity: Evidence from Quasi-Random Placement of Hydro-Electric power plants in Brazil.” University of Michigan Development Conference, December, 2010, World Bank Infrastructure conference, Toulouse, France January 2010, Inter-American Development Bank (invited presentation), August 2009; Corporacion Andina de Fomento (CAF – Andean Development Corporation: invited presentation) Annual Research Meeting, Lima, Peru, May, 2008.

“Decentralization, Spillovers and Water Quality, Evidence from Brazil” Yale School of Forestry, January 2009; Boston University, Department of Environmental Studies, February 2009; AEA/ASSA Annual Meetings, New Orleans, January, 2009; Northeast Universities Development Economics Conference (NEUDC), Harvard University, October, 2007; National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Summer Institute in Energy and Environmental Economics, Cambridge, July, 2007; Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meetings, New York, NY, March, 2007; International Society for New Institutional Economics (ISNIE) Conference, Boulder, CO, September, 2006.

“Negotiation over Water Quality: Evidence from Brazilian Water Basin Committees” ASSA meetings, Atlanta, GA, January 2010; Yale University Environmental Economics Seminar, November, 2007.

**Service for the Profession:*****Refereeing:***

*American Economic Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management.*

### ***Development Workshops:***

- Coplanned the second annual Midwest Development Day with Joe Kaboski, at Notre Dame, December 2011.
- Participated as a facilitator-trainer at the World Bank DIME conference in Dakar, Senegal, May 2011. Consulted with Haiti team to develop an evaluation plan for a \$75 million project.
- Participated in Senegal Ministry of Sanitation Policy Planning Workshop, Dakar, Senegal, June 2011.

### ***ASSA Seminars Organized and Accepted:***

Consumer Rationality and Financial Decision Making, ASSA, 2012; Access to Clean Water in Developing Countries, ASSA 2010.

### **Teaching Experience:**

Assistant Professor, *Advanced Environmental Economics*, University of Notre Dame, Spring 2011.

Assistant Professor, *Graduate Environmental Economics*, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2010, Fall 2011.

Assistant Professor, *Principles of Microeconomics*, University of Notre Dame, Spring 2010.

Assistant Professor, *Environmental Economics*, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2009.

Instructor, *Math Skills for new PhD Students*, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2005, August 2006

Instructor, *Mathematics for Economists*, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2006

Teaching Assistant, *Doing Business in the Developing World*, Yale School of Management, August 2007

Teaching Assistant, Graduate Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, University of Colorado, 2004-2006

Trainer and Curriculum Development, Accounting Skills for Microfinance Bank Managers, Mauritania, 2001

Trainer, Gender and Development, Peace Corps Mauritania, 2000

Instructor, English, University of Nouakchott, Mauritania, 2000-2001

### **Other Experience:**

- Institute for Behavioral Science, Graduate Research Assistant, Brazil *May 2007-July 2009*
- World Bank Group, DEC Research Group, Consultant, DC *August 2006-April 2007*
- Peace Corps, Volunteer, Islamic Republic of Mauritania *September 1999-October 2001*