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PROFESSIONAL POSITION Harvard Business School
BGIE Assistant Professor
Start date: July 2017

POST DOCTORAL STUDIES Yale University
Economic Growth Center

DOCTORAL STUDIES Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
PhD, Economics, Completed September 2015
DISSERTATION: “Essays in Health and Development Economics”
Dissertation Committee: Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo, Benjamin Olken

PRIOR EDUCATION Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA USA
S.B., Economics, 2005-2009

CITIZENSHIP American **GENDER:** Female

LANGUAGES English (native), Bengali (fluent)

FIELDS Primary Field: Development Economics
Secondary Field: Labor Economics

RELEVANT POSITIONS Post Doctoral Associate at Economic Growth Center, Yale University. 2015-2017
Research Assistant to Professor Erica Field, Harvard University. 2009-2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) Executive Education Course on Evaluating Social Programs. Teaching Assistant. Summer 2010
Applied Econometrics and Graduate Development Economics Tutor, Stanford University. Fall 2010

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS	Fellowships:	
	USAID Research and Innovation Fellowship	2014-2015
	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2010-2015
	Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans	2010-2012
	Burchard Scholar in the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, MIT	2007-2008

Grants:

Evenson Fund, Yale University	2016
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)	2016
Urban Services Initiative (USI) J-PAL Grant	2014, 2015
Weiss Family Fund, Harvard University	2013, 2014
Schultz Fund, MIT	2013, 2014
Private Enterprise Development in Low Income Countries (PEDL) Exploratory Grant	2013
Asian Development Bank (ADB) – Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Evaluation Grant	2013
Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative (ATAI) Pilot Grant	2012

**PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES**

Invited Presentations:

Harvard Business School (BGIE Unit); Harvard Business School (NOM Unit); Columbia University (SIPA); University of Michigan; UCSD	2017
Georgetown University (SFS); MIT; Advances in Field Experiments (UChicago); Behavioral Economics and Global Health (CEGA – UC Berkeley); NEUDC	2016
International Health Economics Association (iHEA) Conference	2015
Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference; PODER Behavioral and Experimental Economics in Development Conference and Summer School	2014
Private Enterprise Development in Low Income Countries (PEDL) Conference; Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative (ATAI) Partnership Development Conference	2013

Referee Activities:

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Science

PUBLICATIONS

“The Impact of Training Informal Healthcare Providers in India: A Randomized Controlled Trial” with Jishnu Das, Abhijit Chowdhury, and Abhijit Banerjee. *Science*, October 2016.
Press: [BBC World News](#); [The Hindu](#)

“Thar’ She Blows: Can Bubbles be Rekindled with Experienced Subjects?” with David Porter and Vernon Smith. *American Economic Review*, June 2008.
Press: [The Atlantic Magazine](#); [Business Insider](#)

**RESEARCH
PAPERS**

“Habit Formation and Rational Addiction in Handwashing” (Job Market Paper) (with Atonu Rabbani, Giovanni Reggiani, and Natalia Rigol)

“Marry Rich, Poor Girl: The Implications of Sex Selection for Girls’ Later Life Outcomes in India”

“Throwing the Baby out with the Drinking Water: Unintended Consequences of Arsenic Mitigation Efforts in Bangladesh” (with Erica Field and Rachel Glennerster)

“The Cream of the Crop: Targeting High Ability Entrepreneurs Using Microcredit Group Information” (with Natalia Rigol and Benjamin Roth)

**RESEARCH IN
PROGRESS**

“Spillovers from the Nursery: Transferring Hygiene Practices from School to Home” (with David Levine and Sami Safiullah)

“Hygiene Media and Targeting: Examining Agency in the Household” (with Abu Shonchoy and Chikako Yamauchi)