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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

1. Primary interests

- Applied development microeconomics with applications in impact evaluation, agricultural economics and policy, poverty alleviation, emerging markets in rural economies, economics of conflicts and applied econometrics.

2. Secondary interests

- Labor economics, economics of education, health and nutrition economics 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 agricultural production patterns: Evidence from Nigeria. Joint with Conner Mullally, Jaclyn Kropp and Stephen Morgan. Available [here](#)
- Impacts of a farm to school program on students' food eating behavior in Florida schools. Joint with Jaclyn D. Kropp. Available [here](#)
- 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.

2. Works in progress

- 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 to 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 *August 2015 - Present*
University of Florida, Graduate Assistantship

List of Best Performing Students (Dean's Award), University of Cape Coast *September 2013*

Professional Organizations *June 2017 - Present*
Agricultural and Applied Economics Association

Southern Agricultural Economics Association *January 2019 - Present*

Skills and Training

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

REFERENCES

Jaclyn D. Kropp, Ph.D.

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