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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2014– Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut, Joint Appointment with the Department of Agriculture 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

- 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. “Trusting Former Rebels: An Experimental Approach to Understanding Reintegration after Civil War”, with Ian Levely and Michal Bauer. Forthcoming, *Economic Journal*.
2. “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. Forthcoming, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.
3. “Unitary or Non-Cooperative Intra-Household Model? Evidence from Couples in Uganda”, with Xi He. *World Bank Economic Review*, 2017, 30 (1): S77-S85.
4. “Skills in the Marketplace: Testing Individual Bargaining Ability in a Field Based Experiment”. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2015, 120: 174–188.
5. “The Economic Consequences of Forced Displacement”. *Journal of Development Studies*, 2015, 51 (10): 1275-1293.
6. “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.
7. “Measuring Sustainability: Why the Ecological Footprint is Bad Economics and Bad Environmental Science”. *Ecological Economics*, 2008, 67(4): 519-525.
8. “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. “The Greenhouse Hamburger: How Our Diet Matters More Than Our Cars”. Scientific American, February 2009, pgs. 72-75.
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. “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.

Working papers and papers under review

1. “Returns to microcredit for male and female entrepreneurs in Uganda”. Submitted.
2. “Do anti-poverty programs sway voters? Experimental evidence from Uganda”, with Chris Blattman and Mathilde Emeriau. Submitted.
3. “Training for Rural Economic Empowerment (TREE) Project in Zimbabwe: An Analysis of Social Welfare Gain”, with Michée Lachaud, Boris Bravo-Ureta and Susana P. Gonzalez. Submitted.
4. “Business is tough, but family is worse: The role of family constraints on microenterprise development in Uganda”.
5. “Social accountability and service delivery: Experimental evidence from Uganda”, with Patrick Premand.

Work in progress

1. Experimental study of the effect of enterprise skills training on youth to understand the role of hard versus soft skills education on economic and psychological development outcomes in Uganda. With Paul Gertler and Dana Carney.
2. Behavioral measurements of the effect of group-based violence on social capital in Kenya. With Neil Ferguson and Martin Leroch.
3. Experimental test for survey best practices in Uganda and Tanzania. With Michele di Maio.
4. Nine-year follow-up of experimental study of a cash grant program to generate self-employment in Uganda. With Chris Blattman.
5. Experimental study of the effect of program information on collective and political action in Uganda. With Pia Raffler and Patrick Premand.
6. Correlates of organizational learning with a representative sample of Ugandan NGOs. With Leticia Riva (UConn PhD student).
7. Experimental study of how to develop female owned microenterprises through innovative finance in Uganda.
8. Experimental study of the effect of training on enterprise and employment growth in Tanzania. With Margherita Calderone and Rachel Steinacher.
9. Non-experimental study of increased demand for agricultural output in Swaziland. With Michele di Maio.
10. Experimental study of how to communicate climate prediction information to small-scale farmers in Kenya.
11. Experimental evidence on how to help farmers identify and avoid fake agricultural inputs in Uganda.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS (\$3,661,000)

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, entrepreneurial training 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
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 SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2017	Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Annual Meeting Harvard University seminar
2016	IPA Researcher Gathering on Financial Inclusion Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development in Africa Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Annual Meeting
2015	Small & Medium Enterprise Program VI Working Group Meeting, MIT University of Hanover 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 seminar Stockholm University seminar CREST-ENSAE 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 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 Seminar
 Graduate Institute, Geneva 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 AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 KfW Development Bank seminar, Frankfurt, Germany
 IFAD/3ie Workshop on Impact Assessment, Rome, Italy
- 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

American Economic Review, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Development 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)