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Academic Positions

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| 2015- | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Economics, Associate Professor |
| 2008-2015 | University of Michigan Department of Economics, Assistant Professor |
| 2008-2015 | University of Michigan Population Studies Center, Research Affiliate |
| 2006-2008 | University of Michigan Population Studies Center, NIA Post-doctoral Fellow |

Education

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2006 Ph.D., M.A. | Political Economy and Government | Harvard University |
| 1998 B.S. (High Distinction) | Applied Mathematics, German | University of Michigan |

Publications

- Fitzpatrick, Anne and Rebecca Thornton. "The Spillover Effects of Health Insurance within Families: Experimental Evidence from Nicaragua." Forthcoming in *World Bank Economic Review*.
- Kohler, Hans Peter, and Rebecca Thornton. Making Marriages Last: Trust is Good, Credible Information is Better. In Siwan Anderson, Lori Beaman and Jean-Philippe Platteau (Ed.), *Towards Gender Equity in Development*. Oxford University Press; UNU-WIDER 2018.
- Shacham, Enbal, Rebecca Thornton, Susan Godlonton, Ryan Murphy, and Jake Gilliland. 2016. "Geospatial Analysis of Condom Availability and Accessibility in Urban Malawi." *International Journal of STD & AIDS*, Jan; 27(1): 44-50. DOI: 10.1177/0956462415571373. Epub 2015 Feb 13.
- Godlonton, Susan, Alister Munthali, and Rebecca Thornton. 2016. "Responding to Risk: Circumcision, Information, and HIV Prevention." *Review of Economics and Statistics*, May; 98(2): 333-349.
- Godlonton Susan, and Rebecca Thornton. 2016. "Medical Male Circumcision: How does price affect the risk-profile of take-up?" *Preventive Medicine*, First published online June 7, 2016. DOI: 10.1016/j.ypmed.2016.06.003.
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- Friedman, Willa, Michael Kremer, Edward Miguel, and Rebecca Thornton. 2015. "Education as Liberation?" *Economica*, 83(329): 1-30. DOI:10.1111/ecca.12168.
- El-Khoury, Marianne Rebecca Thornton, Minki Chatterji, Maha Shadid, and Soonie Choi. 2015. "Effectiveness of evidence-based medicine on knowledge, attitudes, and practices of family planning providers: a randomized experiment in Jordan." *BMC Health Services Research*, 15:449. First published October 5, 2015. URL: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/15/449>. DOI: 10.1186/s12913-015-1101-z.

