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EDUCATION

Stanford University, Department of Political Science, CA, USA, 2006-2013

PhD in Political Science

DISSERTATION: "The Political Economy of Gender-Equalizing Reform in Rural India"

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Prof. Beatriz Magaloni, Prof. Jim Fearon, & Prof. Saumitra Jha

London School of Economics, Development Studies Institute, England, 2004- 2005

MSc in Development Management, *Distinction on Thesis*

Oxford University, Refugee Studies Centre, England, 2003- 2004

MSc in Forced Migration

Mount Holyoke College, MA, USA, 1999- 2003

BA in International Relations and African Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Primary field: Comparative Politics

Secondary fields: Gender, South Asia, Political Economy, International Development, Migration

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2015 – "Accounting for Accountability: Local Government and Social Equity in India," *Asian Survey*, Vol. 55(5), *Special Edition on State Capacity in India*. [Forthcoming]

MANUSCRIPTS & WORKING PAPERS

"States and Gender Revolutions: The Political Economy of Inheritance Reform in India." *Book manuscript*.

Book conference to be held at NYU NY on 21 November, 2015.

Cambridge University Press has expressed interest; planned submission: June 2016.

"Reform and Representation: The Politics of Property Rights' Enforcement in Rural India," (*under review*).

"Does Granting Greater Inheritance Rights to Women Limit Son-preferring Behavior? Evidence from a Natural Experiment in India," with Sanchari Roy (University of Sussex), and Sonia Bhalotra (University of Essex).

“Culture, Capital and the Gender Gap in Political Economy Preferences: Evidence from Meghalaya’s Tribes,” with Nikhar Gaikwad (Yale University).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming – “Land Rights Without Law: Property Rights Institutions, Growth, & Development in India,” in *Law and Development in India*, T. Heller & E. Jensen, Eds. Oxford University Press India.

2009 – “Land Rights Without Laws: Understanding Property Rights Institutions, Growth, & Development in Rural India,” *CDDRL Working Paper No. 98*, February 2009.

2006 – “Audacious Institutions: Negotiating land tenure in pre-conflict Sri Lanka,” *Putting Land First? Exploring the Links Between Land & Poverty*. Conference Proceedings: 6th Annual Symposium on Land & Poverty in Sri Lanka. Centre for Poverty Analysis, Colombo.

RELEVANT POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Political Science, NYU Abu Dhabi, Fall 2013 –Present

Stanford University, Research Assistant

Prof. Saumitra Jha, Graduate School of Business, 2012, “Veterans & Public Goods in Post-Partition India.” Data collection and preliminary analysis of violence-driven institutional change.

Prof. Beatriz Magaloni, Political Science Department, 2009, “Governance & Corruption in Mexico.” Aided development of randomized experiments and list-based survey experiments on governance and corruption across Mexican states.

National Council for Applied Economic Research & IDRC, Doctoral Fellow, Delhi, India, 2010-11
Analyzed constraints to effective local governance regarding inequality in land rights & political participation.

The World Bank, Rural Development Group, Consultant, Andhra Pradesh, India, 2010
Designed a randomized experiment on increasing gender-equalizing land inheritance reform: drafted project framework, survey content, and built local implementation partnerships.

Stanford Center for Democracy, Development & the Rule of Law, Pre-doctoral Fellow, 2007-2008
Wrote chapter in *Law and Development in India* (Forthcoming); Lecturer, Stanford Law School.

MIT Poverty Action Lab, Program Coordinator for Harvard Prof. S. Mullainathan, India, 2005-06
Designed & implemented large-scale randomized experiments in Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu with ICICI Bank & NGOs using behavioral economics to improve access to credit, education and public health, and lower debt.

International Labour Organization, External Collaborator, Geneva, Switzerland, Fall 2000
Authored a Working Paper for the International Institute for Labour Studies on strategies to integrate information economy workers into the ILO’s mandate and protection network.

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

Marshall Scholarship, 2003

Truman Scholarship, 2002

Center for South Asia, Stanford University, Doctoral Student Research Grant, 2012 & 2008

National Council for Applied Economic Research, Doctoral Fellowship, Delhi, India, 2010-11

Center for Democracy, Development & Rule of Law, Stanford University, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, 2007-08

St. Cross College, Oxford University, Research Grant, 2004

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Design & Teaching at NYU Abu Dhabi

"Gender Revolutions and the State in India: POLSC-AD 185J", January Term 2016

"Comparative Politics of South Asia: POLSC-AD 153", Undergraduate Seminar, Fall 2014, 2015

"Justice: Theory and Practice: CORES-AD 64", Fall 2015

"Justice: Political Theory and Practice: POLSC-AD 142", Cross listed with Economics and Social Research & Public Policy, Undergraduate Seminar, Spring 2015

Course Design & Teaching at NYU

"Politics Senior Honors I: POL-UA 950", Undergraduate Honors Seminar, Fall 2013-Spring 2014

