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Education

Ph.D. Candidate, Economics, University of California, Davis, 2019-2025 (expected) B.A., Economics and Statistics, Northwestern University, 2012-2016

Research Interests

Primary: Development Economics, Economic History

Secondary: Labor Economics

Publications

Anderson, Ellen, Travis J. Lybbert, Ashish Shenoy, Rupika Singh, and Daniel Stein. "Does Survey Mode Matter? Comparing In-Person and Phone Agricultural Surveys in India." Journal of Development Economics 166 (2024): 103199.

Working Papers

Anderson, Ellen and Socorro Pardo Martinez. "Gender Equity in the US Civil Service: Evidence from the Classification Act of 1923." (2024) Job Market Paper.

Anderson, Ellen, Rupika Singh, Daniel Stein, and Kate Sturla. "What are the Barriers to Pulse Cultivation in India? Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial." (2024) Submitted.

Relevant Professional Experience

Research Assistant, Prof. Erich Muehlegger, UC Davis, 9/2022-9/2023

Worked with wholesaler used vehicle auction data to study the relationship between used car demand and tax refunds. Tasks included data cleaning, visualization, and analysis.

Research Assistant, Profs. Travis Lybbert and Ashish Shenoy, UC Davis, 6/2021-9/2021

Compared responses to phone and in-person household surveys to test for survey mode effects. Tested for bias in randomized control trial treatment effects based on survey data collection method.

Senior Associate, IDinsight, Washington, D.C. and San Francisco, 8/2018-8/2019 Helped develop toolkit to assist social sector organizations in choosing and implementing the right monitoring and evaluation (M&E) tool for program needs. Supported client development to expand work with US-based organizations. Designed surveys and conducted data analysis.

Associate, IDinsight, New Delhi, India, 8/2016-8/2018

Conducted randomized control trial with farmers in Bihar, India, measuring the effects of a pulses farming subsidy and extension program on economic outcomes. Supported research design, implementation, survey design, data collection, analysis, and results dissemination, including technical report writing.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, UC Davis, 2020-2022

Courses: Public Finance (Fall 2020), Principles of Microeconomics (Winter 2021), Economics of the Labor Market (Spring 2021, Winter 2022), Economic Development (Fall 2021), Economic History (Spring 2022), Analysis of Economic Data (Summer 2022).

Conference Presentations

2024: Bay Area Economic History Graduate Student Workshop 2022: Innovations for Poverty Action Annual Researcher Gathering

Grants and Fellowships

UC Davis Bilinski Fellowship (Tuition and Stipend), 2023-2024 Economic History Association Early-Stage Dissertation Grant, 2023 Oxford Global Priorities Fellowship, 2023 Forethought Foundation Global Priorities Fellowship, 2022 UC Davis Economics Research Travel Award, 2022 UC Davis Provost Fellowship (Tuition and Stipend), 2019-2020

Referee Service

European Review of Agricultural Economics

Other Service and Leadership

Treasurer, UC Davis Economics Graduate Student Association, 2022-2023 President, UC Davis Economics Graduate Student Association, 2021-2022 Team Captain, Member of Northwestern University Women's Swim & Dive Team, 2012-2016

Programming

Advanced: Stata, LaTex, SurveyCTO

Proficient: R, Python