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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Colby College

Current

Associate Professor (2019-), Associate Chair (2023-), Department of Economics
Assistant Professor (2012-2018), Department of Economics
Faculty Affiliate, East Asian Studies Department
Board Member, Global Studies Program

EDUCATION

Duke University

2007 – 2012

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics (May 2012)
Dissertation: *Essays on Family Behavior in Developing Settings*
Certificate in College Teaching (May 2012)
Master of Arts in Economics (2008)

Boston College

2003 – 2007

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies – Concentration in Economics

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Development Economics; Health Economics; Labor Economics; Applied Econometrics

RESEARCH [*indicates Colby College undergraduate co-author]

Published Papers

1. Impacts of Improved Biomass Cookstoves on Child and Adult Health: Evidence from Rural Ethiopia (with Abebe Beyene, Randy Bluffstone, Sahan Dissanayake, Zenebe Gebreegziabher, Alemu Mekonnen, and Michael Toman). *World Development*, 2021, 140 (April).
2. Farms, Families, and Markets: New Evidence on Completeness of Markets in Agricultural Settings (with Duncan Thomas)
Econometrica, 2016, 84 (5), 1917-1960
Previously issued as NBER Working Paper No. 20699 and BREAD Working Paper No. 481
3. On the role of social comparisons in shaping migrants' remittance behavior: Theory, and evidence from China (with Oded Stark) in Robert Sauer (ed.), *World Scientific Encyclopedia of Global Migration*, Vol. 2, World Scientific Publishing, 2023
4. Mitigating the Costs of a Health Condition: The Role of Intra- and Interhousehold Assistance (with Michael Dalton)
Journal of Health Economics, 2017, 53 (May), 38-52.

5. Extended Families and Child Well-being (with Duncan Thomas)
Journal of Development Economics, 2017, 126 (May), 52-65.
 Previously issued as NBER Working Paper No. 20702.
6. Height and Cognition at Work: Labor Market Performance in a Low Income Setting (with Duncan Thomas)
Economics and Human Biology, 2017, 25 (May), 52-64.
 Previously issued as NBER Working Paper No. 22290
7. Family Support and Elderly Well-being in China: Evidence from CHARLS
Ageing International, 2017, 42 (2), 142-158.
8. Cannabis Control and Crime: Medicinal Use, Depenalization, and the War on Drugs (with Arthur Huber III* and Rebecca Newman*)
B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, 2016, 16 (4), 1-36.
9. The Economic Impacts of Shale Gas Development (with Brendan Cosgrove*, Sahan Dissanayake, and Michael Donihue)
Agricultural and Resource Economics Review, 2015, 44 (2).
10. Race and Retention in a Competitive Labor Market (with Randy Nelson and Mike Doherty*)
Journal of Sports Economics, 2018, 19(3).

Working and Submitted Papers

11. Farm Profits, Prices and Household Behavior (with Evan Peet and Duncan Thomas)
 Issued as NBER working paper No. 26636. *Revision requested*
12. Improved Biomass Cookstove Use in the Long-Run: Results from a field experiment in rural Ethiopia (with A. Mekonnen, A. Beyene, R. Bluffstone, S. Dissanayake, and Z. Gebreegziabher)
 Issued as World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 9272. *Submitted*.
13. Extreme Weather Events Impact Risk Aversion and Time Discounting (with Paula Jaramillo* and Lindsey Novak)
14. Measuring the Mechanisms of Informal Family Insurance: Time and monetary transfers for poor health (with Michael Dalton)
15. Preferences and (Mis)Perceptions of Inequality (with Jingying Xu* and Emil Kee-Tui*)
16. Stability and Evolution of Preferences for Improved Cookstoves (with S. Dissanayake, G. Voigt*, A. Cooper*, A. Beyene, R. Bluffstone, Z. Gebreegziabher, P. Martinsson, A. Mekonnen, and M. Toman)
 Issued as World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 8928
17. Price Differentials and Skin Tone in Digital Art Auctions (with Tim Hubbard)

External Grant Funding

1. Panel Study of Income Dynamics/National Institute on Aging P01 AG029409, “Measuring the Mechanisms of Informal Family Insurance,” Co-PI Michael Dalton, April 2015 – August 2016
2. World Bank, “The Effect of Improved Biomass Cookstoves on Indoor Air Quality and Respiratory Health in Rural Ethiopia,” Co-PI with Sahan Dissanayake. PI: Randy Bluffstone, January 2016 – December 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Colby College

2012-current

Courses

Econometrics, EC393
Topics in Economic Development, EC335
The Economic Rise and Future of China, EC279
Senior Seminar: Health and Global Development, EC475

Honors Thesis Supervision

Primary Advising

Kat Specht	Contraceptive availability, use, and fertility outcomes in Colombia	2021-22
Alex Ozols	Global commodity trade and smallholder well-being	2021-22
Nathan Haddon	New evidence on differences in the cost of credit across racial lines	2020-21
Tracy Quan	Decomposing the effects of equal pay acts on the gender wage gap	2019-20
Adji Seck	Ghanaian evidence on the costs of electrical blackouts to non-farm enterprises	2019-20
John Carhart	Agricultural Cooperatives and Risk	2018-19
Ryu Matsuura	Fuelwood consumption and deforestation: Evidence from Ethiopia	2016-17
Lori Ayanian	Impact of the Asian Financial Crisis on Children's Later Life Outcomes	2013-14
Shannon Kooser	The Effects of Women's Decision-Making Power in Morocco	2013-14
Peter Jones	Classroom Peer Effects in Higher Education	2012-13

