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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT & AFFILIATIONS

- 2020 - **National University of Singapore**
Assistant Professor (Tenure-track), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
- 2019 - 2020 **University of California, Los Angeles**
Postdoctoral Fellow, Global Lab for Research in Action
Postdoctoral Affiliate, California Center for Population Research

EDUCATION

- 2013 - 2019 **New York University**
Ph.D. in Economics
M.Phil. in Economics
London School of Economics & Political Science
- 2012 - 2013 M.Sc. in Economics
- 2008 - 2011 B.Sc. in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics
(*First Class Honors with Economics Department Prize*)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, Economics of Education

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2020 - 2021 **J-PAL South Asia (US\$37,492): Co-PI.**
Supply and Demand for Maternal and Child Health Services During a Pandemic
- 2019 - 2023 **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (US\$1,996,120): Co-PI.**
A Multi-Country RCT on Digitizing Domestic Remittances among Migrants

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2018 Dean's Student Travel Grant, New York University
- 2017 - 2018 C.V. Starr Economics Graduate Student Travel Grant (x3)
- 2013 - 2018 Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, New York University
- 2016 - 2017 Andrew Sauter Fellowship, New York University (x2)

PUBLICATIONS

“Poverty and Migration in the Digital Age: Experimental Evidence on Mobile Banking in Bangladesh,” with J. Lee, J. Morduch, A. Shonchoy, and H. Zaman. 2021. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 13(1): 38-71 Additional Coverage: VoxDev.

“Migration, Externalities, and the Diffusion of COVID-19 in South Asia,” with J. Lee, M. Mahmud, J. Morduch, and A. Shonchoy. 2021. *Journal of Public Economics*, 193:104312. Additional Coverage: People Move Blog (World Bank), South Asia Economic Focus: Spring 2020 (World Bank), Financial Access Initiative Blog.

WORKING PAPERS

“Unintended Consequences of Lockdowns: COVID-19 and the Shadow Pandemic,” with Manisha Shah. Additional Coverage: The Wall Street Journal, World Bank Development Impact Blog, Ideas For India, The Hindu, The Indian Express (Front Page), India Today, Quartz India, Deccan Herald, Livemint.

“Family Networks and the Digital Divide: Experimental Evidence on Mobile Banking Adoption in Bangladesh,” with J. Lee, J. Morduch, and A. Shonchoy.

“Parental Investments and Early Childhood Development: Short and Long Run Evidence from India.” Finalist: Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Dissertation Prize 2019, U Chicago. Additional Coverage: Ideas For India.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

NUS 2021 - Instructor: PP6704 The Economics of Public Policy (PhD-level)

NUS 2020 - Instructor: PP5234 Economics of Developing Countries (Masters-level)

NYU 2015-16 Teaching Assistant: Topics in Econometrics, Introduction to Econometrics, Statistics (Undergraduate-level) *Twice Nominated for the College of Arts & Science Outstanding Teaching Award (2015-2016)*

SEMINARS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2021: Singapore Management University (scheduled)

2020: National University of Singapore (Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (x2), Economics Department, Workshop on Gender & the COVID-19 Pandemic), Eastern Economic Association Conference (Boston), UCLA Applied Micro Tea, Midwest International Economic Development Conference (Purdue), EALE SOLE AASLE World Conference, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, IUSSP Population, Poverty, and Inequality Research Conference, Applied Economics Workshop (UTokyo-NUS-HKUST-Nat Taiwan U)

2019: UCLA Applied Micro Tea (Los Angeles), Missouri Valley Economic Association Conference (Kansas City), Southwestern Social Science Association Meetings (San Diego), Southern Economic Association Meetings (Fort Lauderdale), UPenn Population Health Science Workshop (Philadelphia), ISI Delhi Conference on Economic Growth and Development (New Delhi, India)

2017 - 2018: North East Universities Development Consortium (Cornell U, Ithaca), NYU Development Economics Seminar (New York), Young Economists Symposium (NYU, New York), Economics Graduate Students' Conference (WashU, St. Louis)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Referee: Journal of Health Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, World Bank Economic Review, Economics & Human Biology

Session Chair: Eastern Economic Association Conference, ISI Delhi Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Southwestern Social Science Association Meetings

Discussant: IUSSP PopPov Conference, MIEDC, MVEA Conference, North East Universities Development Consortium, Young Economists Symposium

University: NUS LKYSPP Economics Faculty Junior Hiring Committee

Last Updated: January 2021.