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Employment:

Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure), University of Washington; September 2018 –
Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Washington; September 2011 – September 2018
Postdoctoral Researcher, Development Research Group (DECRG), World Bank; July 2011 – August 2012

Affiliations:

Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), 2019 –
Henry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Washington, 2019 -
Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), 2016 –
Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA), 2016 –
Center for Statistics in the Social Sciences (CSSS), University of Washington, 2013 –
Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology (CSDE), University of Washington, 2012 –

Education:

Ph.D., Economics, Yale University, December 2011
M. Phil, Economics, Yale University, December 2008
M. A., Economics, Yale University, May 2007
B. S., Economics (*magna cum laude*), Duke University, May 2005

Published/Forthcoming Papers:

“Cash Transfers, Polygamy, and Intimate Partner Violence: Experimental Evidence from Mali” with
Melissa Hidrobo and Shalini Roy (*accepted at the Journal of Development Economics*)
“Labor Supply Responses to Illness Shocks: Evidence from High-Frequency Labor Market Data in Urban
Ghana” with Ghazala Mansuri and Bob Rijkers (*accepted at the Journal of Human Resources*)
“Intrahousehold Bargaining, Female Autonomy, and Labor Supply: Theory and Evidence from India”
with Xu Tan (*accepted at the Journal of the European Economic Association*)
Heath, Rachel and Xu Tan. 2018. "Worth Fighting For: Daughters Improve their Mother's Autonomy in
South Asia." *Journal of Development Economics*, 135: 255-271.
Heath, Rachel. 2018. Why Do Firms Hire Using Referrals? Evidence from Bangladeshi Garment Factories.
Journal of Political Economy, 126(4): 1691-1746.
Heath, Rachel and Seema Jayachandran. 2018. "The Causes and Consequences of Increased Female
Education and Labor Force Participation in Developing Countries" in the *Oxford Handbook on the
Economics of Women*, ed. Susan L. Averett, Laura M. Argys and Saul D. Hoffman. New York:
Oxford University Press.

- Chari, Amalavoyal, Rachel Heath, Annemie Maertens, and Freeha Fatima. 2017. "The Causal Effect of Maternal Age at Marriage on Child Wellbeing: Evidence from India." *Journal of Development Economics*. 127: 42-55.
- Heath, Rachel. 2017. "Fertility at Work: Children and Women's Labor Market Outcomes in Urban Ghana." *Journal of Development Economics*. 126: 190-214.
- Nix, Emily, Elisa Gamberoni, and Rachel Heath. 2016. "Bridging the Gender Gap: Identifying What is Holding Self-Employed Women Back in Ghana, Rwanda, Tanzania, and the Republic of Congo" *World Bank Economic Review* 30(3): 501-521.
- Heath, Rachel and A. Mushfiq Mobarak. 2015. "Manufacturing Growth and the Lives of Bangladeshi Women" *Journal of Development Economics*. 115: 1-15.
- Heath, Rachel. 2014. "Women's Access to Labor Market Opportunities, Control of Household Resources, and Domestic Violence." *World Development*. 57: 32-46.

Working Papers:

- "Measuring Employment in Developing Countries: Evidence from a Survey Experiment" with Ghazala Mansuri, Bob Rijkers, Will Seitz, and Dhiraj Sharma (*revision requested by the World Bank Economic Review*)
- "Migrants, Information, and Working Conditions in Bangladeshi Garment Factories" with Laura Boudreau and Tyler McCormick (*submitted*)
- "The Effects of International Scrutiny on Manufacturing Workers: Evidence from the Rana Plaza collapse in Bangladesh", with Laurent Bossavie and Yoonyoung Cho (*submitted*)
- "Estimating Spillovers Using Imprecisely Measured Networks" with Morgan Hardy, Wesley Lee, and Tyler McCormick

Editorial Position:

Associate Editor, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* (2017 -)

Fellowships, Honors and Awards:

- Milliman Distinguished Scholar (2018 -)
- World Bank Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award (2018)
- Diversity and Inclusion Seed Grant (with Christina Tapia; 2017)
- Corkery Distinguished Scholar (2017-2018)
- International Growth Centre Small Project Facility Grant (2016)
- American Institute of Bangladesh Studies Program Support Award (2016)
- University of Washington Center for the Study of Demography and Ecology seed grant (2013)
- Yale University Dissertation Fellowship (Fall 2010)
- Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leader's Fellowship, Yale University (2008-2009)
- Summer Fellowship, Yale University (2005 - 2009)
- University Fellowship, Yale University (2005 - 2009)
- Economics Growth Center Prize, Yale University (2005 - 2009)
- Graduation with Departmental High Honors, Duke University Economics Department (2005)
- Phi Beta Kappa (2004)
- Robertson Scholarship at Duke University (2001-2005)

Teaching Experience:

Topics in Microeconomics of Development (PhD), University of Washington (spring 2014; spring 2016; winter 2018)
Development Economics (PhD), University of Washington (fall 2013; spring 2013; spring 2015; fall 2015; fall 2016; fall 2017; spring 2019; fall 2019)
Honors Seminar (undergraduate), University of Washington (fall 2013; fall 2014; fall 2015; fall 2016; fall 2017)
Development Economics (undergraduate), University of Washington (spring 2013; spring 2014; spring 2015; spring 2016)
Microeconomic Theory (PhD), University of Washington (fall 2012)
Introductory Microeconomics (undergraduate), Yale University (summer 2008)

Presentations (including scheduled):

2020: Pittsburgh, the University of Georgia, World Bank (Development Research Group), American Economic Association Annual Meeting (discussant x2)
2019: Determinants of Productivity in Low Income Countries workshop at LMU/DIW; NBER Summer Institute (discussant; Development section); Entrepreneurship and Private Enterprise Development in Emerging Economies Workshop (EPED) at MIT-Sloan; Oregon; Change Seminar at the University of Washington; Gender and Development Conference at Williams College; Duke; North Carolina State University
2018: World Bank/IZA Jobs & Development Conference, Population Association of America (discussant), Economic Demography Workshop (discussant), Northwest Development Workshop, Yale, American Economic Association Annual Meeting (discussant)
2017: Columbia, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, University of Hong Kong, Entrepreneurship and Private Enterprise Development in Emerging Economies Workshop (EPED) at NYU, Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meeting (poster), World Bank (DIME), Georgetown, The College of William and Mary, Notre Dame, Stonybrook, UVA (Darden), American Economic Association Annual Meeting
2016: Northeast Universities Consortium Development Conference (NEUDC); Virginia Tech; Population, Reproductive Health, and Economic Development (discussant); NBER Summer Institute (Development), Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meeting, UW Big Social Data Day, UW Bangladesh Development Conference, University of Michigan, University of British Columbia, Cornell Population Studies Center/Economics, University of Washington Africa Studies Program, American Economic Association Annual Meeting
2015: IZA Labor Markets in South Asia Conference, Wisconsin (Agricultural and Applied Economics), UC-Merced, Northeast Universities Consortium Development Conference (NEUDC), Brown Population Studies Center, University of Southern California, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meeting, Families and the Macroeconomy Workshop (Edesheim), Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Economic Demography Workshop (discussant), Northwest Development Workshop, UC-San Diego, University of Houston, Universidad de los Andes (Bogota), Workshop on Women, Work, and Family in Modern Asia at Reed College
2014: UC-Berkeley, Northeast Universities Consortium Development Conference (NEUDC), UW Bangladesh Development Conference, Northwest Development workshop, Pacific Development Conference

2013: Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (discussant), Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meeting, Northwest Development workshop, Pacific Development Conference, University of Victoria

2012: Northeast Universities Consortium Development Conference (NEUDC), Simon Fraser University, United Nations Greentree Convening on Women’s Economic Empowerment, International Growth Centre South Asia Conference, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Economic Demography Workshop, American Economic Association Annual Meeting

2011: Northeast Universities Consortium Development Conference (NEUDC), University of Washington (Economics), University of Washington (International Studies), World Bank (Development Research Group), American University, Amherst College, George Washington University, Wake Forest University, Notre Dame University

