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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

2016-present: Assistant Professor, University of California, Davis

AFFILIATIONS:

2018-present: Affiliate, Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA)

2018-present: Affiliate, UC Davis Data Science Initiative

2018-present: Associate Fellow, Institute of Development & Economic Alternatives (IDEAS), Pakistan

EDUCATION:

PhD in economics, University of California, San Diego, 2016. Thesis: "Improving governance in fragile states through transparency: evidence from field and natural experiments"

Master in Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2009. Thesis: "Developing a New Merit-Based Scholarship Program: Understanding Student Incentives in Order to Target Post-Enrollment Outcomes for Community College Students"

Bachelor of Arts, University of California, Berkeley, with honors, 2007. Major: Rhetoric. Thesis: "The Language Surrounding Propositions 209 & 54 in California"

PUBLICATIONS:

"Connecting Isolated Communities: Quantitative Evidence on the Adoption of Community Cellular Networks in the Philippines." (Joint with Niall Keleher, Mary Claire Barela, Joshua Blumenstock, Cedric Festin, Matthew Podolsky, Erin Troland, and Kurtis Heimerl). *Proceedings of the Eleventh International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development*

"Can Political Alignment be Costly?" (Joint with Michael Callen and Saad Gulzar). *Forthcoming, Journal of Politics*

"Data and Policy Decisions: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan" (Joint with Michael Callen, Saad Gulzar, Ali Hasanain, and Yasir Khan). *Forthcoming, Journal of Development Economics*

"Election Fairness and Government Legitimacy in Afghanistan" (Joint with Eli Berman, Michael Callen, Clark Gibson, and James D. Long). *Forthcoming, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*

WORKING PAPERS:

"Choosing Ungoverned Space: Pakistan's Frontier Crimes Regulation" (Joint with Jacob Shapiro, Michael Callen, Saad Gulzar, and Yasir Khan). *Under review*

“No bulls: Experimental evidence on the impact of veterinarian rankings in Pakistan” (Joint with Ali Hasanain and Yasir Khan). *Under review*

“Personalities and Public Sector Performance: Evidence from a Health Experiment in Pakistan” (Joint with Michael Callen, Saad Gulzar, Ali Hasanain, and Yasir Khan). *NBER Working Paper 21180*

“The Political Economy of Public Sector Absence: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan” (Joint with Michael Callen, Saad Gulzar, Ali Hasanain, and Yasir Khan). *NBER Working Paper 22340*

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

“Beyond Data Collection: Bringing actionable insights to immunisation supervisors” (Joint with Mustafa Naseem). *Funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

“Catching data-driven cheating: Machine learning detection of falsified immunization e-records” (Joint with Mustafa Naseem). *Funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

“*Development Engineering*” (book co-editor and case-study author). Springer. *Expected publication 2021*

"Employer beliefs, employee training, and labor market outcomes: A field experiment with small firms in Uganda" (Joint with Andrew Brownback, Sarojini Hirshleifer, and Benjamin Kachero). *Funding from CEPA/EASST, J-Pal Post Primary Education, PEDL (Exploratory), and PEDL (Major Research Grant)*

“Forecasts: Consumption, Production, and Behavioral Responses” (Joint with Husnain Fateh, Matthew Gibson, Fatiq Naseem, and Sanval Nasim). *Funding from J-Pal Governance Initiative, Lahore University of Management Sciences, and the International Growth Center*

“Impact evaluation of Super Abbu: A speech based MNCH platform in Pakistan” (Joint with Agha Ali Raza and Mustafa Naseem). *Funding from the US National Institutes of Health*

"The Impact of Mobile Phones; Experimental Evidence from the Random Assignment of New Cell Towers" (Joint with Joshua Blumenstock, Niall Keleher, and Erin Troland). *Funding from the Development Impact Lab, Gates Foundation, and USAID*

HONORS AND GRANTS:

2019: Grant Challenges Exploration Grant, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (Co-PI)

2018: Research Grant, International Growth Center (Co-PI)

2018: Grant Challenges Exploration Grant, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (Co-PI)

2018: Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award (R21), National Institute of Health (Lead-PI)

2018: Major Research Grant, Policy Design and Evaluation Lab (PDEL) (Lead-PI)

2017: Exploratory Research Grant, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab Post-Primary Education Initiative (Co-PI)

2017: Research Grant, US Agency for International Development Nethope (Co-PI)

2016: Junior Faculty Research Grant, UC Davis Institute for Social Sciences (PI)

2016: Research Grant, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Financial Inclusion Initiative (Co-PI)

2015: Best Poster Award, Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference

2015: Research Grant, Policy Design and Evaluation Lab (PDEL), UC San Diego (Co-PI)

2015: Exploratory Grant, Private Enterprise Development for Low-Income Countries (PEDL) (Co-PI)

2015: 2015-16 Herb York Global Security Fellowship, UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation

2015: Clive Granger Research Fellowship, UC San Diego

2015: Research Grant, East Africa Social Science Translation (EASST) Secretariat acting on behalf of the Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) (Co-PI)
 2015: Travel Grant, J-PAL Governance Initiative
 2014: Graduate Student Association Travel Grant, UC San Diego
 2014: Exploratory Grant, Private Enterprise Development for Low-Income Countries (PEDL) (Co-PI)
 2014: Adoption Grant, Agricultural Technology and Adoption Initiative (ATAI) (Co-PI)
 2013: Pilot Grant, Agricultural Technology and Adoption Initiative (ATAI) (Co-PI)
 2013: Department Travel Award, UC San Diego
 2013: Visiting Graduate Researcher, Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA), UC Berkeley
 2012: Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, UC San Diego
 2011: Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, UC San Diego
 2010: Tuition Scholarship, UC San Diego
 2008: Calhoun Summer Fellowship, John F. Kennedy School of Government
 2007-2009: Public Policy and International Affairs (PIIA) Fellowship, John F. Kennedy School of Government
 2007: Phi Beta Kappa, UC Berkeley

TEACHING:

2017-2021: Economic Development in Weak States (graduate and undergraduate) and Intermediate Microeconomics, UC Davis
 2010-2011: TA, Intermediate Microeconomics, the Economics of Immigration, UC San Diego
 2008-2009: TA, Economics Analysis of Public Policy, Markets and Market Failures advanced section, John F. Kennedy School of Government

CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS:

2020: University of California, Berkeley, departmental seminar, Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC)
 2019: World Bank GovTech Conference, University of California, Irvine, departmental seminar, University of Southern California development seminar
 2018: Quality of Governance Conference at Stanford University, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) annual meeting, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE)
 2017: USC Sol Price School of Public Policy, Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) Evidence to Action event, The Conference on Digital Experimentation at MIT (CODE@MIT)
 2016: Development Impact Lab Research Scientists Meeting, Workshop 'Prosocial Motivation at Work', Erasmus School of Economics
 2015: Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Annual Meeting, Summer School in Development Economics (SSDEV), Barcelona Graduate School of Economics (GSE) Summer Forum Political Institutions workshop, Berkeley Center for Economics and Politics (BCEP) 2015 Conference (poster), 2015 North-American Economic Science Association Conference, Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC) (poster)
 2014: Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Annual Meeting, International Growth Center (IGC) Political Economy Meeting, Lahore Economic Development Research Seminars (LEDRS), The Conference on Digital Experimentation at MIT (CODE@MIT), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC), Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries (SEEDEC)
 2013: Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC)