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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Labor Economics, Political Economy

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Ph.D., Economics & Public Policy *2025
M.A., Economics 2021

Columbia University, New York, NY

M.P.A, International Development 2016

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

B.A., Mathematics-Economics 2010

PUBLICATIONS

“[Measuring Remittances](#)” (with Giuseppe De Arcangelis, Yuna Liang, Peter Srouji, and Dean Yang), *Journal of Development Economics*, **2023**. [[Publication](#)]

WORKING PAPERS

“[A Field of Her Own: Property Rights and Women’s Agency in Myanmar](#)” (with Alexandra Hartman, Lakshmi Iyer, and Edmund Malesky), **2023**.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Goal Setting for Remittances” (with Dean Yang)

“Bias and Precision in Measurement of Livestock Weight” (with Andrew Dillon, Dylan Groves, and Dean Karlan)

“Estimating the Impact of Social Media on Political Conflict in Myanmar” (with Megan Ryan).

“The Intergenerational Impacts of Reparations: Evidence from the Eastern Cherokees” (with Achyuta Adhvaryu, Randall Akee, Emilia Simeonova, and Huayu Xu).

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TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Econ 461: Economic Development, **Spring 2022**

Econ 251: Introduction to Econometrics and Statistics, **Fall 2020 / Spring 2021 / Fall 2021**

Columbia University, New York, NY

SIPA U6500: Quantitative Analysis for International and Public Affairs I, **Fall 2015**

SIPA U6501: Quantitative Analysis for International and Public Affairs II, **Spring 2016**

HONORS
AND
AWARDS

University of Michigan: Population Studies Center (PSC) Fellowship
Economic Demography Training Program, **2022–Present**

University of Michigan: Poverty Solutions Research Award
Strategies to Prevent and Alleviate Poverty, **2022**

Columbia University: Global Leaders Scholarship, **2014**

Columbia University: SIPA Scholarship, **2014**

Wesleyan University: White Prize for Advanced Undergraduate Study in Economics, **2010**

GRANTS

William T. Grant Foundation: Major Research Grant on Reducing Inequality (\$239,817)
The Intergenerational Impacts of Reparations on Youth Outcomes: Evidence from the Eastern Cherokees, **2023**

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA): Peace & Recovery Program Exploratory Grant (\$11,399)
The Role of Online Hate Speech in Myanmar's Ethnic Conflict, **2021**

PRESENTATIONS

Women, Remittances and Digital Finance: CSW68 Event, UN HQ, New York, NY
Panel Discussant on Remittances and Development, **March 2024**

Development Economics Workshop, University of Michigan
Goal Setting for Remittances, **October 2023**

IPA & GPRL Researcher Gathering, Northwestern University
Bias and Precision in Measurement of Livestock Weight: Evidence from a Benchmarking Exercise in Namibia, **October 2023**

The Ninth International Conference on Agricultural Statistics (ICAS IX), World Bank, Washington, D.C.
Bias and Precision in Measurement of Livestock Weight, **May 2023**

Development Economics Day, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
Measuring Remittances, **December 2022**

Human Capital, History, Demography & Development (H2D2) Seminar, University of Michigan.

The Intergenerational Impacts of Reparations: Evidence from the Eastern Cherokees, **May 2022**

Methods and Measurement Conference, Northwestern University (virtual).

Measuring Remittances, **October 2021**

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

Innovations for Poverty Action, Myanmar & Namibia

Research Manager, Myanmar 2017–2019

Research Coordinator for Dean Karlan, Namibia 2016–2017

NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, New York, NY

Research Assistant for Alex Ruane 2015–2016

Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, Timor-Leste

Research Consultant 2015

U.S. Peace Corps, Madagascar

Community Economic Development Volunteer 2011–2013

OTHER
ACTIVITIES

University of Michigan: Human Capital, History, Demography, & Development (H2D2) Seminar

Student Coordinator, **2021–2022**

University of Michigan: Public Policy & Economics Ph.D. Program

Admissions Committee Member, **2022**

CITIZENSHIP

U.S./Austrian Dual Citizen

Last Updated: March 2024