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RESEARCH POSITIONS

International Food Policy Research Institute
Markets, Trade and Institutions Division
Associate Research Fellow

Washington, DC
August 2017-Present

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley
Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics
PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics
Masters of Science, Agricultural and Resource Economics

Berkeley, CA
May 2017
May 2013

Johns Hopkins University
School of Advanced International Studies
Masters of Arts, *Honors*, International Relations

Washington, DC
May 2010

Wesleyan University
Bachelor of Arts, *Phi Beta Kappa*, Government

Middletown, CT
May 2004

WORK IN PROGRESS

Gambling, Saving, and Lumpy Liquidity Needs ([working paper](#))

Industrial Organization and Firm Response to Violence in Afghanistan (with Joshua Blumenstock, Tarek Ghani, Ethan Kapstein, Thomas Scherer, and Ott Toomet) ([working paper](#))

Conception and Contraceptives in a Time of Drought

Sport for Development? A Randomized Control Trial among Vulnerable Youth in Liberia (with Lori Beaman, Niall Keleher, and Jeremy Magruder) ([working paper](#))

Income Shocks, Marriage Timing, and Migration: Evidence from Indonesia (with Marieke Kleemans)

Statistical and Taste-Based Discrimination and Dynamic Job Allocation in Low Information Settings: Evidence from Kenya" (with Jonas Hjort)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

2015-2017 Consultant, United States Institute of Peace

2013-2014 Graduate Student Researcher for Jeremy Magruder (Liberia and Berkeley, CA)

2010-2011 World Bank Consultant (DIME) and Field Coordinator for Mushfiq Mobarak (Malawi)

2006-2008 Community and Youth Education Volunteer, United States Peace Corps (Niger)

2004-2006 Program Assistant, The Africa-America Institute

GRANTS FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2018 CGIAR – Policies, Institutions, and Markets, with Kate Ambler and Ricardo Labarta, \$170,000
- 2017 IFPRI – Strategic Innovation Fund for Associate Research Fellows, \$50,000
- 2015 Center for Effective Global Action – EASST Research Grant, \$49,676
- 2015 NSF – Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, \$29,725
- 2015 Institute for Money, Technology, and Financial Inclusion, Research Grant, \$20,000
- 2015 Center for African Studies – Rocca Fellowship, \$5,000
- 2015 AAEA – Luther B. Tweeten, Special Purpose Fund Scholarship
- 2014 UC Berkeley – ARE Departmental Research Grant, \$2,500
- 2012 CEGA – Tropical Agriculture and Impact Evaluation Fellowship
- 2011-2013 UC Berkeley Graduate Fellowship
- 2008-2010 Bernard and Irene Schwartz Fellow in International Development, Johns Hopkins

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- 2019 ASSA Meetings, Atlanta (planned)
- 2018 Department of Business and Economics, West Virginia University; Center for the Economic Analysis of Risk Conference, University College Cork, Ireland; FIPP, International Food Policy Research Institute
- 2017 Pacific Conference for Development Economics, UC Riverside; Midwest International Economic Development Conference, UW Madison; Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, MIT; International Food Policy Research Institute; Development Economics, UC Berkeley
- 2016 Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Berkeley; Institute for Money, Technology, and Financial Inclusion, UC Irvine; Department of Economics, Makerere University, Uganda

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Referee for: Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, World Development

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2015 *Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award* – UC Berkeley
- Spring 2015 *Applied Econometrics* (upper-division undergraduate) – UC Berkeley
Graduate Student Instructor for Steven Buck
Environmental Economics and Policy (EEP117)
Student Evaluation, Overall Effectiveness: 6.91/7
- Fall 2014 *International Economic Development and Policy* (graduate) – UC Berkeley
Graduate Student Instructor for Alain de Janvry
Public Policy/Masters of Development Practice (PP/MDP C253)
Student Evaluation, Overall Effectiveness: 6.81/7

PERSONAL

- Citizenship: United States
- Languages: English (native), French (advanced), Hausa (proficient), Spanish (basic)