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EDUCATION

- 2006–present **Doctor of Philosophy in Economics, Oxford University, Oxford, UK**
- Ph.D. Thesis: *Essays in Law, Institutions and Conflict*. (Supervisors: Paul Collier and Stefan Dercon)
 - Research interests: Development Economics, Political Economy, Law and Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics
- 2002–04 **Master of Philosophy in Economics, Oxford University, Oxford, UK (on Rhodes Scholarship)**
- M.Phil. thesis: *Decentralization and Accountability in Indian Fiscal Federalism: A Principal-Agent Analysis*. (Supervisors: Paul Collier and Margaret Meyer)
- 1997–01 **Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Economics, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan**
- Honors thesis: *Growth vs Equity: Distributive Mechanisms in Development Paradigms, 1776-1960*.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2011 Marie Curie Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm University
- 2010–11 Wingate Fellowship
- 2009–10 Departmental Teaching Fellowship, Oxford University
- 2002–04, 06–07 Rhodes Scholarship
- 2007–08 Departmental Teaching Fellowship, Oxford University
- 2004 Distinction in M.Phil. Thesis, Oxford University
- 2001 Gold Medal, Lahore University of Management Sciences
- 1998–2001 National Merit Scholarship, Lahore University of Management Sciences
- 1997–2001 Dean's Honors List, Lahore University of Management Sciences

RESEARCH PROJECTS AND GRANTS AWARDED

- 2009–present **Randomized controlled trial of two non-financial incentive mechanisms to improve health service delivery in Sierra Leone**
with Oeindrila Dube (NYU), Vivek Maru (World Bank) and Johannes Haufhoser (JPAL)
- \$235,000 grant from International Growth Centre, *Incentivizing Health Service Delivery in Sierra Leone*
 - \$524,000 grant from Government of Sierra Leone (via World Bank)
- 2009–present **Randomized controlled trial of a community reconciliation program**
with Oeindrila Dube (NYU) and Jacobus Cilliers (Oxford)
- \$238,000 grant from International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), *Does Reconciliation Affect Conflict and Development? Evidence from a Field Experiment in Sierra Leone*
- 2008–present **Randomized controlled trial of a mobile community paralegal program in Liberia**
Impact evaluation of a criminal justice paralegal program in Sierra Leone
with Justin Sandefur (Center for Global Development)
- \$185,000 grant from International Growth Centre, *Law without Lawyers: Improving Access to Justice in Liberia and Sierra Leone*
 - \$156,000 grant from Open Society Justice Initiative, *Evaluation of Timap Criminal Justice Pilot*
 - \$20,000 grant from International Development Law Organization, *Customary Justice and Legal Empowerment in Liberia*

RESEARCH AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

- 2008–present **Research Officer, Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford University, Oxford, UK**
- Designed and implemented randomized controlled trials of multiple development interventions in Sierra Leone and Liberia.
 - Conducted background research on institutions and growth.
 - Developed policy publications on the Centre's research for dissemination to a broad policy audience
- 2009–10 **Research Consultant, Open Society Justice Initiative, Budapest, Hungary**
- Designed and implemented a quasi-experimental impact evaluation of criminal justice paralegal program in Sierra Leone.

- 2007–08 **Consultant, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Vienna, Austria**
- Wrote background paper on growth impact of ‘trade in tasks’ for 2008 *Industrial Development Report*.
- 2005–06 **Research Assistant, Center for Global Development, Washington, DC, USA**
- Researched foreign aid (with Steven Radelet); asset inequality (with Nancy Birdsall) and health and education governance (with Maureen Lewis).
 - Assisted in the editing and development of book chapters for *Economics of Development (6th Ed)*.
 - Monitored the Millennium Challenge Account and the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Regularly interacted with US government offices to inform policymakers in this capacity.
- 2004–05 **Junior Professional, Industrial Strategy Task Force, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan**
- Researched and authored several sections of the Pakistan government’s industrial strategy.
 - Steered and coordinated a team of seven junior professionals.
- 2001–02 **Research Associate, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan**
- Conceptualized and spearheaded the Social Sciences Curriculum Design project to restructure the undergraduate curriculum. Wrote ten-year strategic plan.
 - Surveyed literature, edited and wrote background papers for departmental research projects.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2007–08, 09–10 **Departmental Teaching Associate, Department of Economics, Oxford University, Oxford, UK**
- Taught *Quantitative Methods* to M.Sc. students. Conducted review sessions, graded assignments, supervised STATA programming classes, provided guidance on M.Sc. thesis.
 - Taught *Economics of Developing Countries* and *Introduction to Mathematical Methods* courses to first and final-year B.A. students. Conducted weekly tutorials, graded collections and weekly assignments.
- 2008–09 **Visiting Lecturer, Dept. of Economics & Internat’l Studies, University of Buckingham, Buckingham, UK**
- Taught *Policy Issues in Less Developed Economies* to final-year B.A. students. Delivered weekly lectures and tutorials, designed and marked assignments and final exam.
- 2008 **Teaching Associate, Department of International Development, Oxford University, Oxford, UK**
- Taught *Quantitative Methods* and *Intermediate Economic Theory* courses to M.Phil. students. Conducted tutorials and marked essays.
- 2000-01 **Teaching Assistant, Dept of Economics, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan**
- Taught *Development Economics* and *History of Economic Thought* courses to final-year B.A. students. Conducted review sessions, graded research papers and midterms

