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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

Jul 2011-

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Affairs

Jul 2008-Jun 2011

Department of Economics and

The Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Visiting Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Government

Winter 2011

YALE UNIVERSITY

Visiting Fellow, Economic Growth Center

Fall 2010

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND

Junior Lecturer, Department of Economics

1999-2002

RHODES UNIVERSITY

Junior Lecturer, Department of Economics

1997-1998

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of Michigan, 2008

M.Comm., Economics, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, 2001

B.A. (Honors), Economics, Politics and Journalism, Rhodes University, South Africa, 1997

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development economics, labor economics

AFFILIATIONS

Research Affiliate, International Growth Centre, London School of Economics

May 2016-

Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

November 2014-

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)

April 2013-

Research Affiliate, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development

April 2010-

Research Affiliate, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)

October 2009-

Research Affiliate, South African Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU)

University of Cape Town

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- “The long run effects of labor migration on human capital accumulation in communities of origin” with Martine Mariotti, forthcoming, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* December 2015
- “Long run health repercussions of drought shocks: Evidence from South African homelands”, forthcoming, *The Economic Journal* July 2015
- “Migration, congestion externalities and the evaluation of spatial investments” with Sam Schulhofer-Wohl, *Journal of Development Economics*, May 2015, Vol. 114: 189-202
- “Investing in schooling in Chile: The role of information about financial aid for higher education” with Claudia Martínez A., *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, May 2014, Vol. 96 No. 2: 244-257
- “Evidence on the impact of minimum wage laws in an informal sector: Domestic workers in South Africa” with Vimal Ranchhod, *Journal of Development Economics*, September 2012, Vol. 99 Issue 1: 27-45
- “The effects of rural electrification on employment: New evidence from South Africa”, *American Economic Review* December 2011, Vol. 101 No. 7: 3078–3108
- “Linking Poverty and Income Shocks to Risky Sexual Behavior: Evidence from a Panel Study of Young Adults in Cape Town” with David Lam and Murray Leibbrandt, *South African Journal of Economics* September 2008, Vol. 76: S1: 53-74
- “How household context affects search outcomes of the unemployed in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa: A panel data analysis” *South African Journal of Economics* September 2004 Vol. 72: No. 3: 484-521
- “Individual, household and regional determinants of labour force attachment in South Africa: Evidence from the 1997 October Household Survey” with Farah Pirouz, *South African Journal of Economics* June 2002 Vol. 70: No. 5: 865-891

WORKING PAPERS AND PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- “The effects of financial aid and returns information in selective and less selective schools: Experimental evidence from Chile” with Matias Busso, Claudia Martínez A. and Dario Romero, December 2015, Revise and Resubmit at *Labour Economics*
- “Why are fewer married women joining the workforce in India? A decomposition analysis over two decades” with Farzana Afridi and Kanika Mahajan, December 2015, Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Population Economics*
- “Labor migration, capital accumulation and the structure of rural labor markets” with Grace Kumchulesi and Martine Mariotti, December 2015, Draft available on request

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Papás al Día: Using text messages to improve parent-school communication” with Samuel Berlinski, Matias Busso and Claudia Martínez A.

“Reliability of power in sub-Saharan Africa” with Moussa Blimpo and B. Kelsey Jack

“Electricity and complementary appliances: Diffusion in an African setting” with Martin Wittenberg and Mark Collinson

“Effects of infrastructure maintenance: Upgrading the electricity grid in Azerbaijan” with Robyn Meeks and Nistha Sinha

PERMANENT WORKING PAPERS

“A model for understanding gender discrepancies in sexual behavior reports” with David Lam, Manuscript January 2009

“When knowledge is not enough: HIV/AIDS information and risky behavior in Botswana” with Jim Levinsohn and Rolang Majelantle, NBER Working Paper No. 12418 August 2006

