

# NEIL M. BENNETT

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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of California, Irvine</b> PhD in Economics	<i>Current</i> GPA: 3.61
<b>University of Montana, Missoula</b> MA in Economics	<i>May 2015</i> 3.91
<b>University of Montana, Missoula</b> BA in Mathematics Emphasis in Statistics Minor in Philosophy	<i>May 2013</i> 3.51

## TEACHING/ WORK EXPERIENCE

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<b>University of California, Irvine Economics Department</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	August 2015 - Present
▷ Hold regular discussion sessions and grade for Introduction to Microeconomics, Econometrics and Managerial Economics	
<b>University of Montana Math Department</b> <i>Tutoring Supervisor</i>	August 2014 - June 2015 <i>Missoula, MT</i>
▷ Hired new tutors, trained new hires, scheduled tutoring hours for the semesters and fielded complaints from students	
<b>UM Ethics Bowl Team</b> <i>Coach</i>	August 2013 - Present
▷ The team of 3 students that I coached won first place at the National Competition in Jacksonville, Florida in 2014	
<b>Math Department</b> <i>Tutor</i>	August 2012 - August 2014
▷ Tutored entering students in Probability and Linear Math, Contemporary Math, Geometry, College Algebra, Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus (8 hours per week)	
<b>Economics Department</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	January 2012 - May 2014
▷ Graded Introductory Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Probability and Linear Math, and Ethics. Held office hours and review sessions for students	
<b>Associated Students of The University of Montana</b> <i>Senator</i>	May 2011 - May 2012
▷ Organized for the Student Political Action Committee in get out the vote efforts and in setting foundations for creating a City Council Observer student internship	

- ▷ Built the membership pool and recruited 18 new student volunteers by the end of the school year
- ▷ Trained and guided volunteers in conducting over 1,000 door to door conversations

## RESEARCH

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Environmental Shocks, Heterogeneous Households and Migration: A Study in Thailand

**Abstract:** Global climate change has increased the prevalence of environmental shocks such as flood, drought and fire, with rural households in developing countries most seriously affected. These households frequently lack access to formal insurance markets, and so must use alternative coping mechanisms in order to help mitigate the loss of household assets associated with environmental shocks. One such coping mechanism may be migration of one or more household members as an income diversification strategy. This study investigates how the migration decisions of households in Thailand were influenced by environmental shocks over a 15-year period. We focus on heterogeneity in responses to shocks among households with and without an alternative coping strategy, namely savings; with respect to male and female migrants; across provinces with different social and environmental characteristics; and by type of shock. Our findings indicate that there is heterogeneity in migration responses. In particular, households without savings are more likely to send out migrants after a shock, while households with savings are more likely to bring migrants home.

## PRESENTATIONS

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Population Association of America, Washington, DC, April 2016

18th Annual CU Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop, Vail, CO, September 2016

## NOTABLE EXTRACURRICULAR/EDUCATION

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<b>Spatial Statistics</b>	focused in geostatistics, spatial point processes, and area or lattice processes
<b>Summer Course</b>	2016 Berkeley Summer School in Environmental and Energy Economics
<b>Esri Training</b>	Have started self-teaching GIS and ArcGIS

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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Advanced Understanding of LaTeX, R, Stata, Matlab  
Working Knowledge of Python, Maple, Git, NetLogo