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Current Position

Postdoctoral Researcher, UC Berkeley Center for Effective Global Action (2018 - present)

Education

Ph.D, Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2017

Fields: Development Economics, Public Economics

Principal Advisor: Edward Miguel

B.A., Economics, (with Honors and Distinction), Stanford University, 2009

Research Fields

Development Economics, Public Economics, Applied Microeconomics

Publications

Repo runs: Evidence from the tri-party repo market (with Adam Copeland and Antoine Martin), 2014. *Journal of Finance*, 69:6, 2343-2380.

Working Papers

General Equilibrium Effects of Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from Kenya (with Dennis Egger, Johannes Haushofer, Paul Niehaus and Edward Miguel). 2019. *NBER Working Paper* # 26600, December.

Informal Taxation and Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from Kenya. 2018.

Secondary School Electrification in Kenya (with Susanna Berkouwer and Kenneth Lee). 2018. *AidData Working Paper 57*.

Work in Progress

Intergenerational Impacts of Health Investments in Kenya (with Edward Miguel, Joan Hamory Hicks, Lia Fernald and Patricia Kariger). AEA Trial Registry: https://www.socialscienceregistry.org/trials/728

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Experimental Evidence on Child Health and Long-Run Outcomes in Kenya (with Edward Miguel, Sarah Baird, Joan Hamory Hicks and Michael Kremer). AEA Trial Registry: https://www.socialscienceregistry.org/trials/1191

Cash Transfers and Community Participation: A Village-Level Randomized Controlled Trial in Kenya (with Kate Orkin) AEA Trial Registry: http://www.socialscienceregistry.org/trials/2918

The Long-Term Effects of Cash Transfers in Kenya (with Dennis Egger, Johannes Haushofer, and Edward Miguel)

Research Grants

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

2014 - 2017: General Equilibrium Effects of Cash Transfers in Kenya (with Johannes Haushofer, Edward Miguel and Paul Niehaus), DFID/PEDL (\$350,000), IGC (\$380,000)

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

Fellowships, Honors and Awards

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, 2012 - 2017

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

Phi Beta Kappa, 2009

Conference Presentations

2020 PacDev (UC Berkeley)

2019 PacDev (USC)

2018 CSAE (Oxford), Public Finance and Public Management in Africa (GIMPA, Accra)

2017 NEUDC (Tufts), Working Group in African Political Economy (UBC)

2015 Working Group in African Political Economy (Arizona State)

Professional Service

Referee: Journal of Finance, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Tax Administration

Grant review: National Science Foundation

Previous Employment

Graduate Student Researcher, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley, Summer 2012 - Spring 2013, Fall 2017

Assistant Economist, Research Group, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, July 2009 - June 2011

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