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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2014– 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

- 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. “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*.
2. “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.
3. “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.
4. “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).
5. “Returns to microcredit, cash grants and training for male and female microentrepreneurs in Uganda”. *World Development*, 2018, 105: 189-200.
6. “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.

7. "Unitary or Non-Cooperative Intra-Household Model? Evidence from Couples in Uganda", with Xi He. *World Bank Economic Review*, 2017, 30 (1): S77-S85.
8. "Skills in the Marketplace: Testing Individual Bargaining Ability in a Field Based Experiment". *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2015, 120: 174–188.
9. "The Economic Consequences of Forced Displacement". *Journal of Development Studies*, 2015, 51 (10): 1275-1293.
10. "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.
11. "Measuring Sustainability: Why the Ecological Footprint is Bad Economics and Bad Environmental Science". *Ecological Economics*, 2008, 67(4): 519-525.
12. "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. "The long-term impacts of grants on poverty: 9-year evidence from Uganda's Youth Opportunities Program", with Christopher Blattman and Sebastian Martinez. Conditionally accepted, *American Economic Review: Insights*.
2. "What do we know about the impact of microfinance? The problems of power and precision", with Mahesh Dahal. Revise and resubmit, *World Development*.
3. "The supply chain for seed in Uganda: Where does it all go wrong?", with Alicia Barriga. Revise and resubmit, *World Development*.
4. "Social accountability and service delivery: Evidence from a large-scale experiment in Uganda", with Patrick Premand. Submitted to *Economic Journal*.
5. "Are the extreme poor more trusting? Social capital within a homeless community", with Thomas P Krumel Jr, and Leticia Riva. Submitted to *The Journal of Economic Inequality*.
6. "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, Annkathrin Schoofs and Rachel Steinacher.
2. Experimental study of the impact of microfinance-plus in Ghana, Myanmar and Paraguay, 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 S. Borker, Nishith Prakash, Maria Micaela Sviatschi, Sofia Amaral and Sutanuka Roy.
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.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS (\$5,136,216)

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
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

- 2019 Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Annual Meeting
 Indian School of Business seminar
 Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI) seminar
 UNU-Wider development conference
- 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

- 2019 UNIDO workshop on designing M&E systems in Cambodia, invited speaker
- 2018 Green Climate Fund seminar, Songdo, South Korea
- 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)