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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Development Economics, Political Economy, Labor Economics	
EDUCATION	University of Michigan , Ann Arbor, MI Ph.D., Economics & Public Policy M.A., Economics	2026 2021
	Columbia University , New York, NY M.P.A, International Development	2016
	Wesleyan University , Middletown, CT B.A., Mathematics-Economics	2010
JOB MARKET PAPER	“Technology of Liberation or Control?: The Asymmetric Effects of the Internet on Political Conflict” (with Megan Ryan)	
PUBLICATIONS	“A Field of Her Own: Property Rights and Women’s Agency in Myanmar” (with Alexandra Hartman, Lakshmi Iyer, and Edmund Malesky), <i>The Journal of Politics</i> 2026 “Measuring Remittances” (with Giuseppe De Arcangelis, Yuna Liang, Peter Srouji, and Dean Yang), <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> , 2023	
WORKING PAPERS	“The Intergenerational Impacts of Reparations: Evidence from the Eastern Cherokees” (with Achyuta Adhvaryu, Randall Akee, Emilia Simeonova, and Huayu Xu) “Goal Setting for Remittances” (with Marup Hossain and Dean Yang)	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	“Bias and Precision in Measurement of Livestock Weight” (with Andrew Dillon, Dylan Groves, and Dean Karlan) “Mobile Money Agents’ Incentives to Adopt Digital Tools: A Randomized Controlled Pilot Study” (with Emma Riley) “Innovations in School-Based Learning Programs to Mitigate Risks of Conflict for Youth in the Philippines’ BARMM Region” (with Jeroen Adam and Mahreen Khan) “Unpacking Bias and Market Power in Bangladesh’s High International Migration Costs (with Mahreen Khan, Sakib Mahmood, and Emir Murathanoglu)	

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 <i>Economic Demography Training Program, 2022–Present</i>
	University of Michigan: Poverty Solutions Research Award <i>Strategies to Prevent and Alleviate Poverty, 2022</i>
	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 USD) <i>Innovations in school-based learning programs to mitigate risks of conflict for youth in the Philippines' BARMM region, 2025</i>
	University of Michigan: Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (3,000 USD) <i>The Role of Social Media in Conflict Settings: Evidence from Myanmar, 2024</i>
	William T. Grant Foundation: Major Research Grant on Reducing Inequality (239,817 USD) <i>The Intergenerational Impacts of Reparations on Youth Outcomes: Evidence from the Eastern Cherokees, 2023</i>
	Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA): Peace & Recovery Program Exploratory Grant (11,399 USD) <i>The Role of Online Hate Speech in Myanmar's Ethnic Conflict, 2021</i>
PRESENTATIONS	Economic Development Seminar (EDS), University of Michigan <i>Technology of Liberation or Control?: The Asymmetric Effects of the Internet on Political Conflict, October 2025</i>
	Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Research and Policy Conference, National Taiwan University <i>The Asymmetric Effects of Internet Shutdowns on Protests and Armed Conflict: The Case of Myanmar, June 2025</i>

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Innovations for Poverty Action , Myanmar & Namibia	
	Research Manager, Myanmar	2017–2019
	Research Coordinator for Dean Karlan, Namibia	2016–2017

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

REFERENCES The Economics Ph.D. Placement Office handles all reference requests. Please direct inquiries to Econ-PhDplacements@umich.edu

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