- Maughan-Brown, Brendan, Susan Godlonton, Rebecca Thornton, and Atheendar S. Venkataramani. 2015. "What Do People Actually Take Away From Public Health Education Campaigns? Incorrect Inferences about Male Circumcision and Female HIV Infection Risk in a Cluster Randomized Trial in Malawi." *AIDS and Behavior*, Jul; 19(7): 1170-1177. First published online: August 26, 2014. DOI 10.1007/s10461-014-0882-0.
- Kohler, Hans-Peter; Watkins, Susan C.; Behrman, Jere R.; Anglewicz, Philip; Kohler, Iliana V.; Thornton, Rebecca L.; Mkandawire, James; Honde, Hastings; Hawara, Augustine; Chilima, Ben; Bandawe, Chiwoza and Mwapasa, Victor. 2014. "Cohort Profile: The Malawi Longitudinal Study of Families and Health (MLSFH)." *International Journal of Epidemiology*, First published online: March 16, 2014. DOI: 10.1093/ije/dyu049.
- Chinkhumba, Jobiba, Godlonton, Susan, and Rebecca Thornton. 2014. "Demand for Medical Male Circumcision." *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 6(2): 152-77.
- Batzilis, Dimitrios, Taryn Dinkelman, Emily Oster, Rebecca Thornton and Deric Zanera. 2016. "New Cellular Networks in Malawi: Correlates of Service Rollout and Effects on Employment." in NBER Volume on African Economic Successes, (eds.) S. Edwards, S. Johnson, and D. Weil. University of Chicago Press.
- Shacham, Enbal, Susan Godlonton, and Rebecca Thornton. 2014. "Perceptions of Male Circumcision among Married Couples in Rural Malawi." *Journal of the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care*, Sept-Oct; 13(5): 443-449. First published online: October 25, 2013. DOI: 10.1177/2325957413508319.
- Kerwin, Jason, Rebecca Thornton, and Sallie M. Foley. 2013. "Prevalence of and Factors Associated with Oral Sex among Rural and Urban Malawian Men." *International Journal of Sexual Behavior*, 26(1): 66-77.
- Godlonton, Susan, and Rebecca Thornton. 2013. "Learning from Others' HIV Testing: Updating Beliefs and Responding to Risk." *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 103(3): 439-444.
- Oster, Emily and Rebecca Thornton. 2012. "Determinants of Technology Adoption: Peer Effects in Menstrual Cup Take-Up." *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 10(6): 1263-1293.
- Burns, Justine, Malcolm Keswell, and Rebecca Thornton. 2012. "Evaluating the Impact of Health Programmes on Productivity." *African Development Review*, 24(4): 302-315.
- Thornton, Rebecca. 2012. "HIV Testing, Subjective Beliefs and Economic Behavior." *Journal of Development Economics*, 99(2): 300-313.
- Kohler, Hans-Peter and Rebecca Thornton. 2012. "Conditional Cash Transfers and HIV/AIDS Prevention: Unconditionally Promising?" *World Bank Economic Review*, 26: 165-190.
- Godlonton, Susan and Rebecca Thornton. 2012. "Peer Effects in Learning HIV Results." *Journal of Development Economics*, 97(1): 118-129.
- Oster, Emily and Rebecca Thornton. 2011. "Menstruation, Sanitary Products and School Attendance: Evidence from a Randomized Evaluation." *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 3(1): 91-100.
- Kerwin, Jason T., Sallie M. Foley, Rebecca L. Thornton, Paulin Basinga, and Jobiba Chinkhumba. 2011. "Missing Safer Sex Strategies in HIV Prevention: A Call for Further Research." *African Population Studies Journal*, 25(2):267-285.

- Thornton, Rebecca, Laurel Hatt, Erica Field, Mursaleena Islam, Freddy Solís, and Martha Azuzena González Moncada. 2010. “Social Security Health Insurance for the Informal Sector in Nicaragua: A Randomized Evaluation.” *Health Economics*, 19(S1): 181–206.
- Kremer, Michael, Edward Miguel, and Rebecca Thornton. 2009. “Incentives to Learn.” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 91 (3):437-456.
- Obare, Francis, Peter Fleming, Philip Anglewicz, Rebecca Thornton, Francis Martinson, Agatha Kapatuka, Michelle Poulin, Susan Watkins, Hans-Peter Kohler. 2009. “Acceptance of Repeat Population-Based Voluntary Counseling and Testing for HIV in Rural Malawi.” *Sexually Transmitted Infections*, 85: 139-144.
- Angotti N, Bula A, Gaydosh L, Kimchi E, Thornton R, and Yeatman S. 2009. “Increasing the Acceptability of HIV Counseling and Testing with Three C's: Convenience, Confidentiality and Credibility.” *Social Science & Medicine*, 68(12): 2263-2270.
- Thornton, Rebecca. 2008. “The Demand for, and Impact of, Learning HIV Status.” *American Economic Review*, 98(5): 1829–1863.
- Jensen, Robert and Rebecca Thornton. 2003. “The Consequences of Early Marriage in the Developing World.” *Oxfam Journal of Gender and Development*, 11(2): 9-19.

Working Papers – Submitted

- What Can we Learn from School-based Evaluations when Outcomes are Conditional on Participation?, with Clara Delavallade and Alan Griffith. *Revisions Requested at World Bank Economic Review*.
- Making the Grade: The Sensitivity of Education Program Effectiveness to Input Choices and Outcome Measures, with Jason Kerwin. *Revisions Requested and The Review of Economics and Statistics*

