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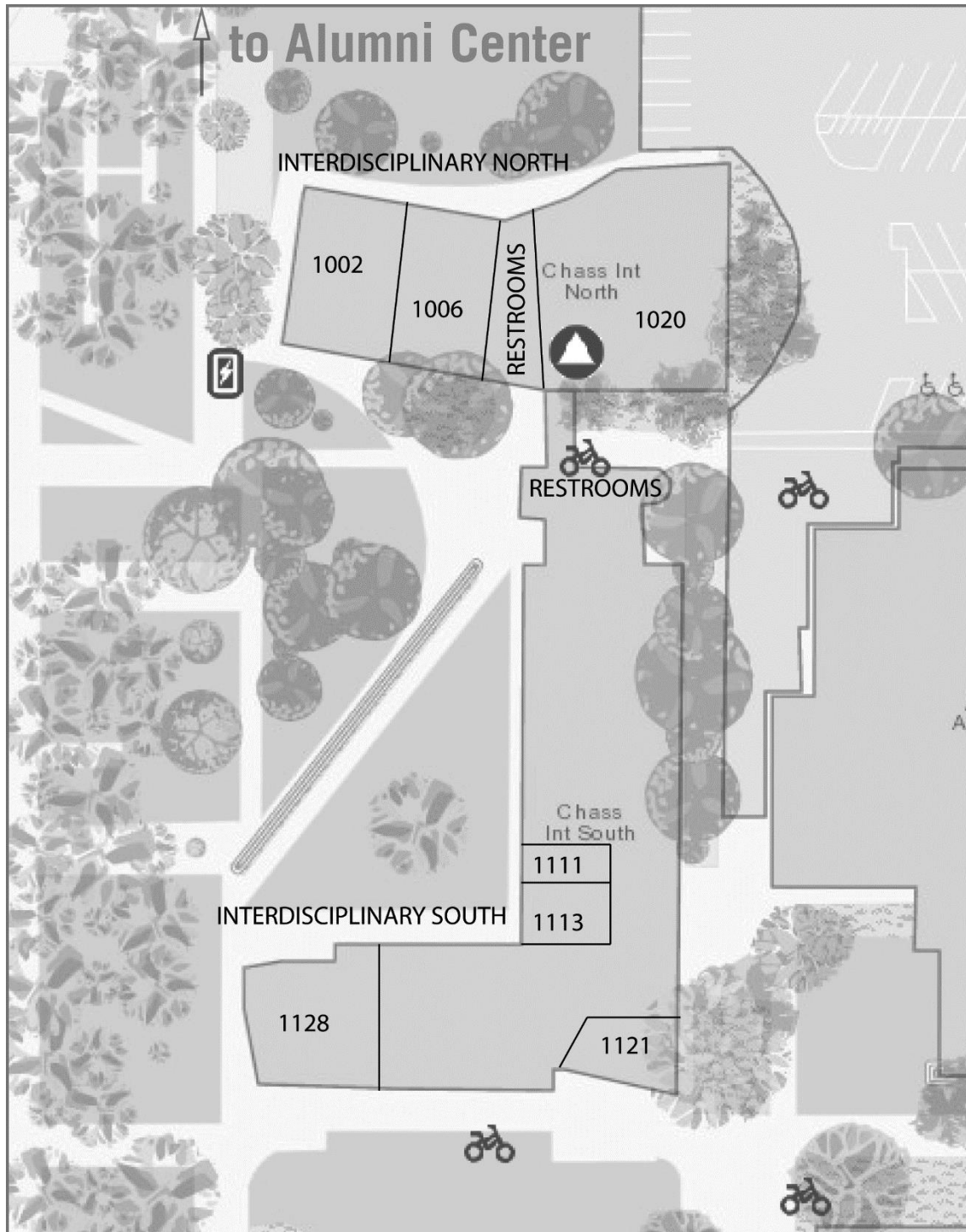
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Schedule of Sessions

9 - 10:20

Parallel Sessions I

Demography and Migration

Room: INTS 1128

Moderator: Joseph Cummins, University of California, Riverside

Why Are Older Women Missing in India? The Age Profile of Bargaining Power and Poverty

Rosella Calvi, Rice University

Migration Decisions and Persistent Earnings Differentials: Evidence from Thailand

Ashish Shenoy, University of California, Davis

Displacement and Development: Long Term Impacts of the Partition of India

Prashant Bharadwaj, University of California, San Diego

Rinchan Ali Mirza, University of Oxford

Social Networks and Migration: Theory and Evidence from Rwanda

Xu Tan, University of Washington

Joshua Blumenstock, University of California, Berkeley

Risk Perceptions, Risk Aversion, and Insurance

Room: INTS 1113

Moderator: Travis Lybbert, University of California, Davis

Natural Disasters, Social Protection, and Risk Perceptions

Emilia Tjernstrom, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Philip Brown, Landcare Research New Zealand

