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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

1. Primary interests

- Applied development microeconomics with applications in impact evaluation, poverty alleviation, economics of conflicts, labor economics, health and nutrition economics, agricultural economics and policy, and applied econometrics.

2. Secondary interests

- Emerging markets in rural economies, economics of education, and behavioral economics.

EDUCATION

University of Florida

PhD in Food and Resource Economics

Expected August 2021

Dissertation Title: Three Essays on Conflicts: Conflict Management Policies and Household Welfare

Committee: Jaclyn Kropp (Chair), Conner Mullally (Co-chair), Stephen Morgan, and Nicholas Kerr.

University of Florida

MS in Food and Resource Economics

August 2015

University of Cape Coast

BSc in General Agriculture

May 2014

RESEARCH

1. Working Papers

- Heterogeneous effects of conflict on household participation in income generating activities: Evidence from Nigeria. (Job Market Paper) Joint with Conner Mullally, Jaclyn Kropp and Stephen Morgan. Available [here](#)
- Does Introducing a Farm to School Program Affect the Selection of School Lunches? Joint with Jaclyn D. Kropp. Available [here](#)

2. Works in progress

- Do conflict management policies work? Evidence from anti-open grazing ban laws in Nigeria. Joint with Conner Mullally, Jaclyn D. Kropp, and Stephen N. Morgan.
- Heterogeneous effects of conflict on household food consumption patterns: Evidence from Nigeria. Joint with Jaclyn D. Kropp and Stephen N. Morgan.
- The Impact of Local Credit: A Replication Study of a Village Savings and Loan Associations Experiment in Malawi. Joint with Scott Miller.

EXPERIENCES

1. Research Experience

- **Graduate Research Assistant** *June 2016 - Present*
Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida
 - Worked on analyzing conflict records and nationally representative household survey datasets for use in assessing the effects of conflicts on agricultural and household welfare related outcomes.
 - Assisted Dr. Jaclyn Kropp in research pertaining to analyzing the impacts of a district-wide farm to school program on student's meal selection behaviors in elementary schools in Alachua County.
- **Graduate Research Assistant** *August 2015 - May 2016*
Center for African Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida
 - Assisted Professor Abraham Goldman in organizing, analyzing data for the sub-Saharan African countries business environment report, **SABER**.

2. Teaching Experience

- **Guest Lectures** *Fall 2019 and Spring 2020*
Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida
 - **Classes:**
AEB4242: International Humanitarian Assistance (evaluation 4.8/5, N = 66)
- **Teaching Assistant** *August 2016 - Present*
Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida
 - **Classes:**
AEB4138: Advanced Agribusiness
AEB4334: Agricultural Price Analysis
AEB3281: Agricultural Macroeconomics
AEB4242: International Humanitarian Assistance

• **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

August 2014 - July 2015

Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, University of Cape Coast

– ***Classes:***

AEC201: Elements of Microeconomics

AEC201: Elements of Macroeconomics

AEC410: Introductory Econometrics

PRESENTATIONS

2020: Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Virtual Meeting

2019: Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Meeting, Atlanta, GA

2017: Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Meeting, Chicago, IL

LEADERSHIP AND MENTORING

Referee experience

2020

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)

Conference moderator

2019

Moderator - Selected Paper Session, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)

Graduate student's representative

2016 - 2017

Institute of Food and Agricultural Science (IFAS) Faculty Assembly, University of Florida

Strategic Tutor

October 2016 - Present

University of Florida Athletic Association

MS student's representative

March 2016 - August 2017

Graduate Student Organization of Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida.

Counselor: Florida Youth Institute (FYI)

July 2016

University of Florida, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Summer Camp

OTHER INFORMATION

Awards and Honors

University of Florida, Graduate Assistantship

August 2015 - Present

List of Best Performing Students (Dean's Award), University of Cape Coast

September 2013

Professional Organizations

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association

June 2017 - Present

Skills and Training

Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, L^AT_EX and programming software such as Python, R, Stata and SAS.

REFERENCES

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