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Undergraduate Studies:

Undergraduate Studies, Commerce, Queen's University at Kingston, 2006-2008
B.A. in Economics, University of British Columbia, Honours, 2011

Graduate Studies:

Harvard University, 2012 to present
Ph.D. Candidate in Economics
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Research Fields:

Primary fields: Labour, Behavioural Economics
Secondary fields: Social Economics, Development

Research Experience and Other Employment:

2011 - 2012 Harvard University, Research Assistant to Professors Raj Chetty, John Friedman, and Joshua Goodman
2011 Researcher at Innovations for Poverty Action
2010 - 2012 University of British Columbia, Research Assistant to Professors Siwan Anderson, Patrick Francois, and Ashok Kotwal

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

2014 – 2017 Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada Graduate Fellowship
2014 – 2016 Harvard Kennedy School Inequality and Social Policy Fellowship
2015 Harvard Lab for Economic Applications and Policy Grant
2014 – 2015 PODER Fellowship, London School of Economics
2014 Harvard South Asia Institute Graduate Student Research Grant
2012 Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship
2012 Rita Ricardo-Campbell Fellowship in Economics, Harvard

Publications:

“Rainfall and Conflict: A Cautionary Tale,” *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 115, July 2015: 72-72.

Working Papers:

“Gender Differences in Recognition for Group Work”
“Confidence Men? Evidence on Gender and Confidence from Top Economists” with Guo Xu (submitted)

Research in Progress:

“A Model of Second Chances”
“Affirmative Action: Optimal Policy and an Experiment” with Roland Fryer and Jonathan Libgober

Referee Service:

*Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Human Resources,
Economic Development and Cultural Change*