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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2011.
M.Sc., Agricultural Development Economics, University of Reading, UK, 2005.
Diplom, Biochemistry / Molecular Biology, University of Hamburg, Germany, 2004.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Research Director, School of Public Policy, University of Calgary, 2023-present

Associate Professor, Department of Economics and School of Public Policy, University of Calgary, 2021-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2014-2021.

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Colorado Denver, 2011-2014.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

Nino, Gustavo, Kathy Baylis, and Benjamin Crost. 2023. Conflict and small-scale investment: Evidence from the Colombian peace agreement. *Journal of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association* 2: 67-83.

Chowdhury, Reajul, Benjamin Crost, and Vivian Hoffmann. 2022. Marketing fortified rice: Effects of aspirational messaging and association with free distribution. *Food Policy* 112: 102346.

Bhanot, S., B. Crost, J. Leight, E. Mvukiyehe and B. Yedgenov. 2021. Can community service grants foster youth social and economic integration? Evidence from a randomized trial in Kazakhstan. *Journal of Development Economics*, 153: 102718.

Gatti, N., K. Baylis and B. Crost. 2021. Can irrigation infrastructure mitigate the effect of climate shocks on conflict? Evidence from Indonesia. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 103(1): 211-231.

Crost, B., J. Felter, H. Mansour and D. Rees. 2020 Election Fraud and Post-Election Conflict: Evidence from the Philippines. *World Bank Economic Review*, 34(3): 767-789.

Anderson, D.M., B. Crost and D.I. Rees. 2020. Do Economic Downturns Fuel Racial Animus? *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 175: 9-18.

Crost, B. and J. Felter. 2020. Extractive Resource Policy and Civil Conflict: Evidence from Mining Reform in the Philippines. *Journal of Development Economics*, 144: 102443.

Crost, B. and J. Felter. 2020. Export Crops and Civil Conflict. *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 18(3): 1484-1520.

Anderson, D. M., B. Crost and D.I. Rees. 2018. Wet Laws, Drinking Establishments, and Violent Crime. *Economic Journal*, 128 (611): 1333-1366.

Crost, B., C. Duquennois, J. Felter and D. Rees. 2018. Climate Change, Agricultural Production and Civil Conflict: Evidence from the Philippines. *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 88 (3): 379-395, 2018.

Crost, B. and D. Friedson. 2017. Recessions and health revisited: New findings from working age adults. *Economics and Human Biology*, 27: 241-247.

Crost, B. 2016. Can Workfare Programs Offset the Negative Psychological Effect of Unemployment? *Economics Letters*, 140: 42-47.

Crost B., J. Felter and P. Johnston. 2016. Conditional Cash Transfers, Civil Conflict and Insurgent Influence: Experimental Evidence from the Philippines. *Journal of Development Economics*, 118: 171-182.

Crost, B. and C. Traeger. 2014. Optimal CO₂ Mitigation under Damage Risk Valuation. *Nature Climate Change*, 4(7): 631-636.

Crost, B., J. Felter and P. Johnston. 2014. Aid Under Fire: Development Projects and Civil Conflict. *American Economic Review*, 104(6): 1833-56.

Crost, B. and C. Traeger. 2013. Optimal Climate Policy: Uncertainty versus Monte Carlo. *Economics Letters*, 120(3): 552-558.

Crost, B. and D.I. Rees. 2013. The Minimum Legal Drinking Age and Marijuana Use: New Estimates from the NLSY97. *Journal of Health Economics*, 32(2): 474-476.

Crost, B. and S. Guerrero. 2012. The Effect Alcohol Availability on Marijuana Use: Evidence from the Minimum Legal Drinking Age. *Journal of Health Economics*, 31(1): 112-121.

Crost, B. and U.S. Kambhampati. 2010. Political market characteristics and the provision of educational infrastructure in rural India. *World Development*, 38(2): 195-204.

Crost, B. and B. Shankar. 2008. Bt-cotton and production risk: panel data estimates. *International Journal of Biotechnology*, 10(2-3): 122-131.

Crost, B., B. Shankar, R. Bennett and S. Morse. 2007. Bias from Farmer Self-Selection in GM Crop Productivity Estimates: Evidence from India. *Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 58(1): 24-36.

