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Academic Appointments:

2025- : University of Rochester (Simon Business School), Assistant Professor of Economics
2024-2025: Yale University (Economic Growth Center), Postdoctoral Associate

Education:

Ph.D., Department of Economics, University of Michigan, 2024

Dissertation Committee: Lauren Falcao Bergquist, Zach Brown, Ying Fan, Dean Yang
M.A., Department of Economics, University of Michigan, 2019

A.B., Department of Economics, Princeton University, 2014 (*magna cum laude*)

Fields:

Primary Fields: Development Economics, Industrial Organization

Secondary Fields: Organizational Economics

Working Papers:

Value Creation and Value Capture in Indian Garment Sector Bargaining

Works in Progress:

Contracting Frictions and Supply Chain Efficiency in Kenyan Agricultural Goods (with Eleanor Wiseman and Lara Wulandari)

Organization of Production and Service Quality in Ugandan Informal Transit (with Yulu Tang)

Quality Incentives and Upgrading in Uganda's Coffee Supply Chain (with Jie Bai, Lauren Falcao Bergquist, Ameet Morjaria, and Yulu Tang)

The Supply and Demand of Bank Loans to Agri-SMEs in Africa (with Mohamed Abouaziza, Vittorio Bassi, Lorenzo Casaburi, Rocco Macchiavello, and Rania Nasir)

Vertical Integration and Relational Contracts: Empirical Evidence on Substitutability from Indian Garment Manufacturing

Professional Activities:

Referee for Journal of Human Resources, RAND Journal of Economics

Organizer of Yale Economic Growth Center Postdoctoral Retreat

Global Health Economics Workshop (2022)

PEDL Young Scholars Workshop (2020)

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

Winter 2024	SYLFF Fellowship
Fall 2023	Rackham One Term Fellowship
Winter 2020	Outstanding Third Year Paper Award
Fall 2017-Winter 2018	William Haber Graduate Fellowship
April 2014	Dean Kaneda Prize for Outstanding Young Economist (Carroll Round at Georgetown University)

Presentations (*for scheduled)

2026	ASSA (Econometric Society)*, PEDL Anniversary Conference*, STEG Annual Conference (Plenary Session)*
2025	CEPR/JIE Applied IO (discussant), Central Bank of Colombia IO-Development Workshop, Chicago DIL, Firms, Labor Markets, and Development Conference, IIOC, IO-Devo Workshop (LSE Management), PacDev, PEDL Early-Career Researchers Workshop (Firms, Trade, and Development Conference), Northwestern University, SITE, Yale University, Wayne State University
2024	CSAE, EEA, IGC-Uganda, MDev, MWIEDC, NEUDC, OECD, SIOE, Clark University, Paris School of Economics, University of Rochester-Simon Business School, University of Southern California, Yale University
2023	EARIE, Michigan Economic Development Seminar, Michigan Summer Seminar, Michigan Business Economics Lunch
2022	Global Health Economics Workshop, Michigan H2D2, Michigan Industrial Organization Lunch
2021	Michigan H2D2, Michigan Industrial Organization Lunch

Professional and Research Experience:

Summer 2022	Graduate Student Research Assistant for Prof. Lauren F. Bergquist
Fall 2019-Winter 2020	Graduate Student Research Assistant for Prof. Lauren F. Bergquist
Summer 2019	Summer Research Apprenticeship with Prof. Achyuta Adhvaryu
Summer 2018	Summer Research Apprenticeship with Prof. C. Hoyt Bleakley
July 2014-Aug. 2017	Cornerstone Research: Analyst, Senior Analyst, Research Associate
Oct. 2013-May 2014	Research Assistant for Prof. Dani Rodrik
Summer 2013	Research Assistant for Prof. Leonard Wantchekon

Teaching Experience:

At University of Rochester

Fall 2025	Managerial Economics (MBA; STR 401) Instructor of Record
Spring 2025	Topics in Labor and Development (Ph.D.; ECON 506)

Guest Lecturer

At University of Michigan
Fall 2021 – Winter 2023

Winter 2021

Government Regulation of Industry (ECON 432)

GSI for Prof. Zach Brown

Fall 2020

Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON 401)

GSI for Prof. David A. Miller

Winter 2020

International Trade (ECON 441)

GSI for Prof. Dominick Bartelme

Fall 2019

Development Economics (ECON 360)

GSI for Prof. Lauren Falcao Bergquist

Winter 2019

Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON 401)

GSI for Prof. David A. Miller

Fall 2018

Game Theory (ECON 409)

GSI for Prof. David A. Miller

Software:

Advanced Julia, STATA, SAS

Intermediate Matlab, R, Visual Basic, SQL

Personal:

Citizenship U.S.A., France (beginning ~2026)

Languages English (native), French (near non-native fluency), Lhukonzo (basic)

Married Emilie Siegler Morton

References:

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