

## Scientific Committee



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In her work, she seeks to understand how to reduce inequalities such that children from historically disadvantaged backgrounds have equal opportunities to fully develop their potential. Her research is focused on understanding factors that motivate and shape behavior, preferences, attitudes, and educational decision-making, with a particular focus on early-life influences. She examines how the provision of basic needs such as safety, health, justice, and representation can increase school participation and improve child outcomes in developing contexts.



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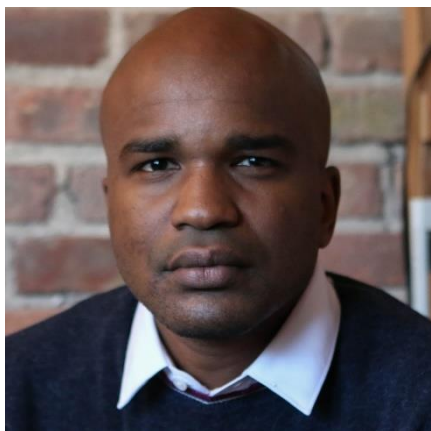
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Her research interests include Development Economics, Family Economics and Economics of Crime. Her work is focused on the causes of violence against women and what type of interventions are effective in preventing it. The focus of her research has been India, UK, Mexico and Mozambique.

She is currently the holder of a Leibniz Junior Research Groups Grant designed to support early-career researchers in Germany, under the project “The Economics of Violence Against Women: Understanding Causes and Identifying Remedies.”



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Bocar Ba, Assistant Professor of Economics, studies police accountability. His work has taken a close look at where breakdowns happen in the criminal justice system, following cases from arrests to the final dispositions. Using insight from labor economics literature, he seeks to understand police use of force, overall police officer behavior and what cities want from their local law enforcement. His research, funded by the Russell Sage Foundation and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Pipeline Grant, has been featured in the Science, Journal of Labor Economics and American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings, and the Washington Post.

Ba earned his Bachelors in economics and finance at the Université du Québec à Montréal and Masters in economics at the University of British Columbia. He completed his Ph.D. in public policy at the University of Chicago in 2018 and was hired as a one-year postdoctoral scholar in the economics department at Duke University. He was then appointed as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Pennsylvania Law School Quattrone Center where he spent a year focused on criminal justice system research.



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He is co-editor-in-chief of the journal Food Policy, edits the Palgrave Macmillan book series Agricultural Economics and Food Policy, co-edits the Elsevier Handbook of Agricultural Economics, volumes 5 and 6, and previously was editor of the American Journal of Agricultural Economics. He is an elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, and the African Association of Agricultural Economists, and has won numerous university, national and international awards for teaching, research and policy outreach and public service. His more than 350 publications have been cited more than 43,000 times, placing him among the top five scholars globally in the agricultural economics, development economics, food security, poverty, and resource economics fields, according to Google Scholar, and well within the top 1 percent of all economists worldwide according to RePEc/IDEAS. He has served as a principal investigator on more than \$43 million in extramural research grants from various corporate, foundation, government agency and nongovernmental organization sponsors. He has supervised more than 100 graduate students and post-docs, many of whom now serve on faculty and staff at leading universities and research institutes worldwide.

He has held leadership roles at Cornell, including as the Deputy Dean and Dean of Academic Affairs of the SC Johnson College of Business, and as the David J. Nolan Director of the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, and externally as President of the Association of Christian Economists, and Chair of the International Section of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association. He serves on a variety of boards and panels, including on the Independent Science and Development Council of the CGIAR and the elected Executive Board of the International Association of Agricultural Economists currently.

He previously served on faculty at Utah State University and has been a visiting scholar at Harvard, Melbourne, Monash, Notre Dame, and Stanford Universities.



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Her research focuses on gender inequality, poverty, health and education in developing countries. Some of her recent work looks at intra-household resource allocation in India and its effects on women's health and poverty. She is also interested in economic history and studies the role that historical institutions play in determining contemporary outcomes.



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Gaurav's research examines how access to digital technologies and policy reforms impact the labor market outcomes of workers and firms, especially across gender.



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Josh Dean is an Assistant Professor of Behavioral Science and Economics at The University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

He does research on the interaction of poverty and cognition using primarily randomized controlled trials. Under this broad agenda, his research can be grouped into three main categories. First, he is interested in how the conditions of poverty shape cognitive development by affecting human capital investment. Second, he is interested in how environments of poverty impede cognition. Finally, he is interested in how cognitive processes may impede poverty alleviation. He hopes that by improving our understanding of these relationships, his research can provide guidance to policy makers on the best ways to alleviate poverty.



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Brian Dillon is the Assistant Professor of Development Economics and Applied Econometrics in the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University.

