

# BENJAMIN Y. AVUWADAH

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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### 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

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### 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

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### 1. Working Papers

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

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### 1. Research Experience

- **Graduate Research Assistant** *June 2016 - Present*  
Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida
  - Worked on compiling, cleaning and analyzing conflict records and nationally representative household survey datasets for use in assessing the effects of conflict on agricultural and household welfare related outcomes.
  - Worked on 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
  - Worked on organizing and analyzing large administrative data sets for the use in the sub-Saharan African countries business environment report, **SABER**.
- **Graduate Research Assistant** *August 2013 - May 2015*  
Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, University of Cape Coast, Ghana
  - Worked on designing, implementing and analyzing data from surveys on fisher folks' perception and adaptive strategies to climate change.

### 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; AEB4283: International Development Policy;  
AEB3281: Agricultural Macroeconomics; AEB4334: Agricultural Price Analysis  
AEB3510: Quantitative Methods; 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

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2021: SCC-76 2021 Virtual Meeting  
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

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### Referee experience

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA): *2019, 2020, 2021*

### 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 - December 2020*

University of Florida Athletic Association

### MS students 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

## HONORS AND SKILLS

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### Awards and Honors

Graduate School Preeminence Award Recipient, University of Florida

*August 2016 - Present*

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*

Southern Agricultural Economics Association

*January 2019 - Present*

### Skills and Training

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