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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2020– Associate Professor, University of Connecticut, Joint Appointment with the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Department of Economics
- 2014–20 Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut, Joint Appointment with the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Department of Economics
- 2011–14 Post-doctoral Fellow, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), Department of Development and Security

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

- 2019– Affiliate, Sustainable Global Cities Initiative
- 2018– Research Fellow of the Center for Evaluation and Development (C4ED)
- 2017– Honorary Senior Lecturer, Makerere University
- 2015– Research Fellow, RWI–Leibniz Institute for Economic Research
- 2014– Affiliate, Center for Health, Intervention, and Prevention, University of Connecticut
- 2011– Research Affiliate, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)
- 2008– Affiliate, Households in Conflict Network (HiCN)

EDUCATION

- 2004–09 Ph.D. Economics, University of California, Irvine
- 2004–06 M.A. Mathematical Behavioral Sciences, University of California, Irvine
- 1999–03 B.S. Economics, Arizona State University

RESEARCH

Peer reviewed published papers

1. “The long-term impacts of grants on poverty: 9-year evidence from Uganda’s Youth Opportunities Program”, with Christopher Blattman and Sebastian Martinez. Forthcoming, *American Economic Review: Insights*.
2. “The supply chain for seed in Uganda: Where does it all go wrong?”, with Alicia Barriga. Forthcoming, *World Development*.
3. “Be wary of those who ask: A randomized experiment on the size and determinants of enumerator effects”, with Michele di Maio. Forthcoming, *World Bank Economic Review*.
4. “What do we know about the impact of microfinance? The problems of power and precision”, with Mahesh Dahal. *World Development*, 2020, 128: 1-14.
5. “Do anti-poverty programs sway voters? Experimental evidence from Uganda”, with Chris Blattman and Mathilde Emeriau. NBER Working Paper No. 23035 and *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2018, 100 (5): 891-905.

6. "Trusting Former Rebels: An Experimental Approach to Understanding Reintegration after Civil War", with Ian Lively and Michal Bauer. *Economic Journal*, 2018, 128 (613): 1786-1819.
7. "Financial Education and Savings Behavior: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment among Low Income Clients of Branchless Banking in India", with Margherita Calderone, Santadarshan Sadhu and Leopold Sarr. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 2018, 66 (4).
8. "Returns to microcredit, cash grants and training for male and female microentrepreneurs in Uganda". *World Development*, 2018, 105: 189-200.
9. "The Impact of Agri-Business Skills Training in Zimbabwe: An Evaluation of the Training for Rural Economic Empowerment (TREE) Programme", with Michée Lachaud, Boris Bravo-Ureta and Susana P. Gonzalez. *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, 2018, 10 (3): 373-391.
10. "Unitary or Non-Cooperative Intra-Household Model? Evidence from Couples in Uganda", with Xi He. *World Bank Economic Review*, 2017, 30 (1): S77-S85.
11. "Skills in the Marketplace: Testing Individual Bargaining Ability in a Field Based Experiment". *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2015, 120: 174-188.
12. "The Economic Consequences of Forced Displacement". *Journal of Development Studies*, 2015, 51 (10): 1275-1293.
13. "Generating Skilled Self-Employment in Developing Countries: Experimental Evidence from Uganda", with Christopher Blattman and Sebastian Martinez. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2014, 129 (2): 697-752.
14. "Measuring Sustainability: Why the Ecological Footprint is Bad Economics and Bad Environmental Science". *Ecological Economics*, 2008, 67(4): 519-525.
15. "Meeting the Demand: An Estimation of Potential Future Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Meat Production". *Ecological Economics*, 2008, 67(3): 412-419.

Book

"Measuring Success of Youth Livelihood Interventions: A Practical Guide to Monitoring and Evaluation", with Kevin Hempel. World Bank, 2012.

Non-refereed publications

1. "The problem is bigger than payday loans". Washington Post, July 1, 2016.
2. "Economic Perspectives on Civil Wars", with Stergios Skaperdas. Handbook on the Political Economy of War, edited by Christopher J. Coyne and Rachel L. Mathers, Edward Elgar Publishing Limited, 2011.
3. "Measuring Sustainable Energy: Getting the Numbers Right". Handbook of Sustainable Energy, edited by W. H. Lee and V. G. Cho, Nova Publishers, 2010, pgs. 701-706.
4. "The Greenhouse Hamburger: How Our Diet Matters More Than Our Cars". *Scientific American*, February 2009, pgs. 72-75.

Working papers and papers under review

1. "Social accountability and service delivery: Evidence from a large-scale experiment in Uganda", with Patrick Premand.
2. "Are the extreme poor more trusting? Social capital within a homeless community", with Thomas P Krumeel Jr, and Leticia Riva.
3. "Wheels of Change: The Impact of Bicycles on Female Education and Empowerment in Zambia", with Ana García Hernández, Nishith Prakash and Kritika Narula.

Work in progress

1. Experimental study of the effect of training on enterprise and employment growth in Tanzania, with Margherita Calderone, Annekathrin Schoofs and Rachel Steinacher.
2. Experimental study of the impact of microfinance-plus in Myanmar, Paraguay and Uganda, with Lise Masselus.
3. Experimental study of the adoption and general equilibrium effects of improved cookstoves in Rwanda, with Lise Masselus, Anicet Munyehirwe, Jörg Peters and Maximiliane Sievert.
4. Experimental study of the effect of program information on political action in Uganda, with Pia Raffler.
5. Experimental study of private e-savings accounts to women in Tanzania, with Annekathrin Schoofs and Rachel Steinacher.
6. Behavioral measurements of the effect of group-based violence on social capital in Kenya, with Neil Ferguson and Martin Leroch.
7. Experimental study of the impact of cash grants to businesses on electricity consumption in Rwanda, with Lise Masselus, Anicet Munyehirwe, Jörg Peters and Maximiliane Sievert.
8. Experimental study of the impact of payment for environmental services in Paraguay.
9. Experimental study of policing to reduce street harassment of women in Hyderabad, with Girija Borker, Nishith Prakash, Maria Sviatschi and Sofia Amaral.
10. Experimental study of gender-based sensitization training in Bihar, with Girija S. Borker, Nishith Prakash, Maria Micaela Sviatschi and Sofia Amaral.
11. Experimental study of the impact of soft-skills training to primary school students in India, with Nishith Prakash and Deepak Saraswat.
12. Experimental study of ordering effects for subjective wellbeing questions in 6 countries, with Lise Masselus and Annekathrin Schoofs.
13. Study of how to measure street harassment in India, with Girija S. Borker, Nishith Prakash, Maria Micaela Sviatschi and Sofia Amaral.
14. Experimental study of a large-scale girl's education program in India, with Nishith Prakash and Deepak Saraswat.
15. Experimental study of a soft and technical skills training program in Bangladesh, with Meir Brooks and Nicole Dulieu.
16. Experimental study of an early childhood education program in Nepal, with Nishith Prakash, Deepak Saraswat, Lindsey Buck and Shwetlena Sabarwal.
17. Experimental study of measurement bias introduced in household surveys across 3 countries, with Lise Masselus.
18. Experimental study of financial counseling for low income people in Rochester, NY, with Thomas Krumel and Ryan Sheely.
19. Quasi-experimental study of forced displacement due to condemnations in Newburgh, NY, with Thomas Krumel, Kaitlin Ferrero and Ryan Sheely.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS (\$5,738,223)

2020	Fritz Thyssen Foundation, conference grant €14,944
2020–23	USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative, research grant \$495,539
2020	UConn Scholarship Facilitation Fund, research grant \$2,000
2019–20	JPAL Crime and Violence Initiative, research grant \$45,019
2020	IPA Research Methods, research grant \$10,000
2019–20	Innovation Growth Lab, research grant £33,181
2019–20	JPAL Crime and Violence Initiative, research grant \$70,126

2019 JPAL Post-Primary Education, research grant \$47,373
 2019 JPAL Post-Primary Education, travel grant \$9,998
 2019 IPA Peace and Recovery Program, travel grant \$9,969
 2018–20 Energy and Economic Growth Applied Research Programme, research grant £110,000
 2018–20 International Growth Centre (IGC), research grant £55,511
 2018–20 International Development Research Centre (IDRC), research grant \$632,000
 2017–18 UConn Research Excellence Award \$44,000
 2017–19 International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), evaluation grant \$439,000
 2016–18 World Bank Jobs Umbrella Trust Fund \$240,000
 2016–19 International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), evaluation grant \$390,000
 2016–17 International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), preparation grant \$35,000
 2015–16 World Bank Nordic Trust Fund for Human Rights and Development, research grant \$200,000
 2015–16 Vanguard Charitable Trust, large research grant \$380,000
 2015 International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), preparation grant \$20,000
 2014 Vanguard Charitable Trust, preparation grant \$25,000
 2014–15 YEF, research grant \$120,000
 2014–15 JPAL Post-Primary Education, seed grant \$10,000
 2013–16 Vanguard Charitable Trust, research grant \$350,000
 2013–15 JPAL Post-Primary Education, research grant \$175,000
 2012–16 Vanguard Charitable Trust, research grant \$175,000
 2012–14 World Bank DIME, research grant \$140,000
 2012–13 USAID Development Innovation Ventures, research grant \$100,000
 2012–13 YEF, entrepreneurial training research grant \$150,000
 2012 International Growth Centre (IGC), research grant \$25,000
 2011–13 Jacobs Foundation, research grant \$220,000
 2011–13 Marie Curie Fellowship, postdoctoral fellowship
 2011–12 Vanguard Charitable Trust, research grant \$266,000
 2010–11 World Bank Russian Trust Fund, research grant \$240,000
 2007–11 World Bank Spanish Impact Evaluation Fund, research grant \$400,000

INVITED RESEARCH SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2020 Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Annual Meeting (canceled)
 Agriculture Policy Research Group Annual Conference (canceled)
 The Development Economics Network Berlin (DENeB) seminar (canceled)
 Ifo Institute for Economic Research seminar (canceled)
 Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI) seminar (canceled)

2019 Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute
 Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Annual Meeting
 Indian School of Business seminar
 Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI) seminar

2018 UNICEF Office of Research seminar
 Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI) seminar
 Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Annual Meeting
 University of Connecticut Economics Department seminar
 University of Connecticut Political Science Department seminar

- 2017 Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Economics Department seminar
Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference
Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Annual Meeting
University of Connecticut ARE Department seminar
German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) seminar
The Development Economics Network Berlin (DENEb) seminar
Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI) seminar
- 2016 IPA Researcher Gathering on Financial Inclusion
Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting
University of Connecticut ARE Department seminar
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting
NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development in Africa
Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (CAPERS)
Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Annual Meeting
- 2015 Small & Medium Enterprise Program VI Working Group Meeting, MIT
University of Hanover Economics Department seminar
University of Connecticut ARE Department seminar
Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) seminar
Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference
Midwest Development Conference Annual Meeting
Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics
The Development Economics Network Berlin (DENEb) seminar
- 2014 American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting
University of Connecticut ARE Department seminar
Stockholm University Economics Department seminar
CREST-ENSAE Economics Department seminar
Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Annual Meeting
Royal Economic Association (REA) Annual Meeting
German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) Seminar
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Seminar
- 2013 American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting
Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC) Annual Meeting
Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Annual Meeting
Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference Annual Meeting
Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI) Seminar
Forschungsinstitut zur Zukunft der Arbeit (IZA) Seminar
- 2012 American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting
Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference Annual Meeting
Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB) conference on Field Experiments
European Economics Association (EEA) Annual Meeting
Ausschuss für Entwicklungsländer (AEL) Annual Meeting

- Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) Seminar
Center for Economic Research & Graduate Education (CERGE-EI) Seminar
Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main Economics Department Seminar
8th Annual Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) Workshop, Aix Marseille School of Economics
- 2011 American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting
Institute for Development Studies (IDS) Seminar
University of Bergen Economics Department Seminar
Graduate Institute, Geneva Economics Department Seminar
Harvard Center for International Development (CID) conference on Migration
Royal Economic Association (REA) Annual Meeting
Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Annual Meeting
- 2010 World Bank conference on Monitoring and Evaluation of Financial Literacy Programs
World Bank conference on Evaluating the Impact of Social Protection Policies in Africa
5th IZA/World Bank Conference: Employment and Development
5th Annual Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) Workshop, DIW Berlin
- INVITED POLICY, WORKSHOP AND TEACHING PRESENTATIONS**
- 2020 Save the Children research seminar, Washington, DC
Opportunity International research seminar, Chicago, IL
Food and Agriculture Organization seminar, Rome
Green Climate Fund workshop
- 2019 UNIDO workshop on designing M&E systems in Vietnam, invited speaker
UNIDO workshop on designing M&E systems in Cambodia, invited speaker
Evidence Dialogue on SME Development in Kenya, research presentation
Green Climate Fund workshop
- 2018 Green Climate Fund seminar, Songdo, South Korea
Green Climate Fund workshop
- 2017 Harvard University, invited speaker
Uganda Economic Growth Forum, Kampala, Uganda
Experimental Methods for Program Evaluation, Makerere University, Uganda
What works? The effectiveness of youth employment programs, Berlin, Germany
KfW Development Bank seminar, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2016 IFAD/3ie Workshop on Impact Assessment, Rome, Italy
KfW Development Bank seminar, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2015 Evaluating Youth Employment Programmes: An Executive Course, Turin, Italy
- 2014 What Works in Labour Market Programs for Youth Symposium, Doha, Qatar
- 2013 What Works in Youth Entrepreneurship Workshop, Kampala, Uganda

- Youth Entrepreneurship Regional Knowledge Sharing Symposium, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2012 Book Launch and Impact Evaluation Dissemination, Gulu, Uganda
- 2011 Youth Entrepreneurship in East Africa Evaluation Clinic, Kampala, Uganda
- 2010 Youth Entrepreneurship in the Middle East Evaluation Clinic, Beirut, Lebanon
Impact Evaluation Clinic on Youth Entrepreneurship, Nairobi, Kenya

REFEREEING

Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Review, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Development Economics, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Journal of Human Resources, World Development, Ecological Economics, Journal of Environmental Management and Agriculture, American Political Science Review, and International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3IE)