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*Curriculum Vitae (August 2009)*

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**Education**

Ph.D., Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 2001  
Dissertation: "Essays on the Economic Effects of Human Capital Investments"  
Advisors: Josh Angrist, Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo

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

**Professional Experience**

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, from 2006

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

**Fields of Interest**

Labor Economics, Development Economics, Economics of Education

**Publications in Refereed Journals**

"Age at Arrival, English Proficiency, and Social Assimilation among U.S. Immigrants" (with Hoyt Bleakley), forthcoming in *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.

"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.

### **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**

“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 (University of Houston)

“The Effects of English Proficiency among Childhood Immigrants: Are Hispanics Different?” with Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel (Dalhousie) and Hoyt Bleakley (Chicago GSB)

“The Redistributive Effects of Political Reservation for Minorities: Evidence from India” with Nishith Prakash (Dartmouth)

“The Returns to English-Language Skills in India” with Mehtabul Azam (World Bank) and Nishith Prakash (Dartmouth)

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

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

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**

Dalhousie University Economics Seminar, March 2010 (scheduled)  
Texas A&M Applied Microeconomics Workshop, September 2009 (scheduled)  
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

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):

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**

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

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

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

Member, University of Houston Admissions Review Committee, from 2008

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

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

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

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Economic Association, Society of Labor Economists