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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Public Finance, 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

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
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**Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries**, Timor-Leste

Research Consultant	2015
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**U.S. Peace Corps**, Madagascar

Community Economic Development Volunteer	2011–2013
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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

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