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“New cellular networks in Malawi: Correlates of service rollout and network performance” (with Dimitrios Batzilis, Rebecca Thornton, Emily Oster), chapter 6 in African Successes: Modernization and Development, 2016 (eds.) S. Edwards, S. Johnson, and D. Weil. University Of Chicago Press

“Rethinking Infrastructure for Development by François Bourguignon and Boris Pleskovic”, Book Review in *Journal of Economic Literature* December 2008, Vol. XLVI No. 4: 1021

“Household and community income, economic shocks and risky sexual behavior of young adults: Evidence from the Cape Area Panel Study 2002 and 2005”, with David Lam and Murray Leibbrandt *AIDS*, November 2007, Vol. 21 No. S7: S49-S56

GRANTS AND AWARDS

External

Spencer Foundation (Co-PI): “Leveraging school-generated data to improve parent-school communication and schooling outcomes” with Samuel Berlinski, Matias Busso and Claudia Martínez A., 2015-2016: \$49,990

JPAL Post-Primary Education Initiative Award (Co-PI): “SMS-Based School-Household Communication Technology” with Claudia Martínez A. and Matias Busso, 2014-2016: \$220,248

DFID (PI): “Labor migration and structural change in rural labor markets: Evidence from Malawi” IZA/GLM Growth and Labour Markets in Low Income Countries Programme, 2013-2015, \$320,000

National Institutes of Health, NICHD (PI): “Market Integration and the long-term health impacts of drought”, R03-HD069060, 2011-2013: \$161,000

International Growth Center (PI): “Dynamics of development: Infrastructure, migration and crowding” with Sam Schulhofer-Wohl. 2010-2012: ~ US \$99,000

PEP-IDB (Co-PI): “Initiatives to reduce adolescent pregnancy in Chile” with Claudia Martínez A. 2009-2011: \$20,000

Inter-American Development Bank (Co-PI): “Investing in secondary schooling in Chile” with Claudia Martínez A. 2009-2010: \$65,000

NBER African Successes Project (Co-PI): “Cell-phones in Malawi” with Emily Oster and Rebecca Thornton 2008-2011: \$50,000

National Science Foundation (NSF): Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, 2007: \$10,000

Internal

Dartmouth College

Rockefeller-Haney Fellowship, 2016

Junior Faculty Fellowship, 2015

Burke Research Award, 2011-2014

Princeton University, Center for Economic Policy Studies

“Investing in secondary schooling in Chile” 2009: \$20,000

University of Michigan

Rackham Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2008

Eva Mueller Award - New Directions in Demography and Economics, 2007

Marshall Weinberg International Research Prize, 2007

Rackham Travel Grant, 2005 and 2007

Gail R. Wilensky Fellowship in Health Economics, 2006

Summer Research Assistantship, Department of Economics, 2003 and 2004

Award for one of the Top Ten Graduate Student Instructors, 2003

Fogarty Fellowship in Economic Demography, Population Studies Center, 2002

Graduate Student Fellowship, 2002

University of the Witwatersrand

International Study Fellowship, 2002

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2016 American Economic Association Annual Meetings (two sessions) (San Francisco), IFPRI (Washington DC), Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings (Seattle), UC-Denver

2015 Williams College, Georgetown University, NBER Summer Institute (Children/Labor Studies Meetings), Boston University, Wellesley College, First IZA/DFID GLM-LIC Research Conference on New Research on Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries, The World Bank 8th International Conference on Migration and Development (DC)

