

Curriculum Vitae
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APPOINTMENT

2022 **London School of Economics and Political Science (UK)**
Assistant Professor in Finance

EDUCATION

2016 – 2022 **Columbia University, Columbia Business School (USA)**
PhD in Finance and Economics
MPhil in Finance and Economics (GPA 9.3 out of 10)

2018 – 2020 **MIT, Economics Department and Governance Lab (Kenya and Online)**
Courses in Development Economics

2012 – 2015 **European Business School (Germany)**
BSc in General Management (Top 2%)

2014 **National University of Singapore (Singapore)**
Exchange Semester

Other GMAT 770 (Top 1%)

RESEARCH INTEREST

Finance and Development, Household Finance, Banking, Corporate Finance

JOB MARKET PAPER

Bank Presence and Health

Featured on the [World Bank Development Impact Blog](#)

This paper demonstrates that increasing bank presence in underserved areas can substantially improve households' health. I apply a regression discontinuity design to a policy of the Reserve Bank of India. Six years after the policy introduction, treatment districts have 19% more branches than control districts. Households' probability of suffering from a non-chronic disease in a given month is 36% lower. I show evidence that two understudied aspects of banking play a role: banks provide health insurance to households and credit to hospitals. In equilibrium, I observe an increase in health care demand and supply.

PRESENTATIONS

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| 2023 | AEA, Boulder Summer Conference in Consumer Financial Decision Making, CEPR Advanced Forum for Financial Economics, Financial Intermediation Research Society, German Center for Development Research, Imperial College Business School, NTU Singapore, NUS Singapore, Rome Junior Finance Conference, SAET Paris, SFS Cavalcade |
| 2022 | AFA Poster Session, Bocconi University Finance Department, City University of London Economics Department, Cornell University Finance Group, European Economics Association Meeting, Emerging Scholars in Banking and Finance Conference, FMA, GRAFSI Zurich, HEC Paris Finance Department, Household Finance Workshop Frankfurt, IESE Business School Finance Department, IFS-UCL-LSE/STICERD Development Economics work-in-progress seminar, John Hopkins SAIS, Northwestern University Kellogg Finance Department, London School of Economics and Political Science Finance Department, NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development, NYU Abu Dhabi Economics Department, Rice University Jonas Graduate School of Business Finance Department, University of Oklahoma Finance Department, University of Southern California Marshall School of Business Finance Department, University of Texas Austin McCombs School of Business Finance Department, Washington University Olin Business School Finance Department, Webinar Series for Finance and Development (WEFIDEV), World Bank DRG Applied Young Economist Webinar (AYEW), CEPR European Conference on Household Finance, Columbia Development Economics Seminar, Columbia Finance Seminar, Development and Political Economics SF Bay Area PhD Student Conference (DevPEC), European Finance Association (EFA) Doctoral Tutorial, IIM Calcutta-NYU Stern India Research Conference, International Conference on Globalization and Development (GlaD), Macro Finance Society Workshop PhD Session, London Business School Transatlantic Doctoral Conference |
| 2021 | Columbia Finance Seminar, NEUDC, Universitat Pompeu Fabra Webinar Series in Finance and Development (WEFIDEV) |
| 2020 | |

WORKING PAPERS

Peer Effects in Deposit Markets

Co-author Naz Koont (Columbia)
Stage [Paper available](#)

We provide first empirical evidence that consumer peer effects matter for banks' deposit demand. Using a novel measure that depicts for each county how exposed peers are to a specific bank in a given year, we tightly identify the causal effect of peer exposure on deposit demand through a fixed effects identification strategy. We address key empirical challenges such as time-invariant homophily. We find that a one percent increase in a bank's peer exposure leads to a 0.05 percent increase in deposit market share. This effect has become stronger over time with the rise of the internet and social media, which facilitate cross-county communication. Peer exposure is especially relevant for smaller banks and customers that have access to the internet.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Health Insurance Subsidies and Asymmetric Information

Randomized controlled trial

With Lorenzo Casaburi (University of Zurich) and Jack Willis (Columbia)

Leveraging Community Knowledge For Credit Distribution

Randomized controlled trial

With Lasse Brune (Kellogg), Dean Karlan (Kellogg), and Chris Udry (Kellogg)

Anti-Poverty Interventions Going Green

Randomized controlled trial

With Jennifer Alix-Garcia (Oregon), Lasse Brune (Kellogg), Dean Karlan (Kellogg), and Halefom Nigus (Kellogg)

Banking the Planet

With Patrick Behrer (WorldBank) and Teevrat Garg (UCSD)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2023	USD 30,000 research grant (Columbia University)
2022	USD 3,000,000 randomized controlled trial (private donor)
2022	USD 1,162,000 randomized controlled trial (private donor)
2021	USD 900,000 randomized controlled trial (private donor)
2021	PhD Student Prize. CEPR European Conference on Household Finance
2021	Research Grant. Wheeler Institute for Business and Development
2020	Research Grant. Jerome A. Chazen Institute for Global Business
2020	Research Grant. Bernstein Center for Leadership and Ethics
2020	Best Paper Award. 4th Year PhD Competition, Columbia University
2016	Doctoral Fellowship. Columbia University

REFEREE ACTIVITIES

Journal of Finance, Review of Finance, Journal of the European Economic Association

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBER

SFS Cavalcade 2023, 18th Annual Conference on Corporate Finance Washington University
2022, FMA Global Conference in the Middle East 2022, SAFE Household Finance Conference
2023

DISCUSSIONS

Microequity and Mutuality

Cordaro, Fafchamps, Mayer, Meki, Quinn, and Roll

Acquisitions, Management, and Efficiency in Rwanda's Coffee Industry

Macchiavello and Morjaria

Refinancing Inequality During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Agarwal, Chomsisengphet, Kiefer, Kiefer, and Medina

AFFILIATIONS

Center for Development Economics and Policy (CDEP), Columbia University

TEACHING

Corporate Finance (FM213, Undergraduate Course LSE)

Capital Markets and Investments (TA, MBA Course Columbia University)

Intensive Applied Research (TA, Master Course Columbia University)

Microeconomics (TA, Master Course European Business School)