

# MICHAEL GIBSON

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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Maryland</b> , Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics	<i>exp. May 2026</i>
<b>Tufts University</b> , Master of Science in Economics	<i>May 2018</i>
<b>Wheaton College (MA)</b> , Bachelor of Arts in Economics	<i>May 2016</i>

## WRITING

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Master's Thesis: [Contingency Plans: The Impact of the ACA's Dependent Coverage Mandate on the Contingent Workforce](#)

J-PAL Research Resources: [Introduction to randomized evaluations](#), [The elements of a randomized evaluation](#), [Survey programming](#), [Data quality checks](#), [Implementation monitoring](#), [Resources for conducting remote surveys](#)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>University of Maryland</b> <i>Research Assistant</i>	June 2022 - Present
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Analyzed data on participants in Maryland's land preservation programs.

Conducted contingent valuation for willingness to accept riparian buffers.

<b>Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)</b> <i>Senior Research and Training Associate</i>	June 2018 - June 2021
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- Built a system for assessing knowledge in J-PAL trainings through SurveyCTO surveys.

Wrote and reviewed material for internal Research Resources.

- Published data collected by J-PAL affiliated professors.

<b>J-PAL South Asia</b> <i>Research Assistant for Namrata Kala (MIT) and Julieta Caunedo (Cornell)</i>	January 2020 - February 2020
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Coded surveys into SurveyCTO.

Performed high frequency checks and coordinated with field teams to resolve discrepancies.

- Supervised surveyor training.
- Performed data cleaning and dataset construction on baseline and midline surveys.

<b>Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy</b> <i>Graduate Research Assistant to Jenny Aker</i>	December 2017 - May 2018
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Coded written surveys into SurveyCTO allowing clean and accurate data collection during an RCT in Niger.

Performed high frequency checks on batches of incoming data to check for outliers or inconsistencies across interviewers.

- Coordinated with field team to correct errors with data collection.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Maryland

August 2021 - May 2022

*Teaching Assistant*

AREC 365: World Hunger (Fall 2021)

AREC 240: Intro to Environmental Economics (Spring 2022)

· AREC 481: Environmental Economics (Spring 2022)

### Tufts University

August 2016 - May 2018

*Teaching Assistant and Head Teaching Assistant*

EC 05: Introduction to Economics (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018)

## SERVICE

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### University of Maryland

June 2023 - Present

*Graduate Representative*

Acted as a liaison between the AREC graduate students and the faculty, by assisting with graduate program events such as admitted student visit day, and serving as the President of the Association of Agricultural and Resource Economists at the University of Maryland, College Park

### University of Maryland

June 2023 - Present

*Graduate Student Government Representative*

Represented the AREC programs as voting member of the Graduate Student Government

### Graduate Applications International Network

August 2021 - Present

*GAIN Mentor*

Supported prospective graduate students from African countries applying for Ph.D. and Master's programs in the United States of America

### AERE Graduate Student Advisory Committee

January 2023 - Present

*Member*

Served as member in the first year of the AERE Graduate Student Advisory Committee

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Technical:** Stata, R, ArcGIS, SurveyCTO, Qualtrics, Latex

**Languages:** Spanish (Conversational), French (Intermediate)