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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Development Economics, Labor Economics, Political Economy	
EDUCATION	University of Michigan , Ann Arbor, MI	
	Ph.D., Economics & Public Policy	2026
	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), <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> , 2023	
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)	
TEACHING	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

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA): Peace & Recovery Program Exploratory Grant (\$9,541)

Innovations in school-based learning programs to mitigate risks of conflict for youth in the Philippines' BARMM region, **2025**

University of Michigan: Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (\$3,000)
The Role of Social Media in Conflict Settings: Evidence from Myanmar, **2024**

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

Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Research and Policy Conference, National Taiwan University

The Asymmetric Effects of Internet Shutdowns on Protests and Armed Conflict: The Case of Myanmar, **June 2025**

Development Day, Northwestern University

The Role of Social Media in Conflict Settings: Evidence from Myanmar, **December 2024**

Development Economics Workshop, University of Michigan

The Role of Social Media in Conflict Settings: Evidence from Myanmar, **October 2024**

IPA & GPRL Researcher Gathering, Northwestern University
Goal Setting for Remittances, **September 2024**

NBER Summer Institute – Children and Families, Cambridge, MA
The Intergenerational Impact of Financial Reparations: Evidence from the Cherokee Nation, **July 2024**

MDev Conference, University of Michigan
The Impact of Social Media on Political Conflict: Evidence from Myanmar, **May 2024**

68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, United Nations, New York, NY
Women, Remittances and Digital Finance: Pioneering Gender-Responsive Policies and Practice (Panel Discussant), **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**

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: June 2025