WORKING PAPERS:

"Can Food Transfers Reduce Child Stunting? Evidence from the Indian Public Distribution System" (with Adi Shrinivas and Kathy Baylis). Revise and resubmit at the ***American Economic Journal: Applied Economics***.

"Labor Intensity, Market Structure, and the Effect of Economic Activities on Civil Conflict" (with Joe Felter and Yoko Yamasaki). Submitted.

"Can Economic Opportunities Reshape Gender Norms among Religious Youth? Evidence from Northern Nigeria" (with Oeindrila Dube, Marcus Holmlund, Eric Mvukiyehe and Emily Crawford). Draft available soon.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS:

Aid Under Fire: How Development Projects Can Increase Civil Conflict. 2011. *ARE Update* 14(5): 1-4.

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

International Growth Centre (IGC) – State Effectiveness, "Measuring Civil Conflict: Should Newspaper Reports Be Trusted?" 2015-2017. Lead PI with two co-PI, \$70,000.

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley, 2009-2010

Dissertation Research Award, Institute of Business and Economics Research (IBER), UC Berkeley, 2009

SELECTED SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Georgia State University, Department of Economics.

UC Berkeley, Development and Planning Seminar.

UC Berkeley Development Lunch.

UC Merced, Department of Economics.

UC San Diego, International Development Seminar.

University of Chicago, Harris School for Public Policy, Political Economy Workshop.

University of Chicago, Development Lunch Seminar.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Public Policy.

University of Notre Dame, Department of Economics.

University of Oklahoma, Department of Economics.

AAEA Annual Meetings.

AEA Annual Meetings.

Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Meeting.

European Economic Association, Annual Meeting.

European Society for Population Economics, Annual Meeting.

Households in Conflict Network (HiCN), Annual Meeting.

IGCC Northern California Symposium.

Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC).

NBER Spring Meeting: Economics of National Security.

NBER Summer Institute: Economics of National Security.

Nordic Development Economics Conference.

Northeast Universities Economic Development Consortium (NEUDC).

NorthWest Development Workshop (NWDW).

Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev).

Southern Economic Association, Annual Conference.

United States Institute of Peace (USIP) / Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Meeting.

World Bank/HiCN Workshop: Microfoundations of Conflict and Violence.

TEACHING:

University of Calgary:

Econ 588/611: Digital Economics Capstone

Econ 411: Computational and Data Methods in Economics

Econ 337: Development Economics

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign:

ACE 210: Environmental Economics (Undergraduate)

ACE 262: Applied Statistical Methods and Data Analysis I (Undergraduate)

ACE 562/564: Applied Regression Analysis (Graduate)

ACE 531: Impact Evaluation (Graduate)

ACE 592 EM: Empirical Methods (Graduate)

University of Colorado Denver:

Econ 2022: Principles of Economics: Microeconomics (Undergraduate)

Econ 4811: Introduction to Econometrics (Undergraduate)

Econ 5823: Econometrics II (Graduate)

Econ 6053/6054: Seminar in Applied Economics: The Political Economy of Development (Graduate)

Econ 6810: Econometrics and Forecasting (Graduate)

REFeree:

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics

American Economic Review

American Journal of Agricultural Economics

American Journal of Health Economics
American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy
Asia-Pacific Development Journal
British Journal of Political Science
Conflict Management and Peace Science
Economic Development and Cultural Change
Economic Journal
Economic Inquiry
Economics and Human Biology
Economics Letters
Economics of Education Review
Empirical Economics
Environmental and Resource Economics
European Economic Review
European Review of Agricultural Economics
Food Policy
Health Economics
International Journal of Biotechnology
International Studies Quarterly
Journal of Agricultural Economics
Journal of Agriculture and Rural Development in the Tropics and Subtropics
Journal of Conflict Resolution
Journal of Development Economics
Journal of Environmental Economics and Management
Journal of the European Economic Association
Journal of Health Economics
Journal of Human Resources
Journal of Peace Research
Journal of Policy Analysis and Management
Journal of Political Economy
Journal of Public Economics
Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics
Oxford Economic Papers
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Review of Economics and Statistics
Southern Economic Journal
Substance Abuse Treatment and Policy
World Bank Economic Review
World Development