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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

"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

"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. R&R at *Econometrica*

"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)

“Self-Reported Mask Wearing Greatly Exceeds Directly Observed Use: Urgent Need for Policy Intervention in Kenya” (with Aleksandra Jakubowski, Dennis Egger, Carolyn Nekesa, Layna Lowe, and Edward Miguel). medRxiv 2021.01.27.21250487; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.01.27.21250487>

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

Work in Progress

“Mask up! Testing strategies to increase mask use in Kenya” (with Dennis Egger, Aleksandra Jakubowski, Carolyn 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, 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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