Course Design & Teaching at Stanford

"The Political Economy of Development in Rural India", Undergraduate Seminar, Winter 2013

Teaching Assistant at Stanford & MIT

Prof. Diaz-Cayeros, "Introduction to Comparative Politics: PS4", Stanford 2009

Prof. Reich, "Theories of Civil Society, Philanthropy & Nonprofit Sector: PS236", Stanford 2008

Prof. Abernathy, "NGOs and Development: PS 143", Stanford, 2007-08

Prof. Mullainathan, "Evaluating Social Programs", MIT's JPAL Poverty Action Lab in Chennai, India, Executive Education course for Public and Private Sector Professionals, 2007

Guest Lecturer & Teaching Assistant at Stanford

"Islam & the West, PS149S": *Qutb, the Islamic Brotherhood & Secular Modernity in the Arab World*, 2009

"Global Politics of Human Rights, PS141": *Korea to Cuba: US Interrogation Procedures & Law*, 2008-09

"Law & Development in India, LAW 342": *Indian Inheritance Law: Design, Implementation, Impact*, 2008

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2015: Brown-Harvard-MIT Joint Seminar in South Asian Politics ("States and Gender Revolutions"); Midwest Political Science Association ("Do Cultural Norms Explain the Gap in Political Preferences? Evidence from a Matrilineal Society"); APSA ("States and Gender Revolutions")

2014: University of Wisconsin/Madison, Annual South Asia Conference ("States and Gender Revolutions"); APSA (Panel Organizer: "Gender, Political engagement & Public goods across

India," "Does Granting Greater Inheritance Rights to Women Limit Son-preferring Behavior? Evidence from a Natural Experiment in India?")

- 2013: Bristol University, Centre for Market and Public Organization, Political Economy & Public Services Conference ("Gender Equity and Inheritance Reform: Evidence from Rural India")
University of Wisconsin/Madison, Annual South Asia Conference ("Accounting for Accountability: Local Governance & Gender Equality in Rural India"); University of California, Berkeley workshop on State Capacity in India & Yale University, Modern South Asia Workshop ("Gender Equity and Inheritance Reform")
- 2012: APSA ("India Workshop": The Perils of Opinion Surveys in India); Stanford University Center for South Asia, South Asia by the Bay Graduate Student Conference ("Negotiations in Property Rights, Gender & Identity in Rural India"; "Democratic Reform & Information Technology: Catalyst for Progress or Backlash?"); London School of Economics and The School of Oriental and African Studies ("When Reform Works: On the Legal Impact of Gender-Equalizing Property Rights Law in Rural South India")
- 2011: University of Wisconsin/Madison, Annual South Asia Conference ("Gender & Finance"); APSA ("Counter-intuitive Institutional Reform"), Université d'Aix-Marseille, Institute of Public Economics, Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet Conference in Public Economics ("Gender Discrimination"), PRIO, Oslo ("When Reform Works: A Theory of Individual Legal Impact in Rural India")
- 2010: APSA ("Political Participation & Clientelism in Changing Economic Circumstances"); National Council of Applied Economic Research, IDRC & Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India ("Decentralization, Rural Governance and Inclusive Growth")
- 2009: APSA ("Political Engagement & Governance in Developing Democracies"); Stanford Workshop on Law & Economy in India & the Center for Policy Research, New Delhi, India ("Land Rights without Law")

RELEVANT ACTIVITIES

Reviewer, *Journal of Economics & Politics*, 2013-Present.

Convener, "Labor, Migration, and Human Rights" Academic Speaker Series, NYU Abu Dhabi, Spring 2015-Present

Discussant, Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS)-3, NYU NY, Fall 2014

Co-Organizer, Guest Speaker & Presenter, "Technology, Accountability & Democracy in South Asia & Beyond", University of Mumbai, in coordination with Stanford Alumni Association of India, Stanford University and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, 2014

Co-Organizer, "Technology & Democracy in South Asia", Stanford Center for South Asia, 2012

Consultant, Google.org Land Transparency Team, Palo Alto, CA, Spring 2013-Fall 2014

Consultant, Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA), Ahmedabad, India, Winter 2010

Assistant Professor, "Hope House" Halfway House for Women, Menlo Park, CA, Fall 2008

FIELD RESEARCH

INDIA, over 2 years, June-August 2007 and 2008; November 2009 – April 2011; January, October, and December 2014; January and March 2015

North East India: Meghalaya (East Khasi Hills district, Shillong municipality)

North India: Uttar Pradesh (Saharanpur district), Haryana (Yamuna Nagar district), Delhi

South India: Andhra Pradesh (Anantapur, Khammam, Krishna, Ranga Reddy, Vishakhapatnam, and Vizianangaram districts)

SÉNÉGAL, 1 year, September 2001 – June 2002

Dakar (Marché HLM, Ethnography)

Kaolack (Society of Development and Textile Fibers, SODIFITEX)

LANGUAGES

French (Advanced/Intermediate), Hindi (Intermediate), Arabic, German & Wolof (Beginner)