Working Papers

- Are Rural Road Investments Alone Sufficient to Generate Transport Flows? Lessons from a Randomized Experiment in Rural Malawi and Policy Implications, with Gaël Raballand, Dean Yang, Jessica Goldberg, Niall Keleher, and Annika Mueller. World Bank Policy Research Working Paper Series, Number 5535, 2011.
- Boys lagging behind: Unpacking Gender Differences in Academic Achievement across East Africa, with Julie Buhl-Wiggers and Sam Jones
- Contemplating Circumcision: The Influence of Social Networks on Decision-Making, with Rachael Pierotti.
- Distributional Impacts of Increasing Teaching Literacy in Uganda, with Julie Buhl-Wiggers, Jason T. Kerwin, Juan Munoz Morales, and Jeffrey A. Smith.
- How do Women Learn they Are Pregnant? The Introduction of Clinics and Pregnancy Uncertainty in Nepal, with Isabel Musse.
- Network Partitioning and Social Exclusion under Different Selection Regimes, with Clara Delavallade and Alan Griffith.

Teacher Effectiveness in Africa: Longitudinal and Causal Estimates, with Julie Buhl-Wiggers, Jason T. Kerwin, and Jeffrey A. Smith.

Work in Progress

The Affordable Care Act, Breastfeeding, and Women's Labor Force Participation, with Mark Borgschulte.

Local Language Instruction: Experimental Evidence on Literacy and Numeracy from Primary Schools in Uganda, with Jason Kerwin.

Migration and Family Planning Response in Nepal, with Akito Kamei and Isabel Musse.

Program Scale-Up and Sustainability, with Julie Buhl-Wiggers, Jason T. Kerwin, and Jeffrey A. Smith.

Pregnancy Tests and Family Planning Take-up, with Maureen Babine, Akito Kamei, and Ryoko Sato.

Nudging Women into Economics: Experimental Evidence, with Daniel Halim and Elizabeth Powers.

Transitions to Parenthood: Changes in Spending, Behavior, and Expectations

Reports and Reviews

Scaling up Male Circumcision Service Provision: Results from a Randomized Evaluation in Malawi, with Susan Godlonton, Jobiba Chinkhumba, and Rachael Pierotti. 3ie Impact Evaluation Report 13. New Delhi: International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), 2014.

Risks across Borders: A Study of the Potential of Micro-insurance Products to Help Migrants Cope with Cross Border Risks, with Barbara Magnoni, Annette Lovoi, and Julia Brown. Multilateral Investment Fund, Inter-American Development Bank Group, 2010.

Micro-insurance Utilization in Nicaragua: A Report on Retention, Effects on Children, and Health Claims, with Anne Fitzpatrick and Barbara Magnoni. Report to the International Labour Organization, 2010.

Price Sensitivity and Impacts of Formal Transportation in Rural Africa: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment in Malawi, with Jessica Goldberg, Niall Keleher, Annika Muller, and Dean Yang. Report to the World Bank, 2010.

Book Review: Global Lessons from the AIDS Pandemic: Economic, Financial, Legal and Political Implications. Bradley J. Condon and Tapen Sinha. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 47(4): 1126–1160, 2009.

Extending Social Insurance to Informal Sector Workers in Nicaragua via Microfinance Institutions: Results from a Randomized Evaluation, with Laurel Hatt, Barbara Magnoni, and Mursaleena Islam. USAID/PSP-one Report, 2009.

Extending Health Insurance to Informal Sector Workers in Nicaragua, with Laurel Hatt, Barbara Magnoni, and Mursaleena Islam. USAID/PSP-one Policy Brief, 2009.

Hand Out or Hand Up: Microfinance, Remittances and Entrepreneurship in Nicaragua, with Barbara Magnoni and Benjamin Matranga. EA Consultants Technical Brief 0011107, 2007.

Incentives to Learn: Merit Scholarships that Pay Kids to Do Well, with Edward Miguel and Michael Kremer. Education Next. Spring, 2005.