Adam Daigneault, Landcare Research New Zealand

Wenbo Zou, University of California, Davis

The Impact of Commercial Index Insurance: Experimental Evidence from Amhara, Ethiopia

Craig McIntosh, University of California, San Diego

Shukri Ahmed, Food and Agriculture Organization

Alexander Sarris, University of Athens

Insurance Contracts when Farmers "Greatly Value" Certainty

Michael Carter, University of California, Davis

Elena Serfilippi, University of Namur (CRED)

Catherine Guirking, University of Namur (CRED)

Impact of Violent Crime on Risk Aversion: Evidence from the Mexican Drug War

Andrea Velasquez, University of Colorado, Denver

Ryan Brown, University of Colorado, Denver
 Verónica Montalva, Duke University
 Duncan Thomas, Duke University

Natural Resources, Politics and Conflict

Room: INTN 1002

Moderator: Laura Zimmermann, University of Georgia

Extractive Industries, Production Shocks and Criminality: Evidence from a Middle-Income Country

Anja Tolonen, Columbia University
 Sebastian Axbard, University of London
 Jonas Poulsen, Harvard University

Dirty Politics: Mining Booms and Politician Behavior in India

Sam Asher, World Bank
 Paul Novosad, Dartmouth College

Local Incentives and National Tax Evasion: The Response of Illegal Mining to a Tax Reform in Colombia

Santiago Saavedra, Stanford University
 Mauricio Romero, University of California, San Diego

Legislating During War: Conflict and Politics in Colombia

Juan Morales, University of Toronto

Lifecycle Decisions

Room: INTS 1121

Moderator: Alex Eble, Columbia University

Access to Elite Education, Wage Premium and Social Mobility: The Truth and Illusion of China's College Entrance Exam

Ruixue Jia, University of California, San Diego
 Hongbin Li, Tsinghua University

Personalized Information as a Tool to Improve Pension Savings: Results from a Randomized Control Trial in Chile

Jeanne Lafortune, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
 Olga Fuentes, Superintendencia de Pensiones
 Julio Riutort, Universidad Adolfo Ibañez
 Jose Tessada, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
 Felix Villatoro, Universidad Adolfo Ibañez

Pollution, Ability, and Gender-Specific Investment Responses to Shocks

Teresa Molina, University of Southern California

Health and Human Capital

Room: INTN 1006

Moderator: Neha Agarwal, University of California, Riverside

Epidemics and Conflict: Evidence from the Ebola outbreak in Western Africa
Ada Gonzalez-Torres, University of California, Berkeley

Cross-Age Tutoring: Experimental Evidence from Kenya
Mauricio Romero, University of California, San Diego
Lisa Chen, Bridge International Academies
Noriko Magari, Bridge International Academies

Child Fostering and Intrahousehold Inequality
Jacob Penglase, Boston College

Cast into Castes: Can Affirmative Action Dismantle the Caste Hierarchy in India
Arpita Bhattacharjee, University of California, Riverside

10:20 - 10:30

Coffee

Location: INTS 1111

10:30 – 11:50

Parallel Sessions II

Political Economy of the Public Sector

Room: INTS 1128

Moderator: Sam Asher, World Bank

May There be Victory: Government Election Performance and the World's Largest Public-Works Program
Laura Zimmermann, University of Georgia

The Cost of Distance: Geography and Governance in Rural India
Karan Nagpal, University of Oxford
Sam Asher, World Bank
Paul Novosad, Dartmouth College

Fiscal Competition and Coordination: Evidence from China
Shaoda Wang, University of California, Berkeley

Patronage in the Allocation of Public Sector Jobs
Edoardo Teso, Harvard University
Emanuelle Colonnelli, Stanford University
Mounu Prem

Micro-Demography of Child Development

Room: INTS 1113

Moderator: Prashant Bharadwaj, University of California, San Diego

The Effect of Maternal Migration on Early Childhood Development in Rural China
Yu Bai, Shaanxi Normal University
Ai Yue, Shaanxi Normal University
Sean Sylvia, Renmin University of China
Yaojiang Shi, Shaanxi Normal University

Renfu Luo, Peking University
 Scott Rozelle, Stanford University

Growing and Learning when Consumption is Seasonal: Long-Term Evidence from Tanzania

Brian Dillon, University of Washington
 Paul Christian, World Bank

Age-Profile Estimates of the Association between Economic Growth and Child Height

