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## EDUCATION

**University of California at Berkeley**, Expected May 2024

PhD, Agricultural and Resource Economics

Dissertation: “Natural Disasters and Livelihoods: Evidence from Pests, Disease, and Floods in African Countries”

Dissertation Chair: Dr Ethan Ligon

**University of Washington**, June 2014

Master of Public Administration (MPA)

**Whitworth University**, May 2011

BA, International Studies

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Environmental & Resource Economics, Labor Economics, Women’s Empowerment, Agricultural Transformation

## REFERENCES

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Dr Edward Miguel, Professor, UC Berkeley Economics

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## PUBLICATIONS

Money or power? Choosing Covid-19 aid in Kenya (with S. Berkouwer, E. Hsu, O.W. Kim, K. Lee, E. Miguel, & C.D. Wolfram). *Energy Economics* Vol. 127B (2023). [[Link](#)]

Exploring the gender gap in mobile money adoption: Evidence from eight low- and middle-income countries (with T.W. Reynolds, C.L. Anderson, C. O’Brien-Carelli, & J. Keel). *Information Technology for Development* (2023). [[Link](#)]

Disbursing emergency relief through utilities: Evidence from Ghana (with S. Berkouwer, S. Puller, & C.D. Wolfram). *Journal of Development Economics* Vol. 156 (2022). [[Link](#)]

Economic benefits of empowering women in agriculture: Assumptions and evidence (with C.L. Anderson, T.W. Reynolds, V. Patwardhan, & C. Schmidt). *Journal of Development Studies* Vol. 57(2): 193-208 (2020). [[Link](#)]

A case of mistaken identity? Measuring rates of improved seed adoption in Tanzania using DNA fingerprinting (with A. Wineman, T. Njagi, C.L. Anderson, T.W. Reynolds, D.Y. Alia, P.

- Wainaina, E. Njue, & M.W. Ayieko). *Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 71(3): 719-741 (2020). [[Link](#)]
- Methods of crop yield measurement on multi-cropped plots: Examples from Tanzania (with A. Wineman, C.L. Anderson, & T.W. Reynolds). *Food Security* 11, 1257-1273 (2019). [[Link](#)]
- Delivering development? Evidence on Self-Help Groups as Development intermediaries in South Asia and Africa (with M.K. Gugerty & C.L. Anderson). *Development Policy Review*, Vol. 37(1): 129-151 (2018). [[Link](#)]
- Relating seasonal hunger and coping and prevention strategies: A panel analysis of Malawian farm households (with C.L. Anderson, T.W. Reynolds, & J. Merfeld). *Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. 54(10): p. 1737-1755 (2017). [[Link](#)]
- Gender-associated differences in cross-domain risk perception among smallholder farmers in Mali: Implications for development (with A. Cullen, C.L. Anderson, & T.W. Reynolds). *Risk Analysis*, Vol. 38(7): p. 1361-1377 (2017). [[Link](#)]
- Do changes in farmers' seed traits align with climate change? A case study of maize in Chiapas, Mexico (with C.L. Anderson & A. Cronholm). *Handbook of Behavioural Economics and Smart Decision-Making: Rational Decision-Making within the Bounds of Reason* (Morris Altman, ed.), p. 251-274 (2017). [[Link](#)]
- Relative effectiveness of bilateral and multilateral aid on development outcomes (with T.W. Reynolds & C.L. Anderson). *Review of Development Economics*, Vol 21(4): p. 1425–1447 (2017). [[Link](#)]

## **WORKING PAPERS**

- “Agricultural shocks and long-term conflict risk: Evidence from desert locust swarms” (Job Market Paper). [[Link](#)]
- “Balancing work and childcare: Evidence from COVID-19 school closures and reopenings in Kenya” (with D. Egger & U.J. Pape). Revision Requested at Journal of Human Resources. [[Link](#)]

## **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

- “Flooding the mind: Natural disasters, aspirations, and labor supply in Nigeria” (with A. Isah and E. Stacy)
- “Forcing labor reallocation? Floods and long-term structural transformation in Nigeria”
- “Voltage quality and economic activity” (with S. Berkouwer, M. Mikdash, S. Puller, & C.D. Wolfram) – Draft available upon request
- “Electricity reliability and long-term economic outcomes” (with S. Berkouwer, S. Puller, & C.D. Wolfram)
- “Recency bias in farmer responses to past pest and diseases losses in Malawi” – Draft available upon request

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2023 Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC); Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev); Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Annual Meeting; Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting

- 2022 Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Conference; Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference; Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev)
- 2021 All-California Labor Economics Conference (ACLEC); Giannini Agricultural & Resource Economics Student Conference (GARESC); Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev)
- 2017 Data for Policy Annual Conference; International Consortium on Applied Bioeconomy Research (ICABR) Annual Conference
- 2016 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) International Conference
- 2012 Mobile Education Symposium

### **OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

- 2023 UC Berkeley Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar; UC Berkeley Development Lunch Seminar; Princeton University Climate Change & Conflict Invited Presentation
- 2022 UC Berkeley Development Lunch Seminar
- 2021 IPA Kenya Women's Work, Entrepreneurship, and Skilling Evidence and Policy Roundtable; UC Berkeley Environmental Economics Seminar; UC Berkeley Development Lunch Seminar; Busara Center for Behavioral Economics Lunch and Learn Seminar
- 2020 UC Berkeley Development Lunch Seminar
- 2017 The World Bank Agricultural Microdata Technical Convening; Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Financial Services for the Poor Acceleration Week Digital Credit Learning Session
- 2016 Myanmar Ministry of Labour, Immigration, and Population National Identity Programs Workshop; International Telecommunications Union Focus Group on Digital Financial Services and Financial Inclusion (ITU FG-DFS) Quarterly Convening
- 2015 International Telecommunications Union Focus Group on Digital Financial Services and Financial Inclusion (ITU FG-DFS) Quarterly Convening
- 2015 Evans School Research Symposium

### **TEACHING POSITIONS**

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|---|-------------|
| Introductory Applied Econometrics, Lead Instructor<br>UC Berkeley Agricultural & Resource Economics   | Fall 2022   |
| Introductory Applied Econometrics, Student Instructor<br>UC Berkeley Agricultural & Resource Economics, Jeremy Magruder                               | Fall 2021   |
| Environmental Economics, Student Instructor<br>UC Berkeley Agricultural & Resource Economics, David Roland-Host                                       | Spring 2019 |
| Agricultural and Environmental Policy, Student Instructor<br>UC Berkeley Agricultural & Resource Economics, David Zilberman                           | Fall 2018   |
| Economics for Policy Analysis and Management, Student Instructor<br>University of Washington Evans School of Public Policy & Governance, Brian Dillon | Fall 2013   |

### **RESEARCH POSITIONS**

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|---|-----------|
| Graduate Student Researcher, University of California at Berkeley<br><i>The Economics of Electricity Grid Reliability</i> , Catherine Wolfram | 2019-2023 |
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Research & Strategic Initiatives Manager, University of Washington	2014-2018
<i>Evans School Policy Analysis &amp; Research Group (EPAR), C. Leigh Anderson</i>	
Research Coordinator, University of Washington	2014-2016
<i>Enhancing Women's Agricultural Value, C. Leigh Anderson and Mary Kay Gugerty</i>	
Research Assistant, University of Washington	2014
<i>Evans School Minimum Wage Study, Marieka Klawitter and Mark Long</i>	

### **SELECTED PRIOR EMPLOYMENT**

Program Officer, World Vision International, Federal Way, WA	2011-2013
<i>Field work in Burundi, Kenya, and Malawi</i>	
Program Management Associate, Africare, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso	2009-2010

### **GRANTS**

2023	Angela Little Foundation Travel Grant, \$1,500
2023	CEGA Research Grant, \$10,000
2023	IRLE Research Grant, \$6,000
2023	UC Berkeley Graduate Division Travel Grant, \$1,800
2022	STEG Research Grant \$33,000
2022	SurveyCTO Research Grant, \$2,000
2021	Innovations for Poverty Action WWES Initiative Research Grant, \$12,000
2020	UC Berkeley Department of Economics Research Grant, \$4,000
2020	UC Berkeley College of Natural Resources Center for Educational Equity and Excellence Research Grant, \$3,100

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2023	UC Berkeley Center for African Studies Rocca Dissertation Fellowship, \$10,000
2023	Pacific Conference for Development Economics Best Poster Award
2022	UC Berkeley 2022 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award
2014	University of Washington Shelton Fellowship
2014	University of Washington Pi Alpha Alpha Academic Excellence Award
2011	Whitworth University President's Cup
2011	Whitworth University Mind and Heart Scholar

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Reviewer: Journal of Development Economics, Food Security, Journal of Development Studies, Agricultural and Resource Economics Review, Empirical Economics

Memberships: American Economic Association, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association, Western Economic Association International

**LANGUAGES:** English (Native), French (Fluent), Spanish (Intermediate)

**IN-COUNTRY EXPERIENCE:** Burkina Faso, Burundi, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania

**ANALYTICAL TOOLS:** STATA, R, Python, Excel, SurveyCTO/Open Data Kit

**CITIZENSHIP:** USA