External Grants

- 2019-2021 J-Pal Post Primary Initiative - \$49,892 (Co-I, with Richard Akresh)
Understanding School-Based Violence Networks in Ghana – *Revisions Requested*
- 2019-2021 Russell Sage Foundation - \$115,200 (Co-I, with Mark Borgschulte)
Labor Market Effects of ACA Breastfeeding Provisions
- 2019-2021 J-Pal Post Primary Initiative - \$148,647 (Co-I, with Victoria Brown and Jason Kerwin)
Solid Foundations and the Transition to Post-Primary School
- 2017 J-PAL Africa Incubation Fund - 188,606 Rand
Pregnancy Tests in South Africa (Co-I, with Deborah Constant)
- 2016-2019 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Global Grand Challenges - \$100,000
Access to Pregnancy Tests in Uganda (co-PI, with Alison Comfort)
- 2015-2020 Economic and Social Research Council - £989,202
The Literacy Laboratory Project (PI, with Mango Tree Educational Enterprises)
- 2014 International Growth Centre (London School of Economics) - £50,000
The Literacy Laboratory Project (PI, with Mango Tree Educational Enterprises)
Economic & Social Research Council - \$882,017
Labor Outmigration, Agricultural Productivity and Food Security (Co-I, with Dirgha Ghimire, William Axinn, and Prem Bhandari)
- 2012 Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab Africa Youth Initiative Pilot Funding - \$10,000
Cash Grants and Young Men in South Africa (Co-PI, with Susan Godlonton, David Lam, and Brendan Maughan-Brown)
- 2010 International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) - \$320,000
Scaling up Male Circumcision Service Provision (PI, with Jobiba Chinkhumba, Brendan Hayes, and Susan Godlonton)
- 2009 The World Bank - \$50,000
Rural Transport in Malawi (Co-PI, with Gaël Raballand and Dean Yang)
International Labour Organization - \$40,000
Micro-insurance Utilization in Nicaragua: The Demand for and Effects of Insurance Enrollment among Informal Sector Workers (PI, with Anne Fitzpatrick and Barbara Magnoni)
- 2008 National Bureau of Economic Research Africa Initiative – \$75,000
Leapfrogging the Neighbors: The Penetration and Socioeconomic Effects of Information Communications Technologies in Landlocked Malawi (Co-PI, with Taryn Dinkelman, Emily Oster, and Deric Zanera)
- 2007 Global Development Network - \$250,000
Randomized Evaluation of a Program Extending Social Security Health Insurance to the Informal Sector via MFIs in Nicaragua (Co-PI, with Barbara Magnoni, Erica Field, and Martha González)

- 2006 Center for Health and Social Sciences Grant, University of Chicago - \$12,500
Menstruation and Education in Nepal (Co-PI, with Emily Oster)
- 2005 National Bureau of Economic Research
National Institutes of Health Fellowship in Aging

Internal Grants (University of Michigan)

- 2014 Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies Spring/Summer Research Grant
Elizabeth Caroline Crosby Faculty Grant
MITRE Undergraduate Research Experience
Gender Inequities in School Performance and School Completion
- 2013 MITRE Faculty Research and Professional Development Program
Resolution of Uncertainty through Testing: Pregnancy Tests and Adolescent Reproductive Health (Co-PI, with Susan Godlonton)
- 2012 The Office of the Vice President for Research Faculty Grants and Awards Program
Family Dynamics and Family Planning in Jordan
Population Studies Center Ronald and Deborah Freedman Fund
Impact of Cash Grants among South African Youth
International Policy Center Small Research Grant
Family Dynamics and Family Planning in Jordan
International Policy Center Small Research Grant
Job Search among Youth in South Africa
Institute for Research on Women and Gender Faculty Research Grant
South African Women in the Workforce
- 2011 Center for Global Health
Research on Health in Developing Countries
- 2010 African Social Research Initiative Seed Grant
Sugar Daddies and Empowered Women
Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies Spring/Summer Research Grant
Scaling up Male Circumcision Service Provision
Riecker Undergraduate Research Fund, Center for the Education of Women
A Gender Perspective on Attitudes towards Male Circumcision in Rural Malawi
Population Studies Center Small Grant
Unconventional Safer Sex Strategies
- 2009 Institute for Research on Women and Gender Faculty Research Grant
Circumcision, Information, and HIV Prevention
The Office of the Vice President for Research Small Scale Grant
Circumcision, Information, and HIV Prevention
Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies Faculty Research Grant
Circumcision, Information, and HIV Prevention
- 2007 Population Studies Center Small Grant Ford Funds