Joseph Cummins, University of California, Riverside
 Anaka Aiyar, Cornell University

Can Food Safety Shortfalls Disrupt 'Ag For Nutrition' Gains? Evidence from Eid-al-Adha

Benjamin Schwab, Kansas State University
 Ralph Armah, Kansas State University

Behavioral Economics and Gambling

Room: INTN 1002

Moderator: Ketki Sheth, University of California, Merced

Incentives for Effort or Outputs? A Field Experiment to Improve Student Performance

Sarojini Hirschleifer, University of California, Riverside

Are the Poor Really So Present-Biased? Evidence From a Field Experiment in Pakistan

Rachel Cassidy, University of Oxford

Gambling, Saving, and Lumpy Expenditures: Sports Betting in Uganda

Sylvan Herskowitz, University of California, Berkeley

Leveraging the Lottery for Financial Inclusion: Lotto-Linked Savings Accounts in Haiti

Travis Lybbert, University of California, Davis
 Felipe Dizon, World Bank

Agricultural Productivity and the Inverse Relationship

Room: INTS 1121

Moderator: Michael R Carter, University of California, Davis

Reevaluating Agricultural Productivity Gaps with Longitudinal Microdata

Nicholas Li, University of California, Berkeley
 Marieke Kleemans, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
 Joan Hamory Hicks, University of California, Berkeley
 Edward Miguel, University of California, Berkeley

Close to the Edge: Do Behavioral Explanations Account for the Inverse Productivity

Leah E.M. Bevis, Ohio State University

Christopher B. Barrett, Cornell University

The Inverse Relationship Between Farm Size and Productivity: Refocusing the Debate

Matthew P.H. Taylor, University of California, Riverside

Steven M. Helfand, University of California, Riverside

Agricultural Productivity and Deforestation: Evidence from Input Subsidies and Ethnic Favoritism in Malawi

Ryan Abman, San Diego State University

Conor Carney, University of California, Santa Barbara

Communities

Room: INTN 1006

Moderator: Prodyumna Goutam, RAND

The IT Boom and Other Unintended Consequences of Chasing the American Dream

Gaurav Khanna, University of Michigan

Nicolas Morales, University of Michigan

Strategic Interactions and Dynamic Behavior in Migration in Rural Mexico

Ruben Rojas Valdes, University of California, Davis

C.-Y. Cynthia Lin Lawell, University of California, Davis

J. Edward Taylor, University of California, Davis

Relief from Usury: Impact of a Community-Based Microcredit Program in Rural India

Vaishnavi Surendra, University of California, Berkeley

Vivian Hoffmann, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

Upamanyu Datta, World Bank

Vijayendra Rao, World Bank

Goalpost Effects: Understanding Impact Heterogeneity in Nicaragua's Rural Business Development Program

Jonathan Malacarne, University of California, Davis

Stephen Boucher, University of California, Davis

Michael R Carter, University of California, Davis

12 - 1:00

Lunch

Location: Alumni Center

1:00 - 2:00

Plenary Session

Location: INTN 1020

Interventions Against Poverty in Poor Places

Keynote Speaker: Martin Ravallion, Edmond D. Villani Professor of Economics, Georgetown University

Moderator: Steven Helfand, University of California, Riverside

2:10 - 3:30

Parallel Sessions III**Health Inputs and Information****Room: INTS 1113****Moderator:** Anil Deolalikar, University of California, Riverside

Contract Physicians, Hospital Autonomy and Quality of Health Care in Rural China: Evidence from Mystery Patients

Hao Xue, Northwest University

Anlu Xing, Stanford University

Cost-effectiveness of Alternative Strategies for Meeting Children's Vitamin A Needs in Cameroon

Stephen Vosti, University of California, Davis

Justin Kagin, Kagin's Consulting

Reina Engle-Stone, University of California, Davis

Martin Nankap, Unicef-Cameroon

Hanqi Luo, University of California, Davis

Kenneth H. Brown, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

The International Migration of Healthcare Professionals and the Supply of Educated Individuals Left Behind

Paolo Abarcar, Mathematica Policy Research

Caroline Theoharides, Amherst College

The Green Revolution and Infant Mortality: Evidence from 600,000 Births

Gordon McCord, University of California, San Diego

Prabhat Barnwal, Michigan State University

Aaditya Dar, George Washington University

Jan von der Goltz, World Bank

Ram Fishman, Tel Aviv University

Nathan Mueller, Harvard University

Money and Microfinance**Room: INTS 1128****Moderator:** Ruixue Jia, University of California, San Diego