Secondary Advising

Jason Dunn	Path dependence in US Western Economic Development	2020-21
Paula Jaramillo	Effects of Extreme Weather on Socioemotional Development	2019-20
Sylvia Xu	The One-Child Policy and Household Financial Behavior	2017-18
Charlie Coffman	Institutions, Distance, and Foreign Direct Investments	2014-15
Jingying Xu	Innovation and Productivity: Evidence from China	2014-15
Maddy Ojerholm	Learning by Playing: Evaluating Backward Induction	2013-14

Independent Student Research Supervision

Tianshu Yang	Analyzing Supply and Demand side Opioid policies	2020
John Baron	Deforestation, Human Health, and Development in Indonesia	2018
Linh Nguyen	Exchange Rate Regimes and Development in Vietnam and China	2017
Nathan Bard	Predicting a Worker's Value	2014
Nathan Ellis	A Microcredit Model for Haiti	2014
Jingyan Guo	Economics and Health Effects of Tobacco Use and Control in China	2014
A. Huber and R. Newman	Legalization of Marijuana and Violent Crime Rates in the United States	2012-13

Duke University

Instructor

Economics of Development and Global Health	Spring 2012
Economic Principles	Summer 2010; Summer 2009

Teaching Assistant

Global Health	Fall 2008
Economics of International Business and Multinationals	Fall 2008
Economic Principles	Summer 2008

Faculty Training

Certificate in College Teaching	May 2012
Preparing Future Faculty Fellow – Mentor: Professor Steve DeLoach (<i>Elon University</i>)	2010-2011

INVITED RESEARCH SEMINARS

Aix-Marseille School of Economics, American Institute for Economic Research, Bates College, Bowdoin College, Clark University, Colby College, Depaul University, Duke University (Economics), Duke University (International Population, Health, and Development), Ethiopian Development Research Institute-Environmental Economics Policy Forum for Ethiopia, Elon University, International Food Policy Research Institute, Lafayette College, Liberal Arts Colleges Development Economics Seminar (virtual), Middlebury College, Paris School of Economics, Smith College, Yale University, University of Maine School of Economics, University of Namur, University of North Dakota, Virtual Liberal Arts Colleges Development Seminar

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Conference on Auctions, Firm Behavior, and Policy (2023)
Eastern Economic Association (2011)
Liberal Arts Colleges Development Conference (2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018)
Maine Economics Conference (2012, 2013, 2014, 2017)
Northeast University Development Consortium (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2019)
Panel Study of Income Dynamics: New Directions in the Study of Intergenerational Transfers (2016)
Population Association of America (2011, 2013, 2016, 2021)
Southern Economic Association (2013)
Sustainability and Development Conference (2018)
Western Economic Association (2020, 2022, 2023)
World Congress of the Econometric Society (2015, 2020)

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Colby College Service

Active

Thomas J. Watson Fellowship Committee	2014-present
Colby Presidential Scholar sponsor (8x)	2014-present
Faculty Athletics Liaison	2013, 2017-present
Global Studies Program Board Member	2013-present
East Asian Studies Faculty Affiliate	2012-present

Prior Service

Athletics Advisory Committee (chair 2020-22)	2019-22
Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (chair 2019-22)	2019-22
Financial Strategy Committee of the Board of Trustees	2019-21
Winter Trustees Faculty Spotlight Talk	2020
College Institutional Review Board	2016-22
Childcare Advisory Committee	2016-19
Tenure track search committees in Economics (16 searches)	2012-21
Visiting professor search committees in Economics (6 searches)	2012-19
Tenure track search committee in Global Studies	2014-15
Search committee non-departmental representative (5 searches)	2016-17
Review and promotion non-departmental representative (2 reviews)	2019-21
Faculty course evaluation committee (appointed)	2016-17
Master Class on Economics of Inequality for admitted students	2015, 16
Athletic department contract review committees	2014, 16

Economics Department seminar coordinator	2014-15
Phi Beta Kappa executive committee	2013-15
Maine Concussion Management Initiative working group	2014-15
Goldfarb Policy Center public discussion on Chinese economic policy	2014
New Faculty Orientation - panel discussant	2013

Conference Co-Organizer

Liberal Arts Colleges Development Economics Conference (LAC-DEV)	2014-present, 2019 host
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Session Organizer/Reviewer

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, 2017
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, 2013

Discussant

NEUDC (2012-14, 2016, 2020); LAC-DEV (2013-14, 2016-17, 2022); SEA (2013); PAA (2012, 2013)

Referee/Reviewer

American Journal of Agricultural Economics, BMJ Global Health, Bulletin of Economics Research, Development Engineering, Eastern Economic Journal, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics and Human Biology, Economic Inquiry, Energy Efficiency, Energy Sustainability and Society, Food Policy, Green Technologies and Sustainability, Health Economics, Journal of Aging and Social Policy, Journal of Agricultural Economics, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economics, Journal of Behavioral Economics, Journal of Demographic Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal National Science Foundation, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Review of Development Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economics of the Household, Review of Economic Studies, Social Indicators Research, World Bank Economic Review, World Development

Member

American Economic Association; Population Association of America; Econometric Society; Phi Beta Kappa; Alpha Sigma Nu (National Jesuit Honor Society)

HONORS AND AWARDS

World Bank Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award	2021
Davis Institute for Artificial Intelligence Development Grant	2021
Social Science Division Grants, Colby College	Seven times
Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs Faculty-Student Research Grant	2014-15
Top 5% of Undergraduate Instructors, Duke University	Spring 2012
Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Fellowship for Undergraduate Instruction, Duke University	2011-12
Preparing Future Faculty Fellow, Duke University Graduate School	2010-11
Academic All-Big East/ACC (Track and Field)	2004-07
ESPN Academic All-District	2007