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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

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

The Potential and Limitations of Big Data in Development Economics: The Use of Cell Phone Data for the Targeting and Impact Evaluation of a Cash Transfer Program in Haiti. 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

"Translating Digital Credit Transaction Data into Consumer Protection Supervision: A Toolkit." Putman, D.S.; *Innovations for Poverty Action* (2022).

"Report on the Competition Authority of Kenya Digital Credit Market Inquiry." Putman, D.S., R.K. Mazer, W. Blackmon; *Innovations for Poverty Action* (2021)

"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; NOAA Technical Memorandum. No. NMFS-AFSC-326 (2016)

Honors, grants

IPA Consumer Protection Research Initiative Grant (2021)

& fellowships

Erika C. Meng Award Scholarship for Development Policy (2017)

Henry A. Jastro Research Award (2017)

Departmental Fellowship, UC Davis ARE (2015)

Travel Award, Southern Economics Association Conference (2012)

Kappa Mu Epsilon (2011)

Gerald and Mary Jacobson Economics Scholarship, UW-Eau Claire (2010)

Omicron Delta Epsilon (2010)

Presentations

2022 IPA Consumer Protection Practitioner's Forum, MeasureDev (hosted by the Center for Effective Global Action and World Bank DIME)

2021 Conference on Network Science and Economics (poster), Competition Authority of Kenya, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation FAIR Working Group, IPA Consumer Protection Researcher Gathering, Center for Financial Inclusion Financial Inclusion Week, University of California, Davis Development Workshop

2020 Pacific Conference for Development Economics (online), Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (online)

2018 Annual Giannini Agricultural & Resource Economics Student Conference

2013 National Conference on Undergraduate Research

2012 Wisconsin Economics Association, University of Wisconsin System Symposium on Undergraduate Research

2011 Wisconsin Economics Association

Teaching experience

Instructor, Microeconomics of Development, UC Davis: 2019 Summer Session 1

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

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics, UC Davis: 2014 Summer Session 1

Research Experience

Co-PI with Michael King (PI) and Chaning Jang (Co-PI) (ongoing): "A Digital Bridge Over Troubled Waters: Strategies for Reducing Non-Institutional Fraud and Building Trust in a Digital Market Platform"

Co-PI with Xavier Giné, Rafe Mazer, and William Blackmon: Measuring Phishing Fraud Prevalence in IPA Countries 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.

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"

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

Graduate Student Researcher for Travis Lybbert, UC Davis (Summer 2016): Lotto Linked Savings Accounts in Haiti

Graduate Student Researcher for Doug M. Larson, UC Davis and Daniel K. Lew, NOAA/UC Davis (2015-2016): Halibut Catch Sharing Project Survey

Professional service

Co-organized 2021 Consumer Protection Research Gathering, 2017 Annual Giannini Agricultural & Resource Economics Student Conference

Referee: American Journal of Agricultural Economics

Popular press & blogs

"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; *IPA Blog* (2021)

"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; *IPA Blog* (2021)

Skills R, ŁTŁX, Stata, SurveyCTO, Python

Languages English (Native), Spanish (Basic)

Associations American Economics Association, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association

References

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