Dillon's research focuses on agricultural development, seasonality, market integration, labor, and the emergence of new markets. He works primarily in Sub-Saharan Africa, though he has lived and worked in Guatemala, Vietnam, and Tanzania. His empirical research uses a range of methods, including RCTs, estimation of structural models, time series analysis, and evaluation of natural experiments.





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His research focuses on two core areas. In the first research area, he works to understand how children form beliefs about their own ability, and how this affects their human capital development. In the second research area, he works to identify, evaluate, and study the scalability of potentially high-leverage policy options to raise learning levels in the developing world.

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His research is at the intersection of environmental and development economics with an emphasis on the role of public policy and institutions in fostering sustainable development and helping the poor cope with environmental stressors such as heat, air and water pollution. In recent years, he has conducted research in Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Mexico and Uganda.

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Her work has been published in leading academic journals including Science and the Review of Economic Studies, and has been featured in media outlets including the New York Times and NPR. Her current work includes research on women's labor force participation and occupational choice, the gender dynamics of investments in early childhood, preference elicitation techniques appropriate for low-income settings, and active labor market interventions targeting women and youth.

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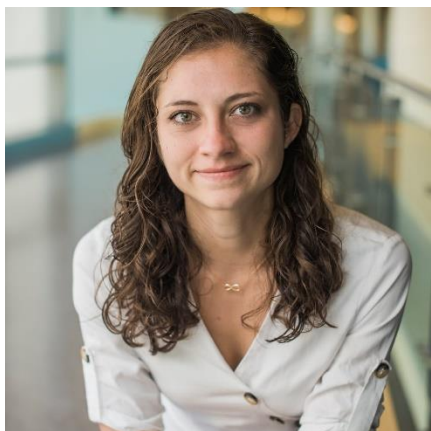
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She uses RCTs, lab-in-the-field experiments, and natural experiments to study intersections of global health, gender, and development. She has particularly focused on the health decisions of vulnerable women, gender discrimination in developing country labor markets, and cognitive constraints among the poor.

She has previous or ongoing experiments in Ethiopia, Kenya, the Philippines, and Senegal. She received her PhD in economics from UC San Diego and her BSFS from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.



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Meera will be an Assistant Professor of Economics at UCI from 2021. Previously she was a postdoc at the Bren School, UCSB, and completed her PhD in Economics at the University of Michigan in 2019. Prior to joining her PhD, she worked at the Poverty and Equity unit at the World Bank in Washington DC.



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Abhiroop's primary specialization is in econometric methods applied to topics in the field of education in developing countries (especially India). Recent topics of his research include the impact of better school infrastructure on rural schooling attendance, how to design teacher transfer programs and the impact of the distribution of human capital on growth and development.

Abhiroop has also worked on issues related to public policy: in particular, the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), a big public workfare program in India: the political economy of it's implementation and the effects of NREGS on education and borrowing. In the past he has also worked on issues related to health: the economic effects of HIV-AIDS and Cancer (Health).



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Gautam's research tries to bring insights from psychology to bear on topics in economics, particularly topics relevant to developing countries.

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He has been published in the Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economics and Statistics, Economic Journal, American Economic Journals: Economic Policy and Applied Economics, and Review of Financial Studies. His book, the Color of Credit, was published with MIT Press in 2002. Funded by the Institute for Education Sciences, National Institute for Child Health and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Ford, MacArthur, WT Grant and FannieMae Foundations.

Recent funded research includes: effects of foreclosure crisis on children's educational outcomes, effects of school peers on immigrants, and impact of attending Connecticut's State Technical High Schools. Appointed to the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group, University of Chicago in 2011, Penn Institute for Urban Research, University of Pennsylvania in 2014 and Center for Financial Security, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Regular invitee to National Bureau of Economic Research Education and Crime program meetings. Co-editor for Regional Science and Urban Economics and Education Finance and Policy, and serves on the editorial board of the American Economic Journal: Economic Policy and for five key journals within urban economics. Has consulted for K&L Gates, National Consumer Law Center, New York State Attorney General, FannieMae, Abt Associates, National Resource Council (National Academy of Science) and the Urban Institute primarily on matters related to mortgage discrimination, predatory lending and discrimination in housing markets.



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Basit Zafar is an applied microeconomist. His research is focused on labor economics, economics of education, and household finance. Specifically, his work seeks to understand how individuals make decisions under uncertainty.

Professor Zafar's research employs a disparate set of empirical methods and techniques, including the use of subjective expectations data and experimental data.

He received his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 2008, and his B.Sc from Caltech. Before joining the faculty at Michigan, he held positions at Arizona State University and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.



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Roman Andres Zarate's research lies in the intersection of the economics of education and development economics. He has a particular interest in studying the formation of social skills and their impact on labor market outcomes and productivity of organizations.

He has used field and natural experiments to study the role of social interactions and peer characteristics on students' outcomes. He is currently working to improve measures of social skills and estimate their effect on job opportunities and inequality in developing countries.