2010: Northeast Universities Consortium Development Conference (NEUDC); Academy of International Business- Northeast Chapter Conference

Policy outreach:

2019: Presenter at the CEGA Convening on Digital Credit and Women’s Economic Empowerment

2018: Presenter at the CEGA Convening on Refugees and Migration; Panelist for discussion of the film “Mama Rwanda” hosted by the Moving Picture Institute, UW Film Club, and M. J. Murdoch Charitable Trust

2016: Panelist for the “The Creative Economy and its Global Impact in Developing Countries” hosted by UW School of Art and South Asia studies

2015: Gates Foundation “Fresh from the Field” seminar, presenter at the American Apparel & Footwear Association Social Responsibility Committee

2014: The Dhaka Apparel Summit, Gates Foundation “Fresh from the Field” seminar

Advising:

Current

Committee chair: Iffat Chowdhury, Luis Diego Granera, Taehoon Kwon, Ferdous Sardar
 Committee member: Eui Ran Chon, Elodie Marlet, Katie Wilson (Pardee RAND Graduate School External Member)

Graduated

Student	Role on Committee	Year Graduated	First placement
Shamma Alam	Member	2014	Dickinson College
Pasita Chaijaroen	Chair	2016	The College of William and Mary
Chien-Hao Fu	Member	2015	National Taipei University (Dept. of Public Finance)
Shih-Ting Huang	Member	2017	Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, China
Amy Lastuka	Member	2018	Center for Sustainable Energy, San Diego
Hui Mai	Co-chair	2015	Chase Bank, Dallas
Jennifer Meredith	Co-chair	2018	Colby College
Laine Rutledge	Chair	2017	Senior Manager of Analytics, APFM, Seattle
Jagori Saha	Chair	2018	Rhodes University (visiting)
Andres Sanchez	Chair	2019	Central Bank of Columbia (Research Department)

Yu-Hsuan Su	Member	2014	National Chengchi University, Taiwan
Crystal Wong	Member	2014	West Virginia University (visiting)

Service:

Referee service: American Economic Review, American Economic Journal-Applied, Demography, *Economia*, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics of Education Review, the Economic Journal, Economics and Human Biology, International Development Planning Review; Journal of African Economies, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Family Violence, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Feminist Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Population Economics, International Economic Review, Population Research and Policy Review, Oxford Economic Papers, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Social Science and Medicine, World Bank Economic Review, World Development

Other service

Organizing Committee, the Population Association of America Annual Meetings (2020)
 Program Committee, North American Meeting of Econometric Society (2019)
 Local Organizing Committee (with Alan Griffith and Melissa Knox), Northwest Development Workshop (2019)
 Training Committee, Center for the Study of Demography and Ecology (2017-2018)
 Local Organizer, Society of Labor Economics Annual Meetings (2016)
 Local Organizing Committee (with Brian Dillon and Josh Blumenstock), Northwest Development Workshop (2016)
 Organizer of the Second University of the Washington Bangladesh Development Conference (2016)
 Faculty Convener (with James Long and Victor Menaldo), the UW Forum for Political Economy and Economics (2015-present)
 Organizer, Center for the Study of Demography and Ecology seminar series (2014-2015; 2017-2018)
 Co-Organizer (with Fahad Khalil) of the University of Washington Bangladesh Development Conference (2014)
 Co-founder (with Josh Blumenstock and Brian Dillon), University of Washington Joint Seminar in Development Economics (2014-present)
 Organizer for “Economic Development and Population” section (Population Association of America Annual Meetings, 2013)
 Peer Reviewer: Department for International Development (DFID) Bangladesh Economic Dialogue on Inclusive Growth, Leibniz Competition, NYU-Abu Dhabi Research Enhancement Fund; World Bank Development Impact Evaluation Initiative (DIME); the Economic and Social Research Council (ESCR); Private Enterprise Development for Low-Income Countries (PEDL), Royalty Research Fund at the University of Washington

Languages: English (native), Spanish (intermediate), French (intermediate)