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*Curriculum Vitae (October 2011)*

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**Education**

Ph.D., Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 2001

A.B. *magna cum laude*, Economics, Harvard College, June 1994

**Fields of Interest**

Labor Economics, Development Economics, Economics of Education

**Employment and Professional Appointments**

Associate Professor (with tenure), University of Houston Department of Economics, from 2007. Assistant Professor, University of Houston Department of Economics, 2001-2007.

Faculty Research Fellow, Economics of Education Program, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), from 2006

Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), from 2010

External Research Fellow, Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM), from 2010

Financial Analyst in Corporate Finance and M&A, BT Securities Corporation, 1994-1996

**Publications in Refereed Journals**

“The Returns to English-Language Skills in India” (with Mehtabul Azam and Nishith Prakash), forthcoming in *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.

“The Redistributive Effects of Political Reservation for Minorities: Evidence from India” (with Nishith Prakash), *Journal of Development Economics* 96 (November 2011), 265–277.

“Age at Arrival, English Proficiency, and Social Assimilation Among U.S. Immigrants” (with Hoyt Bleakley), *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 2 (January 2010), 165-192.

“What Holds Back the Second Generation? The Intergenerational Transmission of Language Human Capital Among Immigrants” (with Hoyt Bleakley), *Journal of Human Resources* 43 (Spring 2008), 267-298.

“Is Spanish-only Schooling Responsible for the Puerto Rican Language Gap?” (with Josh Angrist and Ricardo Godoy), *Journal of Development Economics* 85 (February 2008), 105-128.

“Technical Change and the Demand for Skills During the Second Industrial Revolution: Evidence from the Merchant Marine, 1891-1912” (with Chinhui Juhn and Peter Thompson), *Review of Economics and Statistics* 88 (August 2006), 572-578. An early, longer version of this paper is NBER Working Paper 10728.

“Can Redistributing Teachers Across Schools Raise Educational Attainment? Evidence from Operation Blackboard in India,” *Journal of Development Economics* 78 (December 2005), 384-405. An early version of this paper was entitled “The Returns to School Quality When School Quality is Very Low: Evidence from Operation Blackboard in India.”

“Long-Run Labor Market Effects of Japanese-American Internment during World War II on Working-Age Male Internees,” *Journal of Labor Economics* 23 (July 2005), 491-525.

“Language Skills and Earnings: Evidence from Childhood Immigrants” (with Hoyt Bleakley), *Review of Economics and Statistics* 86 (May 2004), 481-496.

### **Book Chapters**

“Does Reducing College Costs Improve Educational Outcomes for Undocumented Immigrants? Evidence from State Laws Permitting Undocumented Immigrants to Pay In-state Tuition at State Colleges and Universities” with Chinhui Juhn, in *Latinos and the Economy: Integration and Impact in Schools, Labor Markets, and Beyond*, David Leal and Stephen Trejo (eds.), New York: Springer, 2011.

“The Effects of English Proficiency among Childhood Immigrants: Are Hispanics Different?” with Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel and Hoyt Bleakley, in *Latinos and the Economy: Integration and Impact in Schools, Labor Markets, and Beyond*, David Leal and Stephen Trejo (eds.), New York: Springer, 2011.

### **Other Publications**

Review of *Italians Then, Mexicans Now: Immigrant Origins and Second-Generation Progress, 1890 to 2000* and *Poverty, International Migration and Asylum*, *Journal of Economic Literature* 44 (December 2006), 1062-1067.

Review of *Hope Not Complacency: State of Primary Education in Bangladesh*, *Journal of Educational Planning and Administration* 24 (January 2000), 95-99.

### **Working Papers and Research in Progress**

“Impact of Bank Accounts on Migrant Savings and Remittances: Evidence from a Field Experiment” with Leonie Karkoviata (University of Houston-Downtown) and Nathaniel Wilcox (Chapman University)

“Impact of Bilingual Education Programs on Limited English Proficient Students and Their

Peers: Regression Discontinuity Evidence from Texas” with Meltem Daysal (Tilburg University) and Scott Imberman (University of Houston)

### **Awards, Fellowships, Grants and Honors**

University of Houston Small Grants Program, 2009-2010  
NICHD/NIH Research Grant, “The Effects of English-Language Skills on the Children of Immigrants” (Grant Number R03-HD051562), Principal Investigator (Hoyt Bleakley is the Co-PI), 2006-2008  
University of Houston Small Grants Program, 2007-2008  
University of Houston Grants to Enhance and Advance Research (GEAR), 2005-2006  
Rice University Baker Institute U.S.-Mexico Border Project Research Grant, 2004-2006  
University of Houston New Faculty Research Grant, 2003  
MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Inequality and Economic Performance Fellowship, 2000-2001  
Shultz Fund Award from the MIT Department of Economics, 1998-2000  
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, 1996-1999  
Elected Phi Beta Kappa, 1994

