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Employment

University of Auckland
Lecturer (Assistant Professor), 2023-

Education

Ph.D. Harvard University, 2023
Public Policy (Economics Track)

B.A. Brandeis University, 2013
Economics, Summa Cum Laude

Working Papers

[“Doing More with Less: School Superintendents and Education Production”](#)

[“School Segregation, Student Achievement, and Parental Preferences”](#)

[“Budget Hawks on the Board: School Boards, Education Finance, and Student Achievement”](#)

[“3G Internet and Human Capital Development”](#) (with Ronak Jain)

[“Trends in International Assessments and Outcomes in Adulthood”](#)

Publications

Ina Ganguili, Jamal I. Haidar, Asim Ijaz Khwaja, Samuel Stemper, and Basit Zafar (October 2024), [“Economic Shocks and Skill Acquisition: Evidence from a National Online Learning Platform at the Onset of COVID-19”](#) Labour Economics

Honors & Awards

2022: Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University

2022: Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science Jeanne Humphrey Block Dissertation Award (\$2,000)

Fall 2021, Spring 2022: Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching

Spring 2020: Harvard Kennedy School Dean’s Award for Excellence in Student Teaching

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2020: J-PAL Post-Primary Education Initiative: (\$50,842)

Research Experience and Other Employment

Spring 2022: Brandeis University; Instructor and Adjunct Professor

2019-2021: Harvard Evidence for Policy Design; Research Assistant for Profs. Ina Ganguli, Jamal Haidar, Asim Khwaja, and Basit Zafar

Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021: Harvard Department of Economics; Undergraduate Programming Tutor

Fall 2020, Spring 2021: Harvard Kennedy School; Quantitative Course Assistant (MPP)

2013-2017: Cornerstone Research; Research Associate

Summer 2011, Summer 2012: Goldman Sachs; Summer Analyst

Professional Activities

Presentations

Annual Conference of the New Zealand Association of Economists (2024), Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics 2023 Conference (2023), RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research (2023), American Economic Association: ASSA 2023 Annual Meeting (2023), Syracuse University: Conference in Honor of John Yinger (2022), AEFPP 2022: 47th Annual Conference (2022), 6th IZA Workshop: The Economics of Education (2021)

Referee

The Economic Journal, Labour Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis

Organizer

Harvard Kennedy School Applied Microeconomics Workshop (2019-2020)

Member

Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics, Association for Education Finance and Policy, New Zealand Association of Economists

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