Isolation, AIDS, and the Elderly: Data Collection and a Field Intervention in Malawi (Co-PI, with Dean Yang)

Population Studies Center Small Grant Mueller and Freedman Funds
Menstruation and Education in Nepal (Co-PI, with Emily Oster)

Center for Demography of Aging Pilot Grant
Subjective Life-Expectancy, Beliefs about HIV Transmission and Long-term Planning

Internal Grants (Harvard University)

- 2005 Women in Public Policy Grant
Menstruation and Education in Nepal (Co-PI, with Emily Oster)
- Warburg Foundation Economics of Culture Research Grant
Menstruation and Education in Nepal (Co-PI, with Emily Oster)
- Center for International Development Research Grant
Menstruation and Education in Nepal (Co-PI, with Emily Oster)
- Warburg Foundation Economics of Poverty Research Grant
HIV Testing in Malawi
- 2004 Center for International Development Research Grant
HIV Testing in Malawi
- 2003 Mortimer Spiegelman Fellow in Demography and Population Studies

Awards

- 2018 Excellence in Refereeing Award, World Bank Economic Review
- 2014 University of Michigan, Department of Economics
Golden Widget Award for Best Faculty Advisor
- 2013 Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research
Distinguished Mentoring Award
- 2011 United States Agency for International Development
Award for Evaluation of Excellence Micro-insurance Utilization in Nicaragua
- 2009 University of Michigan, Department of Economics
Golden Widget Award for Best Faculty Advisor

Research Presentations

- 2020 Boston College (Planned)
- 2019 William and Mary (Planned)
University of Abu Dhabi (Planned)
Monash University (Planned)
Williams College
University of Copenhagen
Georgetown University
- 2018 New York University Steinhardt
Northeastern University

- International Food Research Policy Institute
 FHI360
 Comparative International Education Society annual meetings, Mexico City
 University of Tennessee
- 2017 University of Tennessee
 University of Northern Illinois, Department of Economics
 University of Toronto
 University of Namur and UNU-WIDER Towards Gender Equity in Development Workshop
 Labor Outmigration, Agricultural Productivity and Food Security, University of Michigan
- 2016 WGGP and Center for African Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 RAND Corporation
 George Washington University Conference on the Economics and Political Economy of
 Africa
 Wilfrid Laurier University (Department of Economics)
 Centre for the Study of African Economies: “Economic Development in Africa”
 ESRC-DFID Joint Fund Poverty Conference: “Lessons from a Decade’s Research on
 Poverty: Innovation, Engagement and Impact”
 Comparative and International Education Society Annual Meeting, Vancouver (x3)
- 2015 University of Vermont, Vermont Center on Behavior and Health “Behavior Change, Health
 and Health Disparities”
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, ACES
 University of Minnesota (Department of Applied Economics)
- 2014 Population Association of America (Boston)
 University of Paris, Dauphine
 Johns Hopkins University (Department of Economics)
 University of Missouri (Department of Economics)
 Cornell University (Policy Analysis and Management)
 Harvard Medical School
 University of California, Riverside (Department of Economics)
 McGill University (Social Statistics and Population Seminar)
- 2013 International Food Policy Research Institute
 American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Diego
 Western Michigan University (Department of Economics)
 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: Generating Demand for Voluntary Medical Male
 Circumcision, Lusaka, Zambia
 University of Illinois Champaign Urbana (Department of Economics)
- 2012 Global projects seminar, University of Michigan Medical School
 Baylor University (Department of Economics)
 Southern Methodist University (Department of Economics)
 Marie Stopes International, Cape Town, South Africa
 The Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit, University of Cape Town,
 South Africa
 Grassroots Soccer, Cape Town, South Africa
 University of Maryland (Population Research Center)

