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DESIRED RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS:

PRIMARY

Development Economics
Public Economics

SECONDARY

Applied Microeconomics

FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION:

Development Economics, Public Economics

DISSERTATION TITLE: “Essays on Field Experiments in Development Economics”

Expected Date of Completion:

May 2018

Principal Advisor:

Professor Edward Miguel

Other References:

Professors Fred Finan, Danny Yagan and Paul Niehaus (UCSD)

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES:

Stanford University

DEGREE

BA (Honors, Distinction)

DATE

2009

FIELD

Economics (Mathematics minor)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

RESEARCH:

Graduate Student Researcher, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley (2012-2013, 2017)

Professor Edward Miguel

Research Associate / Assistant Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of New York (2009-2011)

Money and Payments Studies Function, Research Group

Summer Analyst, Cornerstone Research (2008)

TEACHING:

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley (Spring 2014)

Graduate Development Economics

PUBLICATIONS:

“Repo Runs: Evidence from the Tri-Party Repo Market”,

With Adam Copeland and Antoine Martin, *Journal of Finance*, vol. 69(6), 2014.

PAPERS:

Informal Taxation and Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from Kenya (Job Market Paper)

Household Welfare Effects of Cash Transfers: Evidence from a Large-Scale RCT in Kenya (in preparation)

With Johannes Haushofer, Edward Miguel and Paul Niehaus

RESEARCH AND GRANTS:

2017 How Cash Transfers Shape Citizen-State Interactions (with Kate Orkin)
JPAL GI (~\$50,000)

2014 - 2016 General Equilibrium Effects of Cash Transfers in Kenya (with Johannes Haushofer, Edward Miguel and Paul Niehaus)
DFID/PEDL (~\$350,000), IGC (~\$380,000), Anonymous donor (~\$445,000)

2015 Decentralization and Rural Electrification in Kenya (with Ken Lee)
AidData (~\$70,000)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

2012-2017 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2014 George Break Prize (Best performance in public finance field courses), UC Berkeley

2009 Phi Beta Kappa

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- 2017 NEUDC, Working Group in African Politcal Economy (scheduled)
- 2015 Working Group in African Politcal Economy (scheduled)

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Languages: English (native), Spanish (intermediate), Swahili (basic)
- Citizenship: USA