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**Research Fields:**

Development Economics, Economics of Gender

**Current Position:**

Professor, Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia

**Affiliations:**

Faculty Associate, Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA), Berkeley, California  
Research Associate, Department of Economics, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa  
Associate, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR)  
Fellow, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)  
Associate, Theoretical Research in Development Economics (ThReD)  
Faculty Associate, Center for Women's and Gender Studies, UBC  
Faculty Associate, Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Research, UBC

**Editorial Duties:**

Associate Editor, *Review of Economics and Statistics*  
Associate Editor, *Journal of Development Economics*  
Editorial Board, *Journal of Globalization and Development*

**Education:**

1999: Ph.D. Economics, University of British Columbia  
1992: M.A. Economics, University of British Columbia  
1990: B.Sc. Mathematics, University of British Columbia

**Previous Positions:**

Associate Professor, University of British Columbia (2008 – 2016)  
Associate Editor, *Indian Review of Growth and Development* (2007 – 2014)  
Affiliate, BREAD (2004 – 2012)  
Assistant Professor, University of British Columbia (2002 – 2008)  
Assistant Professor, Tilburg University, The Netherlands (1999–2002)  
Research Fellow, University of Melbourne, Australia (1999)  
Research Fellow, University of Namur, Belgium (1998)

**Visiting Positions:**

Aix-Marseilles School of Economics (September 2015 – June 2016)  
IMT Institute for Advanced Studies, Lucca, Italy (June 2014)  
University of Bristol, U.K. (May 2012)  
Queen's University, Canada (June 2010)  
University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia (April 2010)  
GREQAM, University of Aix-Marseilles (February – April 2006)  
STICERD, London School of Economics (May 2005)  
University of Namur, Belgium (March 2002, 2003, 2004)

**Research Grants and Honours:**

2018 – 2019: DFID – EDI Research Grant  
2018 – 2019: Monash University Internal Research Grant (co-investigator)  
2018 – 2019: CERC Internal Research Grant  
2017 – 2019: DFID - EDI Research Grant  
2015 – 2017: IRDC Research Grant (co-investigator)  
2015 – 2019: SSHRC Insight Grant  
2014 – 2016: Hampton Research Grant  
2014 – 2015: IGC Research Grant (co-investigator)  
2012 – 2013: IGC Research Grant (co-investigator)  
2012 - 2016: IRDC Research Grant (co-investigator)  
2011 – 2012: IGC Research Grant (co-investigator)  
2011 - 2012: UNSW Internal Grant (co-investigator)  
2010: Weatherall Visiting Fellowship at Queen's University  
2009 – 2012: SSHRC Research Grant  
2007 – 2010: SSHRC Research Grant (co-investigator)  
2007: UBC Killam Research Prize  
2006 - 2009: SSHRC Research Grant (with Research Time Stipend)  
2004 - 2006: HSS Hampton Large Grant (co-investigator)  
2003 - 2006: SSHRC Research Grant  
2003 - 2004: Peter Wall Early Career Scholar  
2002 - 2003: HSS Hampton Small Grant

