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Positions Assistant Professor of Economics 2022 - (present)

Education University of California, Santa Cruz, U.S.A.

Ph.D. in Economics, Department of Economics

M.A. in Economics, Department of Economics

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Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea

Master of Global Economy & Strategy, Graduate School of International Studies

B.A. in Economics, Underwood International College

2010

Publications

(2024) "Private but Misunderstood? Evidence on Measuring Intimate Partner Violence via Self-Interviewing in Rural Liberia and Malawi" (with Shilpa Aggarwal, Dahyeon Jeong, Naresh Kumar, Jonathan Robinson, and Alan Spearot). World Bank Economic Review, lhae040.

(2024) "Shortening the Path to Productive Investment: Evidence from Input Fairs and Cash Transfers in Malawi" (with Shilpa Aggarwal, Dahyeon Jeong, Naresh Kumar, Jonathan Robinson, and Alan Spearot). *Journal of Development Economics* 170: 103288.

(2023) "Exhaustive or Exhausting? Evidence on Respondent Fatigue in Long Surveys" (with Shilpa Aggarwal, Dahyeon Jeong, Naresh Kumar, Jonathan Robinson, and Alan Spearot). *Journal of Development Economics* 161: 102992.

(2022) "COVID-19 market disruptions and food security: Evidence from households in rural Liberia and Malawi" (with Shilpa Aggarwal, Dahyeon Jeong, Naresh Kumar, Jonathan Robinson, and Alan Spearot). *PLoS ONE* 17(8): e0271488.

Working Papers

"The Dynamic Effects of Cash Transfers to Agricultural Households" (with Shilpa Aggarwal, Jenny Aker, Dahyeon Jeong, Naresh Kumar, Jonathan Robinson, and Alan Spearot). Conditionally Accepted, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.

"Going the Extra Mile: Farm Subsidies and Spatial Convergence in Agricultural Input Adoption" (with Shilpa Aggarwal, Dahyeon Jeong, Naresh Kumar, Jonathan Robinson, and Alan Spearot).

"Misperceptions and Product Choice: Evidence from a Randomized Trial in Zambia" (with Jie Bai and Ajay Shenoy).

"Global Climate Action and Local Rights: Survey Experimental Evidence on Public Support for Carbon Offsetting in Liberia" (with Dongil Lee and Inbok Rhee).

"Temporary Acceleration or Long-Term Change? Experimental Evidence on Female Empowerment and Intimate Partner Violence in Urban Liberia".

"The Impact of Digital Credit in Developing Economies: A Review of Recent Evidence" (with Joshua Blumenstock and Jonathan Robinson).

Works in Progress

"Raising Retail Productivity through Data Pooling" (with Emma Riley, Brenda Samaniego de la Parra, and Ajay Shenoy).

"Understanding Gendered Differences in Job Search Behavior: Evidence from Urban India" (with Rolly Kapoor and Monica Shandal).

"Property Tax Compliance under Low Fiscal Capacity: An Experiment with the Liberia Revenue Authority" (with Oyebola Okunogbe).

Grants & Awards

(2025) Green Climate Fund (GCF) Impact Evaluation Research Grant	\$20,000
(2024) Monash-GCF-KDI School Collaboration Research Grant	\$40,000
(2024) KDI School-WB DIME Collaboration Research Grant	\$70,000
(2023) IPA Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Initiative Grant	\$36,000
(2023) PEDL Exploratory Research Grant	£40,000
(2022) KDI School Research Grant	\$28,000
(2019) J-PAL Crime and Violence Initiative (CVI) Pilot RCT Grant	\$50,000
(2019) IPA Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Initiative Grant	\$50,000
(2019) UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC)	\$25,000
Dissertation Fellowship	
(2019) UCSC Blum Scholar Research Grant	\$2,000
(2019, 2020) UCSC Economics Department Research Grant	\$12,300
(2019) J-PAL Governance Initiative (GI) Proposal Development Grant	\$4,000
(2018) UCSC Teaching Assistant Award for Excellence in Teaching	
(2014-2016) Yonsei GSIS Scholarship	\$17,000
(2006-2010) Yonsei Full-tuition Scholarship	\$50,000

Referee Service

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Development Effectiveness

Presentations

- 2025 Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev); Japanese Association for Development Economics (JADE) Conference; Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS); University of Seoul; Sungkyunkwan University
- Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society (AMES); Sustainable Development for Thriving Communities Conference (Monash University Indonesia); SNU Applied Micro Seminar; KDI School-World Bank DIME Development Impact Conference
- 2023 Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev); World Bank DIME-KDI School Development Impact Conference; Korea University Economics Department; Sungkyunkwan University Economics Department
- 2022 Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev); Africa Evidence Summit (Rwanda); Midwest International Economics Development Conference (MIEDC); KDI School-World Bank DIME Development Impact Conference
- ference
 North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference;
 IPA-Northwestern GPRL Methods and Measurement Conference; UC
 Berkelev Public Health Workshop
- 2020 IPA RĚCOVR Webinar Series; ÛCSC Micro Workshop; UC Berkeley Development Lunch