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## EMPLOYMENT

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- 2014 - Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Georgia
- 2014 - Assistant Professor, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia

## EDUCATION

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- 2014 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Michigan (April 2014)  
*Dissertation Title: Why Guarantee Employment? Three Essays on the World's Largest Public-Works Program*
- 2010 M.A. in Economics, University of Michigan
- 2008 B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Oxford

Fields Development Economics, Labor Economics, Political Economy

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- Fighting Maoist Violence with Promises: Evidence from India's Employment Guarantee Scheme, *Economics of Peace and Security Journal*, 9(1): 30-36, 2014 (with Gaurav Khanna)
- Public-Works Programs in Developing Countries Have the Potential to Reduce Poverty, *IZA World of Labor*, 2014
- Reconsidering Gender Bias in Intra-Household Allocation in India, *Journal of Development Studies*, 48(1): 151-163, 2012
- Human Capital and Ethnic Self-Identification of Migrants, *Economics Letters*, 98(3): 235-239, 2008 (with Amelie Constant, Liliya Gataullina, Klaus F. Zimmermann)
- Ethnic Self-Identification of First-Generation Immigrants, *International Migration Review*, 41(3): 769-781, 2007 (with Amelie Constant, Klaus F. Zimmermann)

## WORKING PAPERS

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- Why Guarantee Employment? Evidence from a Large Indian Public-Works Program
  - Guest Post on Development Impact Blog (December 2013)
  - Earlier version of paper featured in *ADAPT International Bulletin 33/2012* (November 2012), *IZA Compact* (December 2012)
- Guns and Butter? Fighting Violence with the Promise of Development (with Gaurav Khanna)
  - Guest Post on Ideas for India Blog (April 2015)
- Jai Ho? The Impact of a Large Public-Works Program on the Government's Election Performance in India
- Remember When It Rained: The Elusiveness of Gender Discrimination in Indian School Enrollment, IZA Discussion Paper No. 6833 (September 2012)
- It's a Boy! Women and Non-Monetary Benefits from a Son in India, IZA Discussion Paper No. 6847 (September 2012)

Demographic Challenges Facing the Elderly in Sub-Saharan Africa (with David Lam and Rebecca Thornton)

Clash of Cultures: Muslims and Christians in the Ethnosizing Process (with Amelie Constant, Liliya Gataullina, Klaus F. Zimmermann), IZA Discussion Paper No. 2350 (September 2006)

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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Rainfall Shocks in Indonesia (with Raj Arunachalam)

Intra-Household Gender Discrimination in India

## TEACHING

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### University of Georgia

*Politics of Development* (INTL 4320) (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)

*Development Economics* (ECON 4200) (Spring 2015)

### University of Michigan

Graduate Student Instructor for *Government Regulation of Industry* (undergraduate) (2012)

Graduate Student Instructor for *Introduction to Macroeconomics* (undergraduate) (2010)

Graduate Student Instructor for *European Economy* (undergraduate) (2009)

### Other

Teaching Assistant for *Analysis of Census and Survey Data for Social Science Research*, taught for university faculty and government research staff in Ghana (2011)

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

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2015: American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference (Oxford), 10th IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, United States Institute of Peace (USIP) and the Empirical Studies of Conflict Project (ESOC) Policy Meeting, University of Georgia (Agricultural Economics)

2014: 10th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (Delhi), College of William and Mary, Denison University, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, The MGNREGA in India: Taking Stock, Looking Ahead (Mumbai), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Eighth Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop, University of Cambridge, University of Georgia, University of Illinois at Chicago, Uppsala University, Workshop on India's Maoist Insurgency (Princeton), World Bank

2013: Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference (Oxford), Economic Development Seminar (University of Michigan), Informal Development Seminar (University of Michigan), Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting

2012: 8th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (Delhi), Informal Development Seminar (University of Michigan), Informal Labor Lunch (University of Michigan), Midwest Economic Association Conference, Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2x)

2011: 7th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (Delhi), Sixth African Population Conference (Ouagadougou), 6th IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development (Mexico City), Delhi School of Economics, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations

(Delhi), Indian Statistical Institute (Delhi), Institute for the Study of Labor Brownbag Seminar (Bonn), Midwest Economic Association Conference, Population Association of America Annual Meeting

2010: Informal Development Seminar (University of Michigan), Midwest Economic Association Conference

2007: European Society for Population Economics XXI Annual Conference

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS**

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### **Professional Experience**

Research Assistant for David Lam, University of Michigan (Summer 2010, September 2010 - August 2011)

Research Assistant for Raj Arunachalam, University of Michigan (Summer 2009)

Intern, IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor), Bonn; assigned to the migration program, and member of a working group in the research program on 'The Economics and Persistence of Migrant Ethnicity' (Summer 2006)

### **Service**

Referee for: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Child and Society*, *Economics Bulletin*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economic Systems*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *International Journal of Social Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*, *Labour Economics*, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, *Population Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *World Bank Economic Review*

Reviewer for: *South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE)*

Co-Student Organizer of Informal Development Seminar, University of Michigan (January 2011 - June 2012)

### **Affiliations**

Population Studies Center Trainee (University of Michigan) (February 2011 - July 2014)

IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor, Bonn) Research Affiliate (December 2006 - July 2015)

IZA Research Fellow since July 2015

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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Rackham One-Term Fellowship (Fall 2013)

Rackham Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (2012-2013)

Marshall Weinberg Research Fellowship (2012)

Small Grant Program for Ph.D. Students, Department of Economics, University of Michigan (2011)

Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop Grant for the Informal Development Seminar (2011-2012, 2012-2013)

Rackham Conference Travel Grant (2010, 2011, 2012, 2014)

UGA OVPR Foreign Travel Assistance Program (2015)

International Institute Conference Travel Award (2012, 2013, 2014)

Midwest Political Science Association Conference Fee Waiver Scholarship (2014)

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Citizenship: Germany

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), French (intermediate), Hindi (basic)