- 2011 University of California, Berkeley (Department of Economics)
 DePaul University (Department of Economics)
 Princeton University (Office of Population Research)
 Yale University (Department of Economics)
 University of Georgia (Department of Economics)
 Georgia State University (Department of Economics)
 Union for African Population Studies Sixth African Population Conference, Burkina Faso
 Center of Evaluation for Global Action, University of California Berkeley Evidence to
 Action: The Returns to Investment in Girls
 Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab Africa launch, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2010 Amsterdam Institute for International Development 5th Annual Workshop on the Economic
 Consequences of HIV/AIDS
 University of Illinois, Chicago (Department of Economics)
 London University College/London School of Economics (Department of Economics)
 Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm, Sweden
 Bocconi University (Department of Economics)
 Ohio State University (Institute for Population Research)
 Harvard University Women and Public Policy Program
 Amsterdam Institute for International Development 5th Annual Workshop on the Economic
 Consequences of HIV/AIDS
 Toulouse School of Economics, Toulouse, France (Department of Economics)
 Paris School of Economics, Paris, France (Department of Economics)
 American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta
 The World Bank Impact Evaluation Meetings, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2009 Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Detroit
 African Population and Health Research Center, Nairobi, Kenya
 University of Michigan: Institute for Research on Women and Gender
 International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) Conference, Cairo, Egypt
 Michigan State University (Department of Economics)
- International Initiative for Impact evaluation (3ie) Conference, Cairo, Egypt
 Global Development Network Meetings, York, United Kingdom
 The World Bank, Washington, D.C.
 International Initiative for Impact evaluation (3ie) Conference, Cairo, Egypt
- 2008 Harvard University (Department of Economics)
 Institute for Social and Environmental Research, Nepal
 Duke University (Department of Economics)
 National AIDS Dissemination Conference, Lilongwe, Malawi
 Population Association of Iran, University of Tehran, Iran
 Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans
 Global Development Network Meetings, Brisbane, Australia
 Syracuse University (Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs)
- 2007 Women and HIV/AIDS Symposium, Champaign, Illinois
 National AIDS Dissemination Conference, Lilongwe, Malawi
 United States Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C.
 Global Development Network Meetings, Cairo, Egypt

Population Impacts on Economic Development, Hewlett Foundation and Population Reference Bureau Research Conference, Cape Town, South Africa
Union for African Population Studies Fifth African Population Conference, Tanzania
The Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit, University of Cape Town, South Africa

Subjective Probabilities and Expectations: Methodological Issues and Empirical Applications to Economic Decision-making, Jackson Hole, Wyoming
National AIDS Dissemination Conference, Lilongwe, Malawi

- 2006 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston
Abt Associates, Washington, D.C.
World Bank Human Development Forum, Washington D.C.
Experimental Economics Association Annual Meeting, Arizona
Johns Hopkins (Department of Economics)
The Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit, University of Cape Town
Center for Global Development, Washington D.C.
University of North Carolina (Gillings School of Public Health)
Johns Hopkins (Bloomberg School of Public Health)
University of Michigan (Department of Economics)
University of Virginia (Department of Economics)
University of Toronto (Department of Economics)
Pennsylvania State University (Population Research Institute)
Washington University (Department of Economics)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology/Harvard University Development Seminar
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Los Angeles
American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Boston
- 2005 University of Pennsylvania (Population Studies Center)
Johns Hopkins Population Center
North East Universities Development Consortium, Brown University
Harvard University, Eric M. Mindich Conference on Experimental Social Science: Action Research in Psychology and Economics

Other Presentations

- 2019 American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Discussant for Gender and Identity in Developing Economies, Discussant for Cultural Practices and Women's Lives
ESRC-DFID Research Programme Grant Holder Panelist
- 2018 Johns Hopkins University, Discussant for the Annual Health Econometrics Workshop
American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Discussant for Session on Health and Development
ESRC-DFID Research Programme Grant Holder Panelist
- 2017 American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Discussant for Session on Economic Demography
- 2016 American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Discussant for Session on Experimental Impacts of Vocational Education in Low and Middle Income Countries

