

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*)

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)

Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)

Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA)

University of Toronto Economics Department (Status-Only Associate Professor)

PAST POSITIONS

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

“Negotiating a Better Future: How Interpersonal Skills Facilitate Inter-Generational Investment” (with Nava Ashraf, Corinne Low, and Kathleen McGinn), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2020, vol. 135, no. 2.

“Teacher Value-Added in a Low-Income Country” (with Jishnu Das), *AEJ: Economic Policy*, 2020, vol. 12, no. 1.

“Bride Price and Female Education” (with Nava Ashraf, Nathan Nunn, and Alessandra Voena), *Journal of Political Economy*, 2020, vol. 28, no. 2.

WORKING PAPERS

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

“Estimating an Equilibrium Model of Horizontal Competition in Education,” Revision Requested at the *Journal of Political Economy*.

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

“Affirmative Action and Pre-College Human Capital” (with Mitra Akhtari and Jean-William Laliberté).

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

“Human Capital Investment in the Presence of Child Labor” (with Martin Rotemberg, Manisha Shah, and Bryce Steinberg)

TEACHING

Instructor of Development Economics (masters-level), UCLA, 2019-2020.

Instructor of Microeconomics for Public Affairs (undergraduate), UCLA, 2019-2021.

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 Advanced 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

2020: GLM|LIC grant (30,000 euros), GLM|LIC Special Call for Covid-19 (30,000 euros), SSHRC Insight Development Grant (co-investigator)

2019: California Center for Population Research Course Release; *Economic Journal* Referee Prize

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 (9,500 GBP); Connaught New Researcher Award (9,600 CAD); CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars Program (100,000 CAD).

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*, Labor Markets and Public Policy Research Workshop (Clemson), UC San Diego, PacDev, UCLA Economics, UCLA Public Policy, Econometric Society’s Worldwide Conference, NBER Summer Institute (Development), NBER Summer Institute (Education), Online International Finance and Macro Seminar

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, Dartmouth, Stanford King Center Conference on Firms, Trade, and Development

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)

*Rescheduled due to Covid-19.

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, AEJ: Applied, Journal of Labor Economics, Empirical Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, World Bank Economic Review, American Economic Review, Evolution and Human Behavior, American Economic Review: Insights, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Political Economy.

CONFERENCE REVIEWING

Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (2019 and 2020)

PHD ADVISING (COMMITTEE MEMBER) & FIRST PLACEMENT

University of Toronto

Mike Gilraine (NYU)

Jean-William Laliberté (Calgary)

Catherine Michaud-Leclerc (Current student)

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Frontiers in the Economics of Education (UToronto Mississauga, April 2017)

Culture and Preference Formation (UCLA, Feb. 2020)