- 2014 Paris School of Economics, Toulouse School of Economics, University of Namur, Economic Demography Workshop at the Population Association of America meetings (Boston), Migration Workshop and Advances in Micro Development Economics Workshop at the Barcelona GSE Summer Forum
- 2013 Washington University in St. Louis/St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank, Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference (Boston), NBER Summer Institute Development/Children/Labor Meetings, Oxford University, University of Cape Town
- 2012 Columbia University, Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank, Workshop on Urban Mass Housing at Oxford University (Centre for the Study of African Economics), University of Toronto
- 2011 Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, Bocconi University (Milan), Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (Rome), University of Cape Town, University of Michigan, DECRG at the World Bank (Washington D.C.)
- 2010 NBER African Successes conference (Ghana), MIT, Rimini Conference in Economics and Finance (Italy), Harris School of Public Policy Studies (University of Chicago), Yale University, International Conference on Infrastructure Economics and Development (ICIED, Toulouse School of Economics)
- 2009 NBER African Successes conference (Cambridge), Young Empirical Microeconomists' Jamboree (Duke University), Notestein Seminar in the Office of Population Research (Princeton University), Population Association of America meetings (Detroit), University of Virginia, Inter-American Development Bank (Washington DC), IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economics, University of Chile (Santiago, Chile), Michigan State University, University of California-Riverside, Yale University
- 2008 Northeast Universities Development Conference (Boston), Population Association of America meetings (New Orleans), Brown University, Dartmouth College, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard School of Public Health, Institute for International Economic Studies at Stockholm University, London School of Economics, Northwestern University, Penn State University, Princeton University, Resources for the Future (Washington D. C.), Syracuse University, The Harris School of Public Policy Studies, Microeconomics of Growth Network Conference (World Bank, Washington D. C), UCLA, University of Cape Town, University of North-Carolina (Chapel Hill), University of Washington-St Louis
- 2007 Northeast Universities Development Conference (Cambridge), University of KwaZulu-Natal (Durban), University of Michigan/Michigan State University/University of Western Ontario Labor Day (East Lansing), University of Michigan
- 2006 Health, Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division Symposium (HEARD and UNAIDS) on HIV/AIDS and Poverty (Durban, South Africa)
- 2001 Development Policy and Research Unit Annual Conference (Johannesburg, South Africa)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Demographic Research, Demography, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics of Education Review, Economic Journal, Economic Letters, Energy Journal, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Effectiveness, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Literature, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Labour and Development, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Population and Environment, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Science, South African Journal of Economics, World Development

External Reviewer

The Economic and Social Research Council and DFID
The National Science Foundation
The South African National Research Foundation
The World Bank
University of Cape Town: Ph.D. theses in Department of Economics 2008-2009

Discussant

American Economic Association Meetings (San Francisco) 2016
Population Association of America Meetings (DC), 2016
NBER Summer Institute, Development Workshop, 2014
Northeast Universities Development Conference (Boston University) 2014 and Dartmouth College (2012)
American Economic Association Meetings (Atlanta) 2010

Session Organizer

“Internal Migration, Emigration, and Social and Economic Change”, Population Association of America meetings (San Francisco), 2012
“Infrastructure in Developing Countries” for American Economic Association Meetings, 2011

Member

American Economic Association, Population Association of America, Society of Labor Economics
Northeast Universities Development Conference (NEUDC), Program committee (Boston University) 2014, (Dartmouth College) 2012
Department of Economics Governing Committee, University of the Witwatersrand, 2001
Department of Economics Second Year Coordinator, University of the Witwatersrand, 2001-2002

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Current	Econometrics (Undergraduate)
Previous	Economic Development (PhD) Topics in Infrastructure in Developing Countries (PhD) Quantitative Analysis (Masters) Economics of Population, Public Finance, Mathematics and Statistics for Economists, Introductory Microeconomics and Macroeconomics (Undergraduate) Econometrics of Large Household Survey Data (Professional level: Botswana Distance Learning Project for Central Statistics Office analysts) World Bank/DIME Impact Evaluation Workshop: “Infrastructure and evaluation methods” (Kenya, 2012)
Advising	Dartmouth College Presidential Scholars, 2011-2016 Freshman Faculty Advisor, Dartmouth College, 2011, 2012, 2014 Academic advisor and faculty fellow, Whitman College, Princeton University, 2009-2010

PERSONAL

Nationality	South African – US Green Card holder
Spouse	Robert C. Johnson
Children	Two, born 2013 and 2015