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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

- 2015– Research Fellow, RWI Research Network
- 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 Lively 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. “Do anti-poverty programs sway voters? Experimental evidence from Uganda”, with Chris Blattman and Mathilde Emeriau. R&R at *The Review of Economics and Statistics*.
2. “Returns to microcredit for male and female entrepreneurs in Uganda”. R&R at *World Development*.
3. “Business is tough, but family is worse: The role of family constraints on microenterprise development in Uganda”. Submitted.
4. “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. R&R at *Journal of Development Effectiveness*.
5. “Be wary of those who ask: A randomized experiment on the size and determinants of enumerator effects”, with Michele di Maio. Submitted.
6. “Social accountability and service delivery: Experimental evidence from Uganda”, with Patrick Premand.
7. “When and how do non-profit organizations learn? Evidence from a representative sample of NGOs in Uganda”, with Leticia Riva.

Work in progress

1. Nine-year follow-up of experimental study of a cash grant program to generate self-employment in Uganda. With Chris Blattman.
2. Experimental study of providing free bicycles to primary school girls in Zambia. With Nishith Prakash and Kritika Narula.
3. Experimental study of the effect of training on enterprise and employment growth in Tanzania. With Margherita Calderone and Rachel Steinacher.
4. Genetic testing of seed supply chain in Uganda.
5. Behavioral measurements of the effect of group-based violence on social capital in Kenya. With Neil Ferguson and Martin Leroch.
6. Experimental study of the effect of program information on collective and political action in Uganda. With Pia Raffler and Patrick Premand.
7. Behavioral measures of farmer cooperation and increased demand for agricultural output in Swaziland. With Michele di Maio.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS (\$4,144,000)

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, 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 RESEARCH SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2017	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign seminar Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Annual Meeting Harvard University invited speaker 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 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

- 2017 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)