- 2015 American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Discussant for Session on Economics Altruism and Religiosity
- 2014 Improving Take-up and Delivery of Maternal and Child Health Services in Developing Countries, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Cambridge MA: Resolving uncertainty through testing: Work in progress
- 2013 Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Chair and Discussant for Session on Human Capital in Developing Countries
- 2012 Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Evidence-Based Education: Policy-Making and Reform, Accra, Ghana, Panelist for Session on Secondary Education and Girls: Directions for Future Research
- 2011 Union for African Population Studies Sixth African Population Conference, Burkina Faso, Chair for Session on Behavioral responses to HIV/AIDS
- University of Michigan: Population Studies Center 50th Anniversary Session on International Efforts: A Long Tradition Randomized Experimental Design
- Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington D.C, Discussant in Session on The Effect of Transfer Payments on Household Decisions
- Navara Foundation Global Development Conference, Moderator for Panel on Measuring Up the Millennium Development Goals
- 2010 National Bureau of Economic Research Meeting on Africa Successes, Accra, Ghana: Discussant for Session on Schooling and Health
- 2009 Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Detroit, Discussant for Session on Interface between HIV and Family Planning Programs and Services in Africa
- University of Michigan: Institutional Review Board, Research on Male Circumcision
- Center for Global Development, Washington DC, Randomized Evaluations of HIV Prevention Programs
- American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Discussant for Session on HIV/AIDS and Economic Development
- 2008 The World Bank, Washington, D.C. Randomized Evaluations of HIV Prevention Programs
- Global Development Network, Brisbane, Australia, Discussant for Session on 2005 Global Development Network Award Winners: Outstanding Research on Development
- Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Discussant for Session on Economic Growth, Gender, and Intergenerational Relations
- Union for African Population Studies, Fifth African Population Conference, Tanzania, Discussant for Session on HIV and AIDS and Families
- Union for African Population Studies, Fifth African Population Conference, Tanzania, Discussant for Session on Measuring Behaviour Change Related to HIV Infection

Teaching

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Economics 490, 451 Undergraduate Evaluating What Works in Economic Development: Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019

Economics 590 Graduate Development Economics: Fall 2015

Economics 590 Masters Development Economics: Fall 2017

University of Michigan

Economics 462 Undergraduate Topics in Development Economics II: Fall 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012; Winter 2013, 2014

Economics 665 Graduate: Economic Development and Transition I: Fall 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012; Winter 2014

Guest Lecturer for:

Center for Sexual Health Certificate Program: 2009, 2010

Program Evaluation, Ford School of Public Policy: 2006, 2007, 2008

Evaluation of Social Programs Seminar: 2006

Biology of Sex: 2012, 2013

Interdisciplinary Approaches to African Studies: 2013

Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab

Executive Education Course

2012 Cape Town, South Africa
Accra, Ghana

2011 Cape Town, South Africa

2010 Cape Town, South Africa

2009 Cairo, Egypt

Evaluating Social Programs

2006 Cambridge, Massachusetts

2004 Cambridge, Massachusetts

Harvard (Teaching Fellow)

Health, Education, and Development: Spring, 2006

Political Economy of Development: Fall, 2003

Formal Advising

Ph.D. Thesis Supervision (In Process)

2020 (Expected)

Brian Feld (Chair)

Natalia Cantet (Chair)

Isabel Musse (Chair)

Akito Kamei (Chair)

Sofia Fernandez Guerrico (Committee member)

Juan Morales Munoz (Committee member)

Ph.D. Thesis Supervision (Completed)

- 2019 Lokendra Phadera (Committee member, placed at The World Bank)
Chitra Jogani (Chair, placed at Hamilton College)
Eunhye Kwak (Committee member, placed at Korea Labor Institute)
Ninja Ritter (External Reviewer)
- 2017 Jianfeng Xu (Co-chair, placed at Shanghai Technical University)
Rodrigo Schneider (Chair, placed at Skidmore College)
- 2016 Alan Griffith (Co-chair, placed at University of Washington, Department of Economics)
Jason Huh (Committed member, placed at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Department of Economics)
- 2014 Jason Kerwin (Co-chair, placed at University of Minnesota, Department of Applied Economics)
Anne Fitzpatrick (Co-chair, placed at University of Massachusetts, Boston, Department of Economics)
Ryoko Sato (Co-chair, placed at National University of Singapore post-doc)
- 2013 Rachael Pierotti (Committee member, placed at The World Bank)
- 2013 Kate Ambler (Committee member, placed at International Food Policy Research Institute)
- 2013 Emily Beam (Committee member, placed at National University of Singapore)
- 2013 Susan Godlonton (Co-chair, placed at International Food Policy Research Institute and Williams College, Department of Economics)
- 2011 Annika Mueller (Committee member, placed at Harvard Business School post-doc; The Wang Yanan Institute for Studies in Economics, Xiamen University, China)

