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BUSINESS ADDRESS:

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RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS:

PRIMARY

Development Economics
Labor Economics

SECONDARY

Applied Econometrics
Research Transparency

POSITIONS:

Assistant Project Scientist, Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences: 2014-Present
Visiting Assistant Professor & Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Swarthmore College: 2012-2014
Postdoctoral Researcher, WASH Benefits, Innovations for Poverty Action/Emory University: 2011-2012

UC Berkeley Economics PhD awarded May 2011

DISSERTATION TITLE: “Applications of Impact Evaluation in Labor and Development Economics”

COMMITTEE: Ted Miguel (Main Advisor), David Card, Justin McCrary

REFERENCES:

Ted Miguel
Department of Economics, UC Berkeley
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David Card
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Stephen O’Connell
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Michael Kremer
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UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES:

Brigham Young University
Department valedictorian, University Honors, *magna cum laude*

DEGREE

BA

DATE

2004

FIELD

Economics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

RESEARCH POSITIONS:

Postdoctoral Researcher, Emory University & Innovations for Poverty Action
(WASH Benefits Project, Western Kenya)

Designed survey instruments, supervised field team and data collection and related logistics, constructed database, and analyzed resulting data in Stata and Matlab. Facilitated project implementation and results dissemination with academics, government officials, and donors. Wrote pre-specified analysis plan for large (N=8,000) randomized trial. Lead author on 2014 paper reporting results according to most up to date transparency methods in both epidemiology and economics (2011-2012).

Short-Term Consultant, World Bank

Taught Stata and data analysis methods to Rwanda School of Public Health, Ministry of Health, and World Health Organization employees, and jointly conducted research on community-based health insurance and results-based financing for health clinics in Kigali, Rwanda. (2010).

Research Assistant, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley

Research with Professor Ted Miguel on the impacts of child health and education interventions. Assisted with survey instrument design, database construction, and cleaning of data for analysis in Stata (2005-2008).

Evaluation Consultant, Innovations for Poverty Action, Busia Kenya

Supervised field data collection, database construction, and preliminary data analysis in Stata (2006-2007).

Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Brigham Young University

Analyzed education and retirement savings data with Professor Michael Ransom in Matlab and SAS (2004).

Summer Intern, Economic Analysis Group, Antitrust Division, US Department of Justice
Worked collaboratively with economists and lawyers to analyze economic data involving several antitrust cases (2003).

TEACHING:

Adjunct Professor, University of San Francisco
Development Microeconomics (Spring 2015)

Stata Instructor, D-Lab, UC Berkeley (Fall 2015)

Visiting Professor, Swarthmore College
Introduction to Econometrics (Spring 2013, Spring 2014)
Empirical Development Economics (Spring 2013, Spring 2014)
Labor Economics (Fall 2013)

Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley
Introduction to Economics (Spring 2008, Spring 2010)
Game Theory in the Social Sciences (Fall 2008, Fall 2010)
Intermediate Macroeconomics (Spring 2009, Fall 2009)

Co-Instructor, UC Berkeley
Global Poverty & Impact Evaluation (Fall 2008, Fall 2009)

Instructor, Brigham Young University
Introduction to Economics (Summer 2006)

Teaching Assistant, Brigham Young University
Advanced Econometrics (Spring 2004)
Intermediate Microeconomics (Fall 2003)
Econometrics (Spring 2003)
Statistics for Economists (Fall 2002)

PUBLISHED AND ACCEPTED PAPERS:

"Cluster-randomised controlled trials of individual and combined water, sanitation, hygiene and nutritional interventions in rural Bangladesh and Kenya: the WASH Benefits study design and rationale." *BMJ open* 3.8 (2013): e003476. With Arnold, Benjamin F., et al.

"Pilot cluster randomized controlled trials to evaluate adoption of water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions and their combination in rural western Kenya" Forthcoming, *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, First-authored, with Holly N. Dentz, Amy J. Pickering, Tomoé Bourdier, Benjamin F. Arnold, John M. Colford Jr., Clair Null

WORKING PAPERS:

"Manual of Best Practices in Transparent Social Science Research" with Courtney Soderberg
"Food Stamps and Child Nutrition" with Benjamin Hansen and Erin Bronchetti
"Crowdsourcing data analysis: Do soccer referees give more red cards to dark skin toned players?" with R. Silberzahn, E. L. Uhlmann, D.P. Martin, B. Nosek, and several others, a project of the Center for Open Science, submitted to *PNAS*
"Sanitation Combinations: Willingness to Pay for Child Health in Kenya" with Clair Null and Amy Pickering
"WASH Benefits Kenya: A pre-specified analysis plan" with Clair Null and Michael Kremer
"War Deaths and the Military Labor Supply: Evidence from Iraq and Afghanistan" submitted to *Journal of Human Resources*
"A Study of Bursary Programs: Evaluating the Girls Scholarship Program in Western Kenya and Rules for Secondary School Scholarship Targeting" with Ted Miguel
"Make-Believe Curses: The Effects of Awards on Major League Baseball Performance"

PRESENTATIONS:

(2014) American Economic Association (ASSA Annual Meetings "Sanitation in Combination: A Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Interventions Alone and in Combination in Rural Western Kenya")

(2013) Swarthmore College, UC Berkeley, San Francisco State University ("Sanitation in Combination: A Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Interventions Alone and in Combination in Rural Western Kenya")

(2012) Swarthmore College ("War Deaths and the Military Labor Supply: Evidence from Iraq and Afghanistan")

(2011) Institute for Defense Analysis, US Naval Academy, Montana State University, Cornerstone Research, The Brattle Group, International Food Policy Research Institute, Western Economic Association International, Naval Postgraduate School (“War Deaths and the Military Labor Supply: Evidence from Iraq and Afghanistan”)
USAID (“Impact Evaluation: Methods of Statistical Impact Evaluation, with Evidence from a Kenyan Scholarship Program”)

REFeree SERVICE:

Journal of Health Economics

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

University of Kentucky Poverty Research Center (2014, \$40,000)
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (2010/11)
Summer Institute for Preparing Future Faculty Fellow (2010)
Graduate Division Summer Grant (2010)
Earhart Foundation Graduate Fellowship (2004)
BYU Economics Department Valedictorian (2004)
BYU Full Tuition Scholarship (2001-2004)

SKILLS:

10+ years experience of applied statistical/econometric research
Statistical programming experience: mostly Stata, also Matlab, SAS, and familiarity with R, LaTeX, HTML, C++ programming experience

OTHER INFORMATION:

Featured in *Backpacker Magazine*, June 2008 (<http://tinyurl.com/5qdo86>)
Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout
Languages: English (native), Korean (intermediate), German (basic)
Citizenship: United States

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