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Affiliations

- Research Affiliate, Innovations for Poverty Action
- Research Affiliate and Sierra Leone Country Team Member, International Growth Centre
- Research Officer, Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford

Presentations

- Midwest International Economic Development Conference, 2011
- Centre for the Study of African Economies Annual Conferences and Seminars, 2008-10
- GWU/USIP Conference on Customary Justice and Legal Pluralism in Post-Conflict and Fragile Societies, 2009
- Economic History Society Annual Conference, 2008

WRITING

Journal articles

“Global Fund Grant Programmes: An Analysis of Evaluation Scores” (with Steven Radelet). *Lancet*, 369, June 2007, pp. 1807-13.

Working papers

“Colonial Land Rights and Long-Run Development” (with Ali Cheema, Asjad Naqvi and Farooq Naseer)
 “Forum Shopping and Legal Pluralism” (with Justin Sandefur)
 “Go Green, Buy Foreign: Measuring the Climate Impacts of Global Trade” (with Justin Sandefur)

Book chapters

“Public Health Reform and Worker Motivation in Sierra Leone” (with Natalie Quinn and Gibrill Jalloh) and “Improving the Justice Sector: Law and Institution Building in Sierra Leone” (with Alaina Varvaloucas, Simeon Koroma and Momo

Turay), in Paul Collier, Omotunde Johnson and Sheku Sesay (eds.) *Policy Options for a Prosperous Sierra Leone* (forthcoming 2012)

“Rights or Remedies? Shopping for Justice in Liberia’s Dualistic Legal System” (with Justin Sandefur). 2011. In Erica Harper (ed.), *Working with Customary Justice Systems Post-Conflict and Fragile States*. International Development Law Organization.

Policy and other publications

Customary Justice and the Rule of Law in Liberia (with Michael Best, Justin Sandefur, Grant Gordon, Johnny Ndebe, Alaina Varvaloucas and Andrew Zeitlin). Centre for the Study of African Economies. September 2009.

US Development Aid and the Millennium Challenge Account: Emerging Trends in Appropriations (with Kaysie Brown and Myra Sessions). 2006. Washington DC: Center for Global Development

“Aiding Development: Tracking the Flows.” *Finance and Development*, 42(3), September 2005. Washington DC: IMF and World Bank.

US Pledges of Aid to Africa: Let’s Do the Numbers (with Steven Radelet). 2005. Washington DC: Center for Global Development

Round Three of the MCA: Which Countries Are Most Likely to Qualify in FY 2006 (with Steven Radelet and Kaysie Brown). 2005. Washington DC: Center for Global Development

The New Global Governance Indicators and the Possible Impact on MCA Qualification (with Steven Radelet and Mvemba Dizolele). 2005. Washington DC: Center for Global Development

Towards a Prosperous Pakistan: A Strategy for Rapid Industrial Growth (with Ijaz Nabi, Ali Cheema, Anjum Nasim, Faisal Bari et. al.). 2005. Islamabad: Ministry of Industries, Government of Pakistan

Public Expenditure Allocation in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas 1990-1999 (with Ali Cheema and Hammad Rahman). 2002. Islamabad: National Reconstruction Bureau, Government of Pakistan

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Computer and database skills

- STATA 11, CPro 4.0, Pocket Survey, Mathematica 5.0, LaTeX
- UN COMTRADE, UNIDO Industrial Statistics, OECD/DAC, PovCalNet, WDI, GDF, IFS, WEO, LSMS and DHS

Public speaking

- Coach, Pakistan debating team (Seoul 2007, Calgary 2005); Grand Finals adjudicator, All Asians (Bangkok 2002); World Universities Debating Championships (Glasgow 2001, Sydney 2000)

Languages

- English (excellent), Urdu (native), Hindi (fluent)

REFERENCES

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