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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2007- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Case Western Reserve University

EDUCATION

2007 Ph.D., Boston University, Economics
Dissertation Title: "Essays on Inequality: Trade Liberalization and Human Capital"
2002 B.A., Università degli Studi Milano-Bicocca, Economics, *magna cum laude*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, International Trade

SUBMITTED PAPERS

"Endogenous Fertility, Inequality and Human Capital," with Dilip Mookherjee and Debraj Ray, October 2009.

"Who Benefited More from NAFTA: Small or Large Farmers? Evidence from Mexico," October 2009.

"Effects of NAFTA on Agricultural Wages and Employment in Mexico," October 2009.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"The Evolution of Aspirations through Social Interactions: Evidence from Mexico," with Carlos Chiapa and José Luis Garrido, October 2009.

"Childhood Obesity, Parents' Knowledge and Report Cards," with Heather Royer
Supported by a small-grant from the Russell Sage Foundation Behavioral Economics Roundtable

"Self-Control and Nutritional Knowledge: What Influences Children Food Consumption?" with Heather Royer
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"Microsavings Products and Market Failures: Evidence from Nepal"
Supported by a Thematic Area grant from the Weatherhead School of Management

"Microsavings Products and Networks: Evidence from Nepal"
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GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2009-2010 Thematic Area grant, Weatherhead School of Management (\$17,000)
2009-2010 Russel Sage Behavioral Economics Small Grant(\$5,000)
2008-2010 Mexican Federal grant (\$20,000) (joint with Hospital Infantil de México Federico Gómez)
2007-2008 NSF-Advance grant (\$12,000)
2002-2007 Teaching Fellowship, Boston University
2006 Charles P. Huse Fellowship, Boston University
2005-2006 Special Research Fellowship, Boston University
2005 Paul Rosenstein-Rodan prize for best essay in Development Economics, Institute for Economic Development, Boston University
2004-2005 Summer Research Award, Boston University
2001 Giordano dell'Amore Foundation Scholarship for B.A. Thesis field work in Bangladesh
1999-2001 Scholarship as outstanding student, Istituto per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario (ISU), Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca

OLDER WORKS

“Social Sectors and Poverty in Armenia: from Equity in Access to Equity in Quality,” with Diego Angel-Urdinola and Shweta Jain, Human Development Working Paper, ECA Region, World Bank, March 2006.

“Generational Accounting in the ECA Region,” with Mukesh Chawla, Nandini Krishnan, Pietro Rizza and Rezeda Zakirova, Human Development Working Paper, ECA Region, World Bank, November 2005.

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2009: Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (Tufts University), Cleveland State University, Kent State University.

2008: Mexican Chapter of the LACEA-Network on Inequality and Poverty (El Colegio de Mexico), Northeast Ohio Economic Workshop, 5th Midwest International Economic Development, (University of Wisconsin- Madison).

2007: Williams College, École Polytechnique (Paris), Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Universidad de Alicante, CIDE (Mexico City), Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (CEPAL), United Nations (Mexico City), The Econometric Society Meeting for Latin America (Bogota), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (Harvard University).