

# 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 agricultural production patterns: Evidence from Nigeria. 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](#)
- 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

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### 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**

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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** *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**

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**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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and programming software such as Python, R, Stata and SAS.

**REFERENCES**

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