Banking on Trust: How Debit Cards Enable the Poor to Save More

Sean Higgins, University of California, Berkeley

Pierre Bachas, Princeton University

Paul Gertler, University of California Berkeley

Enrique Seira, ITAM

Optimal ROSCAs

Ethan Ligon, University of California, Berkeley

Timothy S. Worrall

Repayment Flexibility in Microfinance Contracts: Theory and Experimental Evidence on Take-Up and Selection

Giorgia Barboni, Princeton University

Does Credit Access Improve Firm Output and Technical Efficiency? Evidence from a Field Experiment in Bangladesh

Nusrat Abedin Jimi, SUNY Binghamton

Plamen Nikolov, SUNY Binghamton

Subal Kumbakar, SUNY Binghamton

Mohammad Abdul Malek, BRAC

Policy Evaluation and Poverty Measurement

Room: INTN 1002

Moderator: Emilia Tjernstrom, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Regional Development Through Place-Based Policies: Evidence from a Spatial Discontinuity

Ajay Shenoy, University of California, Santa Cruz

Pensions, Retirement, and the Disutility of Labor: Bunching in Brazil

Benjamin Thompson, University of Michigan

Measuring Poverty and Vulnerability in Real-Time

Joshua Blumenstock, University of California, Berkeley

Michael Callen, University of California, San Diego

Tarek Ghani, Washington University

Niall Keleher, University of California, Berkeley

Jacob Shapiro, Princeton University

The Intended and Unintended Consequences of a Merit-Based Financial Aid Program for the Poor

Juliana Londono-Velez, University of California, Berkeley

Catherine Rodriguez, University of Los Andes

Fabio Sanchez, University of Los Andes

New Technologies, Property Rights and Their Impacts

Room: INTS 1121

Moderator: Craig McIntosh, University of California, San Diego

Who's the Boss? Intrahousehold Valuation, Preference Heterogeneity, and Demand for an Agricultural Technology in India

Kajal Gulati, University of California, Davis

Why Did Sugarcane Growers Suddenly Adopt Existing Technology?

Austin Davis, University of Michigan

Agricultural Commodity Prices and the Demand for Land Titles: Evidence from Uganda

Viviana Perego, University of Oxford

Property Rights Reform, Migration, and Structural Transformation in Mexico

Elisabeth Sadoulet, University of California, Berkeley

Alain de Janvry, University of California, Berkeley

Eduardo Montoya, University of California, Berkeley

Firms, Performance and Experimental Evidence**Room: INTN 1006****Moderator:** Arman Rezaee, University of California, Davis*Monitoring A, While Hoping for A & B: Experimental Evidence from a Multidimensional Task*

Elizabeth Lyons, University of California, San Diego

Nathan Jensen, Cornell University

Eddy Chebelyon, University of California, San Diego

Ronan Le Bras, Cornell University

Carla Gomes, Cornell University

Does Time and Distance Really Matter in Banking? Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial Introducing Mobile Phone Saving Deposits

Ketki Sheth, University of California, Merced

Suresh de Mel, University of Peradeniya

Dammika Herath, Kandy Consulting Group

Craig McIntosh, University of California, San Diego

Christopher Woodruff, University of Warwick

Training or Mentorship? Experimental Evidence from a Two-Stage Training/Mentorship Program for Female Owned Microenterprises in Ethiopia

M. Mehrab Bin Bakhtiar, University of Maryland

Gautam Bastian, World Bank

Eliana Carranza, World Bank

Markus Goldstein, World Bank

All in the family? CEO choice and firm organization

Daniela Scur, University of Oxford

Renata Lemos, World Bank

3:30 - 4:00**Break****Location: INTS 1111****4:00 - 5:20****Parallel Sessions IV****Human Capital Production: Environment and Infrastructure****Room: INTS 1128****Moderator:** Sarojini Hirschleifer, University of California, Riverside*Commuting to Educational Opportunity? School Choice Effects of Mass Transit Expansion in Mexico City*

Diana Ngo, Occidental College

Andrew Dustan, Vanderbilt University

Educational Investment Responses to Economic Opportunity: Evidence from Indian Road Construction

Anjali Adukia, University of Chicago

Sam Asher, World Bank

Paul Novosad, Dartmouth College

Role Models, the Formation of Beliefs, and Girls' Math Ability: Evidence from Random and Non-random Assignment of Students in Chinese Middle Schools