**Publications:**

- “Missing Unmarried Women” (with Debraj Ray) *Journal of the European Economic Association* (forthcoming)
- “Legal Origins and Female HIV” *American Economic Review* (forthcoming).
- “Distress in Marathaland” (with Patrick Francois, Ashok Kotwal, and Ashwini Kulkarni) *Economic and Political Weekly*, December 2016, Volume L1(51), p. 14 -16.
- “Property Rights over Marital Transfers” (with Chris Bidner) *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, August 2015, Volume 130(3), p. 1421-1484.
- “One Kind of Democracy: Implementing MGNREGS” (with Patrick Francois, Ashok Kotwal, and Ashwini Kulkarni) *Economic and Political Weekly*, June 27, 2015, Volume L, No. 26-27, p. 44-48.
- “Clientelism in Indian Villages” (with Patrick Francois and Ashok Kotwal) *American Economic Review*, June 2015, Volume 105(6), p. 1780-1816.
- “Suicide and Property Rights in India” (with Garance Genicot) *Journal of Development Economics*, May 2015, Volume 114, p. 64-78.
- "Human capital effects of marriage payments" *IZA World of Labor*, September 2014, 77.
- “The Age Distribution of Missing Women in India” (with Debraj Ray) *Economic and Political Weekly*, December 2012, Vol. XLVII, No. 47-48, p. 87-95.
- “Caste as an Impediment to Trade” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, Volume 3, January 2011, 239-263.
- “Missing Women: Age and Disease” (with Debraj Ray) *Review of Economic Studies*, Volume 77, October 2010, 1262-1300.
- “Determinants of female autonomy: evidence from Bangladesh” (with Mukesh Eswaran) *Journal of Development Economics*, November 2009, 90(2), 179-191.
- “Enforcement and organizational design in informal savings groups” (with Jean-Marie Baland and Karl Moene) *Journal of Development Economics*, September 2009, 90(1), 14-23.
- “Formalizing Informal Institutions: Theory and Evidence from a Kenyan Slum” (with Patrick Francois) in *Institutions and Economic Growth*, Elhanan Helpman (ed.), Harvard University Press, 2008, p. 409-451.
- “The economics of dowry and brideprice” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Fall 2007, 21(4), 151-174.
- “Why the marriage squeeze cannot cause dowry inflation”, *Journal of Economic Theory*, Fall 2007, 137(1), 140-152.

“Why dowry payments declined with modernization in Europe but are rising in India”  
*Journal of Political Economy*, April 2003, Vol. 111, p. 269 – 310.

“The economics of roscas and intra-household resource allocation” (with Jean-Marie Baland) *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, August 2002, Vol. 117, p. 963-995.

“Environmental cleanliness as a public good: welfare and policy implications of non-convex preferences” (with Patrick Francois) *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, November 1997, Vol. 34, p. 256-274.

#### **Other Publications:**

“Dowries and Other Marital Transfers” in *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences (Second Edition)*, 2015, Elsevier, p. 641-644.

“Roscas” *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, William Darity, Jr. (ed.) Macmillan Press. 2008.

#### **Other Writings:**

“Electoral Reservations and Leadership Quality in Village India” (with Patrick Francois) *VoxDev*, October 23, 2017.

“Political Reservations and the Quality of Governance” (with Patrick Francois) *Ideas for India*, October 23, 2017.

“Missing Unmarried Women” (with Debraj Ray) *VoxEU*, October 10, 2015.  
Reprinted in *Ideas for India*, *IGC Blog*, and *World Economic Forum*.

“Property Rights, Household Conflict and Suicide in India” (with Garance Genicot) *Ideas for India*, July 9, 2015. Reprinted in Live Mint.

“Developmental Economist Siwan Anderson provides a view about violence against women in India” *CIFAR Exchange*, February 19, 2013.

“India’s Missing Women by Age and State” (with Debraj Ray) *Ideas for India*, January 11, 2013.

“Caste Dominance in Rural India: Cause and Effect” *Ideas for India*, August 16, 2012.

#### **Invited Keynote Talks:**

“Research on Female Empowerment”  
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle, 2015.

“Legal Origins and HIV”  
Canadian Women Economists Network Luncheon, Canadian Economic Association Meetings, Calgary, 2012.

“Where have all the women gone?”:

Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development Canada, Ottawa, 2014.

IdeaCity, Toronto, 2009.

CIFAR donor breakfast, Toronto, 2009.

