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## Employment

*University of Notre Dame*, Assistant Professor of Economics 2019-  
*Center for Global Development*, Postdoctoral Fellow 2018-2019

## Education

*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, PhD Economics 2018  
*University of Notre Dame*, BA Philosophy, *summa cum laude* 2010

## Working Papers and Works in Progress

“I’ve Been Waiting on the Railroad: The Effects of Congestion on Firm Production”  
“The Long-run Effects of Distortions on the Geography of Production” (with Ernest Liu)  
“Internal Migration in India: New Evidence from Rail Passenger Data” (with Clément Imbert)  
“Do Anti-Bribery Laws Affect International Trade and Investment?”

## Fellowships and Honors

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship 2012-2016  
Oesterle Award, for best philosophy undergraduate 2010  
Dockweiler Medal, for best undergraduate philosophy thesis 2010  
Phi Beta Kappa 2010

## Research Grants

George and Obie Shultz Fund Research Grant (\$4,822), MIT 2016  
J-PAL Governance Initiative Research Grant (\$250,000) 2012

## Other Experience

Research Assistant for Ben Olken 2014  
Research Assistant for Daron Acemoglu 2013  
J-PAL South Asia Research Associate 2010-2012  
for Esther Duflo, Abhijit Banerjee, and Dan Keniston

## **Invited Presentations**

2019: NEUDC, Northwestern; World Bank, Development Research Group

2018: Georgetown University, McDonough School of Business; University of Notre Dame; University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; Indian School of Business; National University of Singapore, Lee-Kuan Yew School of Public Policy; University of California, Irvine; NEUDC, Cornell; Stanford Conference on Firms, Trade, and Development; Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute; Econometric Society Winter School, Delhi School of Economics

## **Referee Service**

*American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; American Economic Review; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of International Economics*

## **Languages**

English (native), Hindi (intermediate), French (intermediate)