### **Presentations**

University of Washington Economics Seminar, March 2011  
ASSA Annual Meetings, January 2011  
World Bank Poverty and Applied Micro Seminar, December 2010  
Syracuse University Economics Seminar, December 2010  
University of Maryland Labor Economics and Public Finance Workshop, September 2010  
Tilburg University Econometrics and Statistics Seminars, June 2010  
Tinbergen Institute Labour, Region and Environment Seminar Series, June 2010  
University of Mannheim Alexander von Humboldt Seminar Series, June 2010  
MIT Labor/Development Seminar, May 2010  
Rice-UH Empirical Economics Seminar, April 2010  
Dalhousie University Economics Seminar, March 2010  
Tulane University Economics Seminar, March 2010  
Dartmouth College Economics Seminar, November 2009  
Texas A&M Applied Microeconomics Workshop, September 2009  
University of Washington Economics Seminar, March 2009  
UH Center for Public Policy Brown Bag Seminars, February 2009  
University of Maryland Labor Economics and Public Finance Workshop, October 2008  
UH TIMES Psychology and Education Research Colloquia, April 2007  
IUPLR Second Biennial Conference (Siglo XXI), April 2007  
SOLE Eleventh Annual Meetings, May 2006  
NBER Fall Education Meeting, November 2005  
SOLE Tenth Annual Meetings, June 2005  
Florida International University Economics Seminar, March 2005  
NBER Fall Education Meeting, November 2004  
NBER Summer Institute Labor Studies Workshop, August 2004  
SOLE Ninth Annual Meetings, May 2004  
Texas A&M Applied Microeconomics Workshop, October 2003

University of Texas at Austin Applied Microeconomics Seminar, September 2003  
NBER Summer Institute Labor Studies Workshop, July 2003  
Texas Econometrics Camp VIII, February 2003  
Baylor University Economics Seminar, September 2002  
NBER Summer Institute Children's Program, July 2002  
Texas Econometrics Camp VII, February 2002  
Rice-UH Empirical Economics Seminar, September 2001

### **Teaching and Advising**

Ph.D.-level classes:

Development Economics: Microeconomic Issues  
Topics in Applied Econometrics

M.A.-level classes:

Econometrics

Undergraduate classes:

Intermediate Microeconomic Theory  
Development Economics

Ph.D. students advised by year that degree was awarded (with initial placement; asterisk denotes role as chair or co-chair of dissertation committee):

2011: Sule Celik\* (San Francisco State University), Belgi Turan  
2009: Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel\* (Dalhousie University), Leonie Karkoviata\* (University of Houston Downtown), Santosh Kumar\* (Bell Fellowship, Harvard School of Public Health)  
2008: Larry Howard (Cal State, Fullerton), Nishith Prakash\* (Ohio University)  
2007: Aliaksandr Amialchuk (University of Toledo), Mutlu Yuksel (IZA, Germany)  
2006: Jia-Huey Lin (Cheng-Yu Institute of Technology, Taiwan)  
2005: Gokhan Akay (Trinity University, TX), Stephanie Botello (ERS Group, FL)  
2003: Yi-Cheng Ho (National Chengchi University, Taiwan), Valery Lazarev (University of Houston Clear Lake)  
2002: Jim Airola (Naval Postgraduate School, CA)

### **Professional Service**

Ad-hoc Referee, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Review*, *American Sociological Review*, *B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis & Policy*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Demography*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economic Journal*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Education Finance and Policy*, *Industrial & Labor Relations Review*, *Journal of Applied Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Human Capital*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Labour*, *Labour Economics*, *NSF*, *Population Studies*, *Public Choice*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *World Bank Economic*

*Review*

Temporary Member, Social Sciences and Population Studies (SSPS) Study Section, Center for Scientific Review, NIH, June 2009 and October 2009

Member, Natural Experiment Special Emphasis Panel, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), NIH, May 2010

Member, University of Houston Athletics Advisory Committee, 2005-2008

Member, University of Houston Admissions Review Committee, from 2008

Member, University of Houston College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Committee on Diversity, from 2011

Member, University of Houston Department of Economics Microeconomics Recruiting Committee, 2002-2003, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2009-2010, 2010-2011

Member, University of Houston Department of Economics Executive Committee, 2008-2011

Co-organizer, Rice University-University of Houston Empirical Microeconomics Seminar Series, from 2007

Co-organizer, University of Houston Conference on Gender, Health and Economic Development, April 30, 2010

**Professional Affiliations**

American Economic Association, Society of Labor Economists