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APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Economics, Middlebury College, 2017 – present

Research Affiliate, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), 2019-present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Public Policy, Harvard University, May 2017

Primary Fields: Labor Economics, Development Economics, Behavioral Economics

Committee: Rema Hanna, Larry Katz, Asim Khwaja, Michael Kremer

MPA in International Development, Harvard Kennedy School, 2010

Diplom in Economics, Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena, 2008

PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

“Bridging the Intention-Behavior Gap: Increasing Job Search and Employment through Action Planning” with R.Burger, E.Carranza, P.Piraino; *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 11 (2): 284-301.

“Unintended Labor Supply Effects of Cash Transfer Programs: Evidence from South Africa's Old Age Pension”; *Journal of African Economies* (Accepted).

“The Value of Reference Letters: Experimental Evidence from South Africa” with R.Burger, P.Piraino; *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* (Accepted).

“Long-run Effects of Forced Resettlement: Evidence from Apartheid South Africa”; *Journal of Economic History* (Accepted).

WORKING PAPERS

“(De-)Biasing on a Roll: Changing Gambling Behavior through Experiential Learning” with S.Cole, B.Zia.; *Submitted*.

“Labor Market Discrimination and Sorting: Evidence from South Africa”. *Submitted*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Youth Employment in South Africa” (2014) with M.Blair, R.Fabregas, K.Gumede, M.Leibbrandt ; in *Youth and Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa: Working but Poor*; Routledge.

“China's Development Policy in Africa” (2008) with G.Pehnel; SA Institute for International Affairs.

ONGOING WORK

“Barriers to Female Labor Force Participation and Employment in Saudi Arabia (with H.Esper, R. Hanna and R. Pande)

“Overconfidence and Wage Expectations” (with R.Burger, E.Carranza, P.Piraino)

“Race and Gender Discrimination from Below”

PRESENTATIONS

2018: U Vermont, U Mass Amherst (NEEW), U Zurich, Williams College

2017: World Bank, Tufts (NEUDC), Middlebury College, Stockholm School of Economics, Bates College,

2016: MIT (NEUDC), Bowdoin College, U Mass Amherst (NEEW), Vassar College (LACDEV)

2015: Brown U (NEUDC), UC San Diego (PacDev), U Cape Town, Stellenbosch U

2014: Boston U (NEUDC), Yale U, Oxford (CSAE)

RESEARCH GRANTS

2016 - present: Research Grant from Saudi Arabia Labor Market Research Fund, joint with R.Hanna and R.Pande

2015 - 2017: Research Grant from Gender Innovation Lab (World Bank), joint with R.Burger and P.Piraino

2014 - 2017: Research Grant of Programme to Support Pro-poor Policy (South Africa), joint with R.Burger and P.Piraino

REFEREEING

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, World Bank Economic Review, World Development

TEACHING

Microeconomic Theory, Middlebury College (2017-2019)

Economics of Discrimination, Middlebury College (2017-2019)

Economic Development Policy Design (2016), Harvard University (TF)

Econometrics (2011), University of Cape Town

Introductory Economics (2009), Harvard University (TF), *Distinction in Teaching Award*

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Manager, J-PAL Africa, Cape Town, Wouth Africa, 2010-2012

Consultant, UNICEF, Jaipur, India, 2009

Visiting Scholar, Institute for the World Economy, Kiel Germany, 2007