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FIELDS	Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics	
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS	<b>London School of Economics</b> STEG SRG (£25K); The LSE Seed Research Fund (£20K) Teaching Excellence Award (Class Teacher Award) LSE RIIF (Research Infrastructure and Investment Fund)  <b>Columbia University</b> CDEP Fellow, Center for Development Economics and Policy Dissertation Fellowship; The Jones Fellowship for Econ and History PER (Program for Economic Research) Summer Research Fellow PER Field Fund CDEP Field Research Fund Young-Iob Chung Fellowship Dean's Fellow  <b>Harvard University</b> The Harvard International Development Internship Fund (HIDIF) Morris Kronfeld Prize (for showing the greatest academic improvements)  <b>Others</b> Army Achievement Medal from the US Army	2025 2024, 2025 2023-2024  2022-2023 2022-2023 2022 2022 2021 2019-2020 2017-2022  2016 2013  2010
WORKING PAPERS	<b>The Endogenous Returns to Infrastructure: Social Institutions and the Choice of Development Paths</b> [ <a href="#">Most recent version</a> ]  <b>A “Godsend” Y2K Bug: Is It Misallocation or Market Access That Stifles Firm Growth?</b>  <b>Access vs. Quality in Education: Trade-off in Expanding Access to Education in India</b>	
RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE	Summer Intern for Rohini Pande, Harvard Kennedy School Analyst, The World Development Report 2016, The World Bank Research Assistant for Pol Antràs, Harvard University Research Assistant for Ed Glaeser, Harvard University Research Assistant for Ricardo Hausmann, Harvard Kennedy School Military service, the Korean Army	Summer 2016 2014-2015 2013-2014 Fall 2013 2011-2013 2008-2010

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REFEREING ACTIVITIES	<p><i>Industrial and Corporate Change, Journal of the European Economic Association, Politics and Governance, Quarterly Journal of Economics</i></p>				
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