Alex Eble, Columbia University

Feng Hu, University of Science and Technology Beijing

Human Capital Costs of Climate Change: Evidence from Test Scores in India

Teevrat Garg, University of California, San Diego

Maulik Jagnani, Cornell University

Vis Taraz, Smith College

Government Corruption and Civil Conflict

Room: INTS 1113

Moderator: Anja Tolonen, Columbia University

The Impact of Election Fraud on Government Performance

Abigail Allison Peralta, Texas A&M University

Corruption and Legislature Size: Evidence from Brazil

Stefano Fiorin, University of California, Los Angeles

Diogo G. C. Britto, Catholic University of Milan

Chasing the Key Player: A Network Approach to the Myanmar Civil War

Andrea Di Miceli, University of California, Los Angeles

Nation-Building in Sub-Saharan Africa and Civil Conflict: Theory and Evidence from Boko Haram and Tuareg Insurgencies

Michael Poyker, University of California, Los Angeles

Maxim Ananyev, University of California, Los Angeles

Evaluation of Cash and Asset Transfer Programs

Room: INTS 1121

Moderator: Andrea Velasquez, University of Colorado, Denver

Cash Transfers and Crop Production in Senegal

Kate Ambler, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

Alan de Brauw, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

Susan Godlonton, Williams College and IFPRI

One Plus One Can Be Greater Than Two: Evaluating Synergies of Development Programs in Malawi

S. Daidone, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Noemi Pace, Benjamin Davis, Sudhanshu Handa, Marco Knowles, Robert Pickmans

Valuing Assets Provided to Low-Income Households in South Sudan

Elliott Collins, University of California, Berkeley

Reajul Chowdhury, Ethan Ligon, Kaivan Munshi

Integrating Simulation and Experimental Approaches to Evaluate Impacts of SCTs: Evidence from Lesotho

Anubhab Gupta, University of California, Davis
 J. Edward Taylor, University of California, Davis
 Mateusz Filipski, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
 Karen Thome, USDA Economic Research Service
 Benjamin Davis, United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)
 Luca Pellerano, International Labour Organization (ILO)
 Ousmane Niang, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Gender and Development

Room: INTN 1002

Moderator: Teresa Molina, University of Southern California

An Explanation for the Puzzling Decline of Female Labor Supply in India
 Neha Agarwal, University of California, Riverside

Holding up Half of the Sky: The Impact of State-Owned Enterprise Reform on the Gender Inequality in Labor Market Outcomes in Urban China, 1988-2007
 Sharon Xuejing Zuo, University of Houston

Reversing the Gender Gap in Happiness: Validating the Use of Life Satisfaction Self-Reports Worldwide
 Mallory Montgomery, University of Southern California

Technical Change and Gender Wage Inequality: Long-Run Effects of India's Green Revolution
 Anthony D'Agostino, Columbia University

Labor Economics and Public Policy

Room: INTN 1006

Moderator: Ajay Shenoy, University of California, Santa Cruz

Growth and Informality: Evidence from Bangladesh
 Prodyumna Goutam, RAND
 Shanthi Nataraj, RAND
 Italo Gutierrez, RAND
 Krishna Kumar, RAND

Health Certification in the Market for Sex Work: A Field Experiment in Dakar, Senegal
 Shanthi Manian, University of California, San Diego

The Consequences of Legal Minimum Wages in Honduras
 Andres Ham, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Universal Health Coverage for the Poor: A Cost-Benefit Analysis of Mexico's Seguro Popular
 Jeremy Barofsky, Brookings Institution

5:20 - 7:00

Reception

Location: Alumni Center

PacDev 2017 Keynote Speaker

Martin Ravallion, Edmond D. Villani Professor of Economics, Georgetown University



MARTIN RAVALLION holds the inaugural Edmond D. Villani Chair of Economics at Georgetown University. Prior to joining Georgetown in 2013 he was Director of the World Bank's research department, the Development Research Group. He joined the Bank in 1988 and worked in almost all sectors and all regions over the following 24 years. Prior to joining the Bank, Martin was on the faculty of the Australian National University. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from the London School of Economics, and has taught economics at L.S.E., Oxford University, the Australian National University and Princeton University.

Martin's main research interests over the last 30 years have concerned poverty and policies for fighting it. He has advised numerous governments and international agencies on this topic, and he has written extensively on this and other subjects in economics, including four books and 200 papers in scholarly journals and edited volumes. His latest book, "The Economics of Poverty: History, Measurement and Policy," was published by Oxford University Press in January 2016.

Martin is the current President of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality, a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, a Non-Resident Fellow of the Center for Global Development and a Senior Fellow of the Bureau for Research in Economic Analysis of Development. Amongst various prizes and awards, in 2012 he was awarded the John Kenneth Galbraith Prize from the American Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, and in 2016 he received a Frontiers of Knowledge Award from the BBVA Foundation, Madrid.