Formal Undergraduate Advising

- 2013 Michael Schmid (Senior Honors Thesis)
2013 Emily Chiu (Senior Honors Thesis)

Formal External advising

- 2009 Anthony Foso (Ghana)

Professional Affiliations and Memberships

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| Affiliated Professor | Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab |
| Associate Fellow | African Institute for Development Policy |
| Affiliate | Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development |
| Member | American Economic Association |
| Member | Academic Network for Sex Education and Research |
| Member | Population Association of America |
| Member | Union for African Population Studies |

Professional Service

Referee Activity

African Journal of Reproductive Health
American Economic Journal: Applied
American Economic Review
Asian Women
B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis Policy
BMC Public Health
Comparative Education Review
Demography
Economic Development and Cultural Change
Economic Journal
Economics Letters
Economics of Education Review
Economica
Health Economics
Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes
Journal of African Economies
Journal of the European Economic Association
Journal of Development Economics
Journal of Development Effectiveness
Journal of Development Engineering
Journal of Development Studies
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization
Journal of Economic Literature
Journal of Empirical Legal Studies
Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics
Journal of Human Resources
Journal of Health Economics
Journal of Labour Economics
Journal of Political Economy
Journal of Public Economics
Journal of Social Aspects of HIVAIDS
PLOS Medicine
Population Reference Bureau
Preventive Medicine
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Review of Economics and Statistics
Review of Economic Studies
Social Science and Medicine
Society for Labor Economists
South African Journal of Economics
Waterlines; World Bank Economic Review

Department and other academic service (University of Illinois)

2015-2017	Applied Micro Search Committee
2015-2019	WGGP Executive Committee
2015-2019	WGGP Graduate Student Award Selection Committee
2019-present	IRB, committee member
2019-present	Academic Integrity Appeal Committee, Department of Economics, member

Department and other academic service (University of Michigan)

2013, 2014	Computing Resources Committee
2012, 2013	MITRE visiting faculty selection committee
2010, 2012	Graduate student and junior faculty female mentoring organizer
2010	Executive committee
2008, 2010	1st and 3rd year graduate student advising presentations
2009	Undergraduate education committee
2008	Graduation commencement committee
2011	Including Gender into Social Science Research, Panelist Series on Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health: A Global Perspective Menstruation and Education in Nepal (with Emily Oster)
2010	Center for Global Health on Doing Research Abroad, Panelist

Center for Global Health on Global Research Ethics, Panelist
2010 Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health: A Global Perspective, Panelist
Knight Wallace, Guest Speaker
2006, 2007, 2008, 2010 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Seminars:

Other professional service (External)

2018, 2019 Midwest International Economic Development Conference Selection Committee
2016, 2017 Population Health Science Workshop Selection Committee, Boston University
2014, 2015, 2016 WGAPE Selection Committee
2012- Union for African Population Studies, North American Representative
2012, 2013 Institute for the Study of Labor Growth and Labor Markets in Low Income Countries, Grant Reviewer
2011 Union for African Population Studies, International Scientific Committee
Population Association of America, Program Committee Member
2008, 2009 Hewlett Population Fellows Program, Reviewer
2011- International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), Consultant
2010- Center for Global Development, Advisory Board Member
2010- EA Consultants, Advisory Board Member
2010- Center for Sustainable Development, Board Member
2008- Ruben J. Williams Foundation, Advisory Board Member
2006- EA Consultants, Consultant
2006- Abt Associates, Consultant

Training

2011 CSWEP Mentoring Workshop, Participant
2010-2012 Center for Sexual Health Certificate Program, University of Michigan, Participant
2010 Summer Biomarker Institute, Northwestern University, Participant
2003 Summer Program in Survey Methodology, University of Michigan, Participant

Popular Press

The Winners and Losers from Partial Health Insurance, with Anne Fitzpatrick. VoxDev Health and Education. April, 1, 2018. <https://voxdev.org/topic/health-education/winners-and-losers-partial-health-insurance>

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