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## CHRISTINA BROWN

### APPOINTMENTS

University of Chicago

Department of Economics

*Assistant Professor*

2023 -

Becker Friedman Institute

*Saieh Family Fellow in Economics*

2021-2023

### AFFILIATION:

BREAD Affiliate (2024 - )

JPAL Affiliate (2024 - )

Committee on Education, University of Chicago (2024 - )

CERP Research Fellow (2021 - )

### EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley	Ph.D.	2021	Economics
Tufts University, Fletcher School	M.A.	2014	Development Economics
Boston University, School of Education	M.Ed.	2012	Curriculum and Teaching
University of California, Los Angeles	B.A.	2010	Physics and Political Science

### PUBLISHED PAPERS:

“Cognitive Endurance as Human Capital”, *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Volume 140, Issue 2, May 2025, Pages 943–1002  
with Supreet Kaur, Geeta Kingdon & Heather Schofield

### WORKING PAPERS:

“Inducing Positive Selection through Performance Pay: Experimental Evidence from Pakistani Schools” with Tahir Andrabi

“Subjective versus Objective Incentives and Employee Productivity” with Tahir Andrabi

“Understanding Gender Discrimination by Managers”

### WORK IN PROGRESS:

“Understanding the Social Network Premium in Hiring Low-Wage Workers” with Maryiam Haroon (Pilot Completed)

“School Financing and Principal Decision-Making in Indonesia” with Daniel Suryadarma

“Increasing Early Childhood Vaccination in Pakistan” with Rachel Glennerster and Maryiam Haroon

“Structure vs. Discretion: Experimental Evidence on the Effects of Teacher Autonomy” with Tahir Andrabi, Asim Khwaja and Isabel MacDonald

“Effects of Classroom Observation and Feedback on Teacher Effort and Student Learning” with Sabrin Beg, James Berry, Anne Fitzpatrick, and Adrienne Lucas

### SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS:

2024	JPAL Learning for All Initiative #23-02151 (\$395,000)
	Kiphart Fund for Research and Innovation in Global Health and Social Development with Maryiam Haroon (\$49,000)
	USAID Development Innovation Ventures Grant with Anne Fitzpatrick, Adrienne Lucas, Sabrin Beg, James Berry (\$775,000)
2023	National Science Foundation #2242582 (\$210,000)
	Weiss Grant (\$75,000)
2022	Becker Friedman Institute Political Economy Grant
	Development Economics Center Grant (\$33,000)
	Structural Transformation and Economic Growth with Maryiam Haroon (\$120,000)
2021	REStud Tour

- China Star Tour  
Journal of Development Economics Prize, UC Berkeley  
JPAL South East Asia Grant (\$15,000)
- 2020 National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship
- 2019 Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Dissertation Fellowship  
IGC Grant (£20,000)  
PEDL Exploratory Grant (£41,000)  
JPAL Post-Primary Education Grant (\$50,000)  
Weiss Foundation Development Research Grant with Supreet Kaur & Heather Schofield (\$72,000)
- 2018 Weiss Foundation Development Research Grant (\$31,000)  
CEGA Development Economics Challenge Grant (\$30,000)  
Strandberg Research Grant (\$21,000)  
Selected participant, Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics  
Excellence in Refereeing, American Economic Review
- 2017 DFID RISE Programme Grant with Tahir Andrabi (\$180,000)
- 2010 Chancellor's Service Award, for outstanding leadership and service, given to <1% of graduates, UCLA

#### **INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:**

- 2025: *Seminars:* Columbia University, DePaul University, University of Glasgow, University of Johannesburg, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, UC San Diego  
  
*Conferences:* BREAD, Education Policy Group Meeting
- 2024: *Seminars:* Harvard/MIT Development Seminar, Northern Illinois University, University of Chicago, University of Chicago – Booth  
  
*Conferences:* Conference on Discrimination in the 21st Century
- 2023: *Seminars:* Brown University, University of Illinois, Chicago, University of Chicago, University of Minnesota, University of Sao Paulo  
  
*Conferences:* AEI Future of Education Conference, BREAD, Conference on Early Childhood Development, NBER Organizational Economics Spring Meeting, NBER Summer Institute – Gender Session, Saieh Fellows Conference, University of Toronto Inequality and Discrimination Conference
- 2022: *Seminars:* Columbia University, Discrimination and Disparities Online Seminar, Georgetown University, Harvard University, University of Chicago, World Bank Research Group  
  
*Conferences:* Advances with Field Experiments Conference, AEA/ASSA, BREAD Conference on Behavioral Economics and Development, Economic Opportunity Conference, Emerging Scholars Conference (UW Madison), Empirical Study of Gender (EGEN) Pakistan Workshop, IZA/CREST Conference, IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economists, NBER Education Spring Meeting, NBER Labor Spring Meeting, Northeast Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists, Women in Microeconomics Conference
- 2021 *Seminars:* Boston College, Brown University, Duke University, Harvard University, Institute of International Economic Studies at Stockholm University, MIT, Penn State, Princeton, PUC Chile, Stanford University, University of California Irvine, University of Chicago, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, University of Southern California, World Bank (DIME), Yale University, Yale University School of Management  
  
*Conferences:* BREAD Conference on Behavioral Economics and Development, Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference, China Star Tour, Comparative and International Education Society Conference, Conference on Applied Development Economics, IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education, National Academy of Education/Spencer Fellows Retreat, Northwestern Rookiefest, Psychology and Economics of Poverty Convening, REStud Tour, Rochester Applied Micro Conference, Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE), Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries (SEEDec), TCD/CEPR Workshop in Development Economics, WEAI Annual Conference

- 2020 *Conferences:* RISE, IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education, Pacific Conference for Development Economics, DEVPEC, BREAD/CEPR/STICERD/TCD Conference on Development Economics, NEUDC, NBER Education Fall Meeting, E-con of Education
- 2019 *Conferences:* Center for Economic Research in Pakistan, RISE, Stanford University Bay Area Development Economics

#### **SERVICE:**

Conference Organization: LEAPS Roundtable (2022), Women in Empirical Microeconomics Conference (2023, 2024), Midwest International Economic Development Conference (2024)

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, the Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Political Economy – Micro, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics*

Advising: DFID Pakistan KP Education Sector Programme Evaluation Advisory Board (2018 – 2022)

#### **PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:**

##### **RESEARCH:**

Research Assistant to Professor Edward Miguel (2015-2016)

Research Fellow to Professor Asim Khawaja, Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government/World Bank (2014-2015)

Research Consultant, Save the Children (2013-2014)

##### **TEACHING:**

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley (2016-2017), Development Economics & Behavioral Economics

Teaching Assistant, Fletcher School, Tufts University (2013), Microeconomics of Development (Graduate)

High School Teacher, Teach for America (2010-2012), AP Physics, Physics and Biology