### **Invited Department Seminars:**

Harvard University, Yale University, MIT, New York University, London School of Economics, Stanford University, Paris School of Economics, Aix-Marseille School of Economics, University of Washington, Monash University, UNU-WIDER (Helsinki), University of Victoria, University of Calgary, University of New South Wales, University of Sydney, Australian National University, Brown University, University of Melbourne, COLMEX (Mexico City), Laval University, University of Montreal, Rice University, University of Houston, University of Namur, World Bank, Georgetown University, Rice University, University of Toronto, McGill University, Queen’s University, University of Bristol, IMT Lucca, University of Michigan, University of Copenhagen, University of Toulouse, Simon Fraser University, Latrobe University, Tilburg University, IFPRI, UC San Diego, UCLA.

### **Ph. D. Supervision at UBC (with initial job placement):**

Pauline Morault (2017 – present)

Mathilde Valero (2016 – present)

Rogério Santarrosa (2016 – present)

Coral Gonzalez (2013-present)

Anderson Fry (2013 - 2016) [University of Rochester]

Bipasha Maity (2011 – 2016) [Osaka University, Japan]

Shampa Bhattacharjee (2012 – 2015) [Shiv Nadar University, Delhi]

Arka Chaudhuri (2011 – 2015) [Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi]

Weina Zhou (2011 – 2013) [Dalhousie University, Canada]

Donna Feir (2011 – 2013) [University of Victoria, Canada]

Thomas Fujiwara (2008 – 2011) [Princeton University, U.S.A.]

Marcos Arguto (2007 – 2011) [Universidad de Piura, Peru]

Kelly Foley (2006 – 2010) [Copenhagen Business School, Denmark]

Kim Lehrer (2005 – 2010) [Oxford University, U.K.]

Stephanie McWhinnie (2003 – 2006) [University of Adelaide, Australia]

Sohini Paul (2003 – 2005) [NCAER, India]

### **Media Coverage:**

Live radio interviews:

Link Asia (San Francisco, 2013)

CBC Morning Show (Vancouver, 2009)

CBC Sunday Edition with Michael Enright (Toronto, 2009)

New Classical 96.3 FM (Toronto, 2009)

The New AM 740 (Toronto, 2009)

Written articles on my research:

- Bild: "Gendercide", January 18, 2015
- Vancouver Sun: "Let's get justice for all the world's girls" September 8, 2014.
- Vancouver Sun: "Nowhere is safe for our daughters" May 16, 2014
- Wall Street Journal: "Educated women are less vulnerable, right?" March 27, 2014
- DIE ZIET: "Indien ermordet seine frauen" March 21, 2013.
- Ha'aretz: "Pink power: Teaching India's women how to fight back" March 14, 2013
- Penza News: "Problems of discrimination against women in India requires complex social and political decisions" Feb 12, 2013.
- Christian Science Monitor: "Beyond rape trial, a bigger question about women's status in India" Jan 24, 2013
- New York Times: "India's new focus on rape shows only the surface of women's perils" Jan 12, 2013
- Gulf Daily News: "Second-class citizens" Jan 6, 2013
- The National Business Review: "The tragedies that generate change" Jan 4, 2013
- The Australian: "Gang rape shame could drag India into 21st century" Jan 1, 2013
- BBC: "How India treat its women" Dec 29, 2012
- Wall Street Journal: "Economics Journal: What price for women's rights?" Oct 31, 2012
- Times of India: "Study says women's property rights have led to more suicides" Oct 23, 2012
- Hindustan Times: "It's bloomtime now" May 22, 2011
- Vancouver Sun: "Why feminism still matters" March 5, 2011. Reprinted in: Ottawa Citizen; Edmonton Journal; Calgary Herald.
- Chatelaine: "Women We Love" November 2009
- Marie-Claire: "They mystery of the disappearing women" November 2009
- Toronto Star: "How did 100,000,000 women disappear?" June 6, 2009
- Bloomberg Press: "Cows-for-bride inflation spurs cattle theft among Mundari in South Sudan" July 25, 2011. Reprinted in: National Council for Research on Women; Arabian Business; Toronto Star; Jerusalem Post; San Francisco Chronicle.
- The Economist: "A Suitable Price" June 12, 2003