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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2014 – present Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, The State University of New York (at Binghamton)
2013 – 2014 Adjunct Instructor (Sophomore Tutorial), Department of Economics, Harvard University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2018- present IZA Institute of Labor Economics, Research Fellow
2013- present Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University, Faculty Affiliate
2018- Present GLO (Global Labor Organization), Research Fellow
2015- present Center for the Economics of Human Development, HCEO, University of Chicago, Faculty Affiliate

EDUCATION

Year	Institution	Degree Type
2014	Harvard University	Doctorate <i>(Doctoral Advisors: Lawrence Katz, David Cutler, Amitabh Chandra)</i>
2011	Université de Namur (FUNDP), Belgium	The Center for Economic and Policy Research CEPR/AMID Doctoral Economics Exchange Program
2008	Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies	Master of Arts
2004	American University in Cairo, Egypt	ALI Institute, Certificate, Advanced Arabic
2000	Ohio Wesleyan University	Bachelor of Arts

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Primary: Development Economics (with a focus on human capital), Labor Economics, Field Experiments

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS IN ECONOMICS

1. Nikolov, Plamen (with Ye, M., Zheng J., and S. Asher). 2019. One Step at a Time: Does Gradualism Foster Group Coordination? *Management Science* (Behavioral Economics section) **65**(11). doi.org/10.1287/mnsc.2018.3210.
2. Nikolov, Plamen (with Chakravarty, S., Lundberg, M., Zenker, J.). 2019. The Short-Term Effects of Training Programs on Youth Employment: Evidence from Nepal. *Journal of Development Economics* **136**(1): 71-110. (Lead and Corresponding Author). doi.org/10.1016/j.jdeveco.2018.09.002.
3. Nikolov, Plamen (with M. Bonci). 2020. Do Public Program Benefits Crowd Out Private Transfers in Developing Countries? A Critical Review of Recent Evidence. *World Development* **134**(2020): 104967. doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2020.104967
4. Nikolov, Plamen (with N. Jimi). 2020. The Importance of Cognitive Domains and the Returns to Schooling in South Africa: Evidence from Two Labor Survey. *Labour Economics* **65**(2020): 101849. doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2020.101849
5. Nikolov, Plamen and Alan Adelman. 2019. Do Private Household Transfers to the Elderly Respond to Public Pension Benefits? Evidence from Rural China. *The Journal of Economics of Ageing*, **14**(November 2019). doi.org/10.1016/j.jeoa.2019.100204.
6. Nikolov, Plamen and Alan Adelman. 2019. Short-Run Health Consequences of Retirement and Pension Benefits: Evidence from China. *Forum for Health Economics and Policy*, **21**(2). doi.org/10.1515/fhep-2017-0031.
7. Nikolov, Plamen (with Jimi, N. Kumbhakar, S. and M. Malek). “Does Credit Access Improve Firm Output? Evidence from a Field Experiment in Bangladesh.” *Journal of Productivity Analysis* **51** (2019). doi.org/10.1007/s11123-019-00555-8.
8. Nikolov, Plamen, and Nusrat Jimi. 2018. What factors drive individual misperceptions of the returns to schooling in Tanzania? Some lessons for education policy. *Applied Economics* **50**(44): 1-19. (First and Corresponding Author). doi.org/10.1080/00036846.2018.1466991.
9. Nikolov, Plamen. 2018. Time Delay and Investment Decisions: Evidence from An Experiment in Tanzania. *Economics Bulletin* **38**(2): 1124-1137.
10. Nikolov, Plamen “Does HIV Therapy Stimulate Risky Sexual Behavior? A Field Experiment in South Africa.” (Revisions requested).

REVISE AND RESUBMIT

1. Nikolov, Plamen (with Acker, K.) “The Monetary Value of Political Affiliation”
(*Conditionally Accepted*)

WORKING PAPERS

1. Nikolov, Plamen (with A. Adelman). “The Role of Retirement Policies on Human Capital Depreciation in Late Adulthood” (*Under Review*)
2. Nikolov, Plamen (with S. Hossain). “Entitled to Property: Inheritance Laws, Female Bargaining Power, and Child Health in India” (*In preparation for submission*)
3. Nikolov, Plamen (with X. Wang). “Do Pension Benefits Crowd Out Labor Supply in Developing Countries? Evidence from Rural China” (*In preparation for submission*)
4. Nikolov, Plamen (with Jimi, N.). “The Value of Vocational Training Programs for Transformative Entrepreneurship. Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design.” (*In preparation for submission*)
5. Nikolov, Plamen (with S. Yeh) “The Effect of Educational Attainment on Human Capital Depreciation in Old Age: Evidence from South Africa.” (*In preparation for submission*)
6. Nikolov, Plamen. “Immigration and Labor Market Outcomes” (with L. Salarpour & M. Bonci). (*In preparation for submission*)

OTHER PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Nikolov, Plamen (with Shubha Chakravarty & Mattias Lundberg & Juliane Zenker). The role of training programs for youth outcomes in Nepal. *World Bank Policy Research Paper*, 2016: WPS7656
2. Nikolov, Plamen. "The AIDS Epidemic and Its Economic Roots." *Harvard Health Policy Review*, 10(1), 2009.
3. Nikolov, Plamen. “Justice and Allocation in International Health Aid,” *Johns Hopkins SAIS Perspectives*, 2007 (1).
4. Plamen Nikolov, Tim Dall and Paul Hogan. “Economic Costs of Diabetes in the United States.” *Journal of Diabetes Care*, vol 26, pp 1421-1426, Mar 2003.

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. Nikolov, Plamen (with S. Yeh) “How Does Education Affect Cognitive Formation in Early Life in Developing Countries?”
2. Nikolov, Plamen. “Skill Downgrading among Economic Immigrants and Refugee Migrants in the E.U.” (with L. Salarpour & D. Titus).
3. Nikolov, Plamen (with N. Jimi) “Credit Constraints and Female Empowerment Outcomes within the Household: Field Experiment in Bangladesh.”
4. Nikolov, Plamen (with Y. Liang) “The effect of stress and task-confidence on productivity.”
5. Nikolov, Plamen. “Empirical Estimates of Risk Preferences and Time Preferences in Low-income Countries.”
6. Nikolov, Plamen “Do Parental Investments Reinforce or Offset Children's Endowments at Birth?”
7. Nikolov, Plamen. “Vocational Training and Intimate Partner Violence.”
8. Nikolov, Plamen (with S. Hossain & A. Oktyabri) “Labor Supply of Prime-aged Adults in the

- Presence of Pensioners in Households: Longitudinal Evidence from China”
9. Nikolov, Plamen (with N. Langel & YL Lee) “Retirement Benefits and Crowdout in Personal Savings Accounts: Evidence from China.”
 10. Nikolov, Plamen (with Y. Liang) “The effect of stress and task-confidence on productivity.”

PRACTITIONER ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

“Writing Economics Research Papers.” 2013. Harvard DASH, Available at <http://nrs.harvard.edu/urn-3:HUL.InstRepos:11041649>.

TEACHING

(at SUNY Binghamton unless noted otherwise)

Undergraduate: Development Economics, Honors Thesis Seminar, Labor Markets in Developing Countries (at Harvard’s Economics Department), Microeconomics of Health and Development (at Harvard’s Economics Department)

Masters: Microeconomic Theory, Development Economics (at Harvard Kennedy School), Political Economy (at Harvard SPH)

Doctoral: Development Economics, Ph.D. Seminar

RESEARCH GRANTS

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| 2020 | PI: SUNY Seed Grant (\$7,500)
Co-PI: for the following grants: Binghamton University Social Science Experimental Lab (\$3,000)
Co-PI: TAE Sustainable Communities (\$1,000), TAE Health Sciences (\$2,000) |
| 2019 | National Science Foundation (Economics Program) for field experimental follow-up data collection on a microcredit program in Bangladesh (\$34,000) |
| 2019 | PI for the Lois B. DeFleur International Innovation Fund (\$2,000) |
| 2018 | PI for Binghamton University, Dean’s Research Award (\$1,500) |
| 2017 | PI for Lois B. DeFleur International Innovation Fund (\$2,000) |
| 2014 | PI for EU Commission Marie Curie Micro One World Research Grant (\$1,000) |
| 2012 | PI for National Science Foundation Research Fellowship (Economics Program) - top 1% of reviewed NSF proposals for the Economics Program (\$15,000) |
| 2012 | PI for Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies Research Seed Grant (\$10,000) |
| 2012, 2010 | PI for Harvard Economics Department LEAP Center Research Grant (\$7,000 x2) |
| 2011-2012 | PI for CEPR Development Economics AMID Marie Curie Research Grant (EUR 27,000) |
| 2011 | PI for Harvard Weatherhead Center for International Affairs mid-dissertation Grant (\$3,000) |

2011	PI for Mind, Brain, and Behavior (Harvard Medical School Initiative) Research Grant (\$5,000)
2011	PI for Russell Sage Foundation Behavioral Economics Grant (\$4,000)
2010	PI for Harvard Institute for Global Health (HIGH) Doctoral Fellowship Grant (\$25,000)
2009	PI for Hewlett Foundation/IIIE Dissertation Fellowship Grant (\$40,000)

RECOGNITION AWARDS

2015	Dean’s Research Semester Award (Spring 2017)
2013, 2010	Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences Teaching Distinction Certificate
2011	Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Finalist (rated among the top 20 applicants out of 1000 doctoral applicants)
2010	Joseph R. Levenson Memorial Teaching Prize Finalist (Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Student Theses and Independent Project Supervision: COMMITTEES (PAST AND PRESENT)

Graduate

Shahadath Hossain	Economics (Ph.D. committee member, The State University of New York (at Binghamton), 2020-present
Alan Adelman	Economics (Ph.D. committee member, The State University of New York (at Binghamton), 2017-present
Nusrat Jimi	Economics (Ph.D. advisor, The State University of New York (at Binghamton), 2016-present

Undergraduate

Yonglin “Pauline” Liang	Undergraduate Senior Thesis in Economics (Main Advisor), 2017
Matthew Schwartz	Economics (main advisor overseeing a successful research publication at <i>Alpenglow Journal</i> , State University of New York (at Binghamton), 2016 https://orb.binghamton.edu/alpenglowjournal/vol2/iss1/
Michael Lentini	Economics (main advisor overseeing a successful research publication at <i>Alpenglow Journal</i> , State University of New York (at Binghamton), 2016 https://orb.binghamton.edu/alpenglowjournal/vol2/iss1/
Kevin Acker	Economics (main advisor), State University of New

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

Fall 2017-Spring 2019	SUNY Binghamton, Economics Department, Admissions Committee Ph.D. Program
Fall 2016-Spring 2017	SUNY Binghamton, Economics Department, Junior Micro Theory Search Committee
Fall 2015-Spring 2016	SUNY Binghamton, Economics Department, Junior Labor Economics Search Committee
Spring 2015	SUNY Binghamton, Economics Department, Ph.D. Doctoral Seminar Organizer
Fall 2014	SUNY Binghamton, Economics Department, IT Committee, Member

REFeree ACTIVITY

Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization(x3), Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Development Economics, World Development, IZA Journal of Labor Economics, Empirical Economics(x2), Journal of Productivity Analysis, Journal of African Business, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Health Economics, Games, Health Economics, American Journal of Health Economics, World Bank Economic Review, Review of Economics of the Household

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2019

NEUDC (Northwestern University)

2018

NBER Measurement and Tracking of Subjective Well-Being for Aging Research, University of Chicago HCEO Faculty Workshop, NEUDC (Cornell University)

2017

1st IZA Workshop on Gender and Family Economics (Bonn, Germany), PacDev 2017, University of Gottingen, Cornell University AEM, Cornell University Economics Department TWIPS

2016

American Economic Association Annual Conference, Jan 2016; Population Association of America, Mar 2016; University of Oxford (Adolescence, Youth and Gender Conference), Sept 2016; American Agricultural Economics Association Conference, July 2016.

2015

Syracuse University Maxwell School, Nov 2015 (declined)

2014

Augustana College, Feb 2014; Albion College Feb 2014; Florida International University, March 2014, Oxford University Blavatnik School of Government, March 2014; Yale University (SPH), March 2014;

State University of New York at Binghamton, March 2014; University of Southern California, March 2014; University of Missouri, March 2014; University of Washington, March 2014; PopPov Annual Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, Jan 2014; American Economic Association Annual Conference, Jan 2014.

2013

ICASA Annual Conference South Africa, Dec 2013; Simposio de la Asociacion Espanola de Economia, Spain, December 2013, 2013 Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference on Economic Development, Oxford University; 42nd Australian Conference of Economists, Australia, July 2013; Inequalities in Children's Outcomes in Developing Countries St Anne's College, Oxford University, Jul 2013.

2012

APPAM 2012 in Baltimore, MD, Nov 2012; AIDS Economics 2012 Conference in Washington, DC, July 2012; University of Bocconi (AMID Network) Presentation, June 2012; Population Association of America, May 2012, Lancaster Business School, Feb 2012; London School of Economics STICERD Unit, Feb 2012; Université Catholique de Louvain, Jan 2012; RES Conference, London Jan 2012; Hewlett Foundation PopPov Conference, Jan 2012.

2011

Solvay Brussels Business School, Oct 2011; University of Namur (FUNDP), Oct 2011; International Economics Association, June 2011; Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance Workshop, June 2011; Hewlett Foundation PopPov Conference, Jan 2011.

2010

Hebrew University Center for Study of Rationality, July 2010; University of Cape Town, Department of Economics/SALDRU Presentation, Oct 2010; Northeast University Development Consortium, Conference Presentation, Nov 2010; RAND Summer Institute, Jul 2010; NBER Summer Institute, June 2010; University of Chicago.

2009

Price Theory Summer Camp, June 2009.

LANGUAGES

Proficient: English, Arabic, Swahili, Russian, German (intermediate)

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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