

NATALIE BAU

CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy, UCLA

EDUCATION

PhD in Public Policy, Harvard University, May 2015

Dissertation Committee: Nathan Nunn, Asim Khwaja, Christopher Avery, and Roland Fryer
Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Harvard University, May 2009 (*magna cum laude*)

PAST POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Toronto, 2015-2018

Consultant, World Bank Development Economics Research Group, 2009-2010 and Summer 2011

Research Assistant, Centre for Microfinance, Summer 2008

Research Assistant, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2006-2008

PUBLICATIONS

“Bride Price and Female Education” (with Nava Ashraf, Nathan Nunn, and Alessandra Voena), *Journal of Political Economy*, Forthcoming.

“Teacher Value-Added in a Low-Income Country” (with Jishnu Das), *AEJ: Economic Policy*, Forthcoming.

WORKING PAPERS

“Can Policy Change Culture? Government Pension Plans and Traditional Kinship Practices,” Revision Requested at the *American Economic Review*

“Negotiating a Better Future: How Interpersonal Skills Facilitate Inter-Generational Investment” (with Nava Ashraf, Corinne Low, and Kathleen McGinn), Revision Requested at the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

“School Competition and Product Differentiation”

“Affirmative Action and Student Effort” (with Mitra Akhtari and Jean-William Laliberté)

“Misallocation and Capital Market Integration: Evidence From India” (with Adrien Matray)

“Are Bad Schools Public ‘Bads?’ Test Scores and Civic Values in Public and Private Schools” (with Tahir Andrabi, Jishnu Das, and Asim Khwaja)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Brain vs. Brawn: Child Labor, Human Capital Investment, and the Role of Dynamic Complementarities” (with Martin Rotemberg, Manisha Shah, and Bryce Steinberg)

TEACHING

Instructor of Development Economics, UCLA, 2019.

Instructor of Microeconomics for Public Affairs, UCLA, 2019.

Instructor of Human Capital and Education in the Economy (undergraduate), University of Toronto, 2016-2017.

Instructor of Social Economics (graduate), University of Toronto, 2016-2018.

Instructor of Public Economics (undergraduate), University of Toronto, 2015-2016, 2018.

Instructor of Education Economics (undergraduate), Harvard University, 2013 and 2014.

- Derek Bok Certificate of Distinction in Teaching

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

2018: CIFAR Catalyst grant (\$37,000)

2017: JPAL PPE funding (\$98,544); SSHRC Insight Development Grant (28,700 CAD).

2016: International Growth Centre Grant (GBP 27,049); Leverhulme Trust Small Research Grant (GBP 9,500); Connaught New Researcher Award (CAD 9,600); CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars Program.

2015: Lab for Economic Applications and Policy Grant (\$5,925).

2014: Christopher and Silvana Pascucci Graduate Student Dissertation Fellowship Fund; Weiss Family Program Fund Grant (\$2,500).

2013: Lab for Economic Applications and Policy Grant (\$3,575); Integrated Public Use Microdata Series Research Award for Best International Research by a Graduate Student (for “Cultural Norms, Strategic Behavior, and Human Capital Investment”).

2012: Inequality and Social Policy Doctoral Fellowship.

2010: National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship; Kennedy School Fellowship.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS (Including scheduled)

2020: Columbia

2019: Northwestern University, UChicago (Development), UChicago Booth (Micro), UCL, Brown, IFPRI, Royal Economic Society, PacDev, Ohlstadt Workshop, CIFAR IOG, EPED (MIT), NBER Summer Institute (Labor Studies/Education), Toulouse School of Economics, INSEAD, École Polytechnique, Université Paris-Dauphine, Georgetown, World Bank, Harvard Kennedy School, UC Merced, Harvard-MIT Development Seminar, Duke, Purdue

2018: UToronto Law & Economics Colloquium, Simon Fraser, Wharton, CMU, Cornell, EPED (McGill), Rochester, CEA, UCLA (Luskin), SIOE, Galatina Meetings, Guelph University, York University, Oxford, USC, UCSD, CEPR Macroeconomics and Growth Meeting

2017: Penn State, LSE/UCL, UOttawa, Inter-American Development Bank, Columbia, H2D2, NBER Education Meeting, CEPR Annual Symposium on Development Economics, RISE Conference, PUC-Chile, SITE (Empirical Implementation), SITE (Experimental Economics), NBER Summer Institute (Children), Guelph (Commodities, Wellbeing and Institutions Workshop), Stanford University, CIFAR IOG

2016: New York University, ThReD (Duke), Paris School of Economics, University of Namur, UNU-WIDER Human Capital and Growth Conference, Auckland University, North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, ABCDE Conference (World Bank), Banff Empirical Micro Workshop, BREAD-CEPR-PODER, CIFAR IOG, Brown (Watson Institute)

2015: UC San Diego, Indiana University (SPEA), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Federal Trade Commission, University of Toronto, University of Delaware, Northeast Universities Development Consortium (Brown University)

2014: Northeast Universities Development Consortium (Boston University)

2011: Northeast Universities Development Consortium (Yale University)

REFEREEING ACTIVITIES

Review of Economics and Statistics, European Economic Review, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of European Economic Association, Economica, Review of Economic Studies, Economics of Education Review, Economic Journal, Labour Economics, Econometrica, AEJ: Economic Policy, Journal of Labor Economics, Empirical Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, World Bank Economic Review, American Economic Review.

OTHER REVIEWING

Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (2019 and 2020)

PHD ADVISING (COMMITTEE MEMBER)

University of Toronto

Mike Gilraine (NYU)

Jean-William Laliberté (Calgary)

Catherine Michaud-Leclerc