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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

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

“Self-reported vs Directly Observed Face Mask Use in Kenya” (with Aleksandra Jakubowski, Dennis Egger, Carolyn Nekesa, Layna Lowe, and Edward Miguel). *JAMA Network Open* (2021), 4(7):e2118830. doi: [10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2021.18830](https://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2021.18830)

“Twenty Year Economic Effects of Deworming,” (with Joan Hamory, Michael Kremer, Edward Miguel and Sarah Baird), *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (2021), 118(14): e2023185118. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2023185118>

“Falling living standards during the COVID-19 crisis: Quantitative evidence from nine developing countries,” (with Dennis Egger, Edward Miguel, Shana Warren, et al.), *Science Advances* (2021), 7(6): eabe0997. doi: [10.1126/sciadv.abe0997](https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.abe0997)

“Repo runs: Evidence from the tri-party repo market,” (with Adam Copeland and Antoine Martin), *Journal of Finance* (2014), 69:6, 2343-2380. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1111/jofi.12205>

Working Papers

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

“Cash Transfers and Community Participation: A Village-Level Randomized Controlled Trial in Kenya” (with Kate Orkin)

“Secondary School Electrification in Kenya” (with Susanna Berkouwer and Kenneth Lee). 2018. *Aid-Data Working Paper 57*.

Selected Work in Progress

“Mask up! Testing strategies to increase mask use in Kenya” (with Dennis Egger, Aleksandra Jakubowski, Carolyne Odhiambo, Kennedy Oruenjo and Edward Miguel). AEA Trial Registry: <https://www.socialscienceregistry.org/trials/6717>

“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>

“Targeting Impact versus Deprivation” (with Johannes Haushofer, Paul Niehaus, Carlos Paramo and Edward Miguel)

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

Research Grants

2020: IGC (\$25k), Berkeley Population Center (\$7k), IPA Peace & Recovery (\$50k), IZA G²LMIC (\$25k), JPAL IGI Covid-19 (\$25k)

2018: PEDL MRG (\$350K)

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

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

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

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

- 2021 PacDev (UCSD), CSAE (Oxford)
- 2020 PacDev (UC Berkeley), NBER SI (DEV), NEUDC (Dartmouth), IZA/FCDO G²LM-LIC Online Research Conference
- 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: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Finance, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Tax Administration, World Development*

Grant review: *National Science Foundation*

Other Professional Experience

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

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