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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

EMPLOYMENT

Academic employment

2014– Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut, Department of Agriculture and Resource Economics
2011–14 Post-doctoral Fellow, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), Department of Development and Security

Other research activities

2007– Consultant, World Bank
2010– Consultant, International Labour Organization
2013 Visiting Researcher, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

Affiliations

2011– Research Affiliate, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)
2008– Affiliate, Households in Conflict Network (HiCN)

Teaching

2014– University of Connecticut, Department of Agriculture and Resource Economics
2005–08 University of California, Irvine, Department of Economics and School of Business

RESEARCH

Peer reviewed published papers

- “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.
- “Measuring Sustainability: Why the Ecological Footprint is Bad Economics and Bad Environmental Science”. *Ecological Economics*, 2008, 67(4), 519-525.
- “Meeting the Demand: An Estimation of Potential Future Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Meat Production”. *Ecological Economics*, 2008, 67(3), 412-419.
- “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.

Book

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

Non-refereed publications

- “The Greenhouse Hamburger: How Our Diet Matters More Than Our Cars”. Scientific American, February 2009, pgs. 72-75.
- “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.

Working papers and papers under review

- “Stimulating Microenterprise Growth: Results from a Loans, Grants and Training Experiment in Uganda”. Submitted.
- “Skills in the Marketplace: Testing Individual Bargaining Ability in a Field Based Experiment”. DIW Discussion Paper 1325. Submitted.
- “The Economic Consequences of Forced Displacement”. Submitted.
- “Does Financial Education Affect Savings Behavior? Evidence from a Randomized Experiment among Low Income Clients of Branchless Banking in India”, with Margherita Calderone, Santadarshan Sadhu and Leopold Sarr. Submitted.
- “Understanding Reintegration of Former Abducted Soldiers: An Experimental Approach”, with Ian Lively and Michal Bauer. Submitted.
- “Improving Development Effectiveness through R&D: Dynamic Learning and Evaluation”. DIW Discussion Paper 1326.

Work in progress

- Experimental study of an anti-corruption program to determine the effect of local participation and good governance on economic performance of community projects. With Patrick Premand and Suleiman Namara.
- 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. With Paul Gertler and Dana Carney.
- Experimental study of mentorship program to determine the effect of mentoring on economic and psychological development outcomes.
- Experimental study of the effect of foreign aid on domestic voting and participation. With Christopher Blattman and Mathilde Emeriau.
- Behavioral measurements of the effect of mediators on the efficiency of bargaining after group-based violence. With Neil Ferguson and Martin Leroch.
- Cross-national panel data estimation of the effects of economic growth on income inequality in the developing world.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

2012–16	Private Foundation
2012–14	World Bank
2012–13	USAID Development Innovation Ventures
2012–13	YEF, entrepreneurial training
2012	International Growth Centre (IGC)
2011–13	Jacobs Foundation
2011–13	Marie Curie Fellowship
2011–12	Private Foundation

- 2010–11 World Bank Russian Trust Fund
 2007–11 World Bank Spanish Impact Evaluation Fund

INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

- 2014 American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting
 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

- 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

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