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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Deakin University, 2024
Dissertation: Essays on Conflict, Education, and Women's Empowerment
M.Sc. Economics, The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, 2019
B.A. Economics, Makerere University, 2009

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary: Development Economics, Economics of Education, Firm Dynamics and Labour
Secondary: Health Economics, Gender Economics, and Spatial Economics

REFERENCES

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OTHER TRAINING

2022 "Geospatial Tools for Development: Data and Inference" Summer School, Barcelona School of Economics.
"Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Evaluation" Summer School, Barcelona School of Economics.
2016 "Quantitative Finance" The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.
2016 "Management of Biological Resources" The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

RESEARCH

Publications

2025 Douglas Kazibwe "Violent Conflicts and Educational Outcomes: The LRA Insurgency in Northern Uganda Revisited" *World Development* 186 (2025), 106822

Job Market Paper

- 2025 “Universal Secondary Education, Schooling and Women’s Empowerment: Evidence from Uganda” (joint with Jinhu Li) *Journal of Development Economics*, 103464
We evaluate the long-term effects of Uganda’s 2007 Universal Secondary Education (USE) policy, which expanded secondary education access through tuition-fee elimination and increased school capacity. Using a difference-in-differences approach, we exploit variations in birth cohorts and regional exposure to identify the policy’s causal impacts on women’s educational attainment and empowerment. Our results show significant gains in education and empowerment for women in areas with greater program intensity. We also find improvements in women’s labour market outcomes, marriage and fertility outcomes such as delayed age at first sex, birth, and cohabitation, and increased spouse schooling differences. These findings highlight the potential for governments in sub-Saharan Africa to leverage secondary education investments in generating sustained improvement in women’s empowerment.

Working Papers

- “Prevalence of Intimate Partner Violence in Uganda: The Role of Education”
“Early Life Economic Shocks and Child Health Outcomes: Evidence from Kenya”

Works in Progress

- “Impact of Agricultural Shocks on Human Capital Development in Ethiopia” (joint with Jinhu Li)
“State Capacity and the Provision of Public Goods: Evidence from District Splitting in Uganda”

PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “The Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society.” The Econometric Society. ENSEA, Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire. Jun 5–8 (Scheduled).
- 2023 “Australian Health Economics Society Conference.” The Australian Health Economics Society. Adelaide, South Australia. Sept 21–22 (Scheduled).
“The Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society.” The Econometric Society. African Economic Research Consortium. Nairobi, Kenya. Jun 1–3.
“Western Economic Association International (WEAI) International Conference.” University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia. Apr 12–15.
“Australian Gender Economics Workshop.” Curtin University. Perth, Australia. Feb 9–10.
- 2022 “The Australasian AID Conference.” Development Policy Centre, Australian National University. Canberra, Australia. Nov 28–30.
- 2022 “Australian Development Economics Workshop.” The University of Sydney. Sydney, Australia. Jun 9–10.
- 2012 “8th International Conference on Environment, Cultural, Economics and Social Sustainability.” On Sustainability Research Network. University of British Columbia. BC, Canada. Jan 10–12.

EXPERIENCE

Research

- 2024– Consultant, Office of the Chief Economist, Africa Region, The World Bank Group, Washington, D.C, USA

2023 Deakin University
Research Assistant for Xueli Tang, Department of Economics, Deakin Business School

2022-2023 The Australian National University
Research Assistant for Jinhu Li, Department of Health Economics Wellbeing and Society, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health

2022 Deakin University
Research Assistant for Jeffrey Rotman, Department of Marketing, Deakin Business School

2021 Deakin University
Research Assistant for Chris Doucouliagos, Faculty of Business and Law

2019–20 Research Analyst, RE Equity Partners AB, Stockholm, Sweden

Teaching

2023 Macroeconomic Theory, Monash University, Australia (*Teaching Associate*)

2023 Labour and Health Economic, Deakin University, Australia (*Teaching Associate*)

Other

2013–16 Country Coordinator, African Network for Policy, Research & Advocacy for Sustainability, Port Louis, Mauritius

2012–12 Compliance & Risk, Centenary Bank, Kampala, Uganda

2011–11 Logistics Officer, Seashore International Limited, Nairobi, Kenya

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Grants and Scholarships

2020 PhD Scholarship, Australian Research Council

2022 Travel Grant, DevPol (Australia)

2022 Travel grant, 17th ADEW - University of Sydney

AFFILIATIONS

2023– Households in Conflict Network

LANGUAGES

Languages: English (fluent), Luganda (native)

SOFTWARE & TOOLS

Stata, R, ArcGIS, QGIS, LATEX, MS Office

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