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Employment

University of Pennsylvania (2022-present)

Postdoctoral Researcher, Center for Social Norms and Behavioral Dynamics

Innovations for Poverty Action (2020-2022)

Postdoctoral Fellow, Consumer Protection Initiative

Affiliations

IPA Applied Research & Methods Group (ARM) Postdoctoral Researcher (2022-2022)

Education

University of California, Davis (2014-2020)

Ph.D., Agricultural & Resource Economics

Fields: Development Economics, Econometrics

Dissertation: Social Network Structure and Risk in the Developing World

University of California, Davis (2013-2014, conferred 2019)

M.S., Agricultural & Resource Economics

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (2008-2013)

Magna Cum Laude, University Honors Program

B.A., Economics

B.A., Mathematics

Working papers

Digital Breadcrumbs: Testing the Limits of Cell Phone Metadata in Poverty and Impact Assessment. Barriga-Cabanillas, O., J. Blumenstock, T.J. Lybbert, D.S. Putman; Working Paper

Risk Preferences and Risk Pooling in Networks: Theory and Evidence using Community Detection in Ghana. Putman, D.S.; Working Paper

Social Network Structure and the Scope of Risk Pooling. Putman, D.S.; Working Paper

Social Network Response to Social Unrest: Evidence from Mobile Phone Metadata in Haiti. Putman, D.S. and T.J. Lybbert; Working Paper

Digital Credit Market Monitoring with Administrative Data: Evidence from a Collaboration with the Competition Authority of Kenya. Putman, D.S.; Working Paper

Robust Inference for Audit Studies. Putman, D.S.; In Progress

The Element of Surprise: An Instrumental Variables Approach for Identifying Usage Curves in Professional Football. Putman, D.S. and T.N. Tolhurst; In Progress

Policy reports	<p>“Translating Digital Credit Transaction Data into Consumer Protection Supervision: A Toolkit.” Putman, D.S.; <i>Innovations for Poverty Action</i> (2022).</p> <p>“Report on the Competition Authority of Kenya Digital Credit Market Inquiry.” Putman, D.S., R.K. Mazer, W. Blackmon; <i>Innovations for Poverty Action</i> (2021)</p> <p>“Attitudes and Preferences Toward Pacific Halibut Management Alternatives in the Saltwater Sport Fishing Charter Sector in Alaska: Results from a Survey.” Lew, D.K., D.S. Putman, and D.M. Larson; <i>NOAA Technical Memorandum</i>. No. NMFS-AFSC-326 (2016)</p>
Honors, grants & fellowships	<p>IPA Consumer Protection Research Initiative Grant (2021)</p> <p>Erika C. Meng Award Scholarship for Development Policy (2017)</p> <p>Henry A. Jastro Research Award (2017)</p> <p>Departmental Fellowship, UC Davis ARE (2015)</p> <p>Travel Award, Southern Economics Association Conference (2012)</p> <p>Kappa Mu Epsilon (2011)</p> <p>Gerald and Mary Jacobson Economics Scholarship, UW-Eau Claire (2010)</p> <p>Omicron Delta Epsilon (2010)</p>
Presentations	<p>2022 IPA Consumer Protection Practitioner’s Forum (virtual), World Bank and Center for Effective Global Action Measuring Development Conference (Washington, DC)</p> <p>2021 Conference on Network Science and Economics (poster, virtual), Competition Authority of Kenya (virtual), Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation FAIR Working Group (virtual), IPA Consumer Protection Researcher Gathering (virtual), Center for Financial Inclusion Financial Inclusion Week (virtual), University of California, Davis Development Workshop (virtual)</p> <p>2020 Pacific Conference for Development Economics (virtual, planned for Berkeley, CA), International Conference on Computational Social Science (declined due to move to virtual pre-recorded), 2020 Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (virtual)</p> <p>2018 Annual Giannini Agricultural & Resource Economics Student Conference (Berkeley, CA)</p> <p>2013 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (La Crosse, WI)</p> <p>2012 Wisconsin Economics Association (Stevens Point, WI), University of Wisconsin System Symposium on Undergraduate Research (Whitewater, WI)</p> <p>2011 Wisconsin Economics Association (Stevens Point, WI)</p>
Teaching experience	<p>Instructor, Microeconomics of Development, UC Davis: 2019 Summer Session 1</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics of Development, UC Davis: 2014 Fall, 2016 Spring, 2016 Summer Session 1, 2018 Fall, 2019 Winter, 2019 Spring, 2019 Fall, 2020 Winter</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics, UC Davis: 2014 Summer Session 1</p>

Research Experience	<p>Co-PI with Michael King (PI) and Channing Jang (Co-PI) (ongoing): “A Digital Bridge Over Troubled Waters: Strategies for Reducing Non-Institutional Fraud and Building Trust in a Digital Market Platform”</p> <p>Co-PI with Xavier Giné, Rafe Mazer, and William Blackmon: Measuring Phishing Fraud Prevalence in IPA Countries</p> <p>PI (2020-2021): Analysis of Transaction Data to Monitor Consumer Risks in Digital Credit (in collaboration with the Competition Authority of Kenya). Part of the digital credit market inquiry.</p> <p>Consultant for the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (Summer 2018): research assistance on “American Journal of Agricultural Economics Volume 100: A Century of Publishing the Frontiers of the Profession”</p> <p>Graduate Student Researcher for Travis Lybbert, UC Davis (2016-2018): Evaluating the Impact of World Food Program’s Emergency Operation Cash Transfer on Haitian Households</p> <p>Graduate Student Researcher for Travis Lybbert, UC Davis (Summer 2016): Lotto Linked Savings Accounts in Haiti</p> <p>Graduate Student Researcher for Doug M. Larson, UC Davis and Daniel K. Lew, NOAA/UC Davis (2015-2016): Halibut Catch Sharing Project Survey</p>
Professional service	<p>Co-organized 2021 Consumer Protection Research Gathering, 2017 Annual Giannini Agricultural & Resource Economics Student Conference</p> <p>Referee: <i>American Journal of Agricultural Economics</i></p>
Popular press & blogs	<p>“New Consumer Protection and Competition Policies Are Needed for Kenya’s Digital Credit Market.” Blackmon, W., R.K. Mazer, N. Mwarania, and D.S. Putman; <i>IPA Blog</i> (2021)</p> <p>“From the Field to Policy Formulation – How Research is Informing Consumer Protection in Sierra Leone” Blackmon, W., F. Cuccaro, A. Holzinger, R.K. Mazer, W. Ngwabe, and D.S. Putman; <i>IPA Blog</i> (2021)</p>
Skills	R, \LaTeX , Stata, SurveyCTO, Python
Languages	English (Native), Spanish (Basic)
Associations	American Economics Association, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association