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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:

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

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

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

2025	CEPR/JIE Applied IO (discussant; scheduled), Chicago DIL, EARIE (scheduled), Firms, Labor Markets, and Development Conference (scheduled), IIOC, PacDev, Northwestern University, SITE (scheduled), 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)
Spring 2025	Topics in Labor and Development (Ph.D.; ECON 506) Guest Lecturer

At University of Michigan

Fall 2021 – Winter 2023	Graduate Student Mentor
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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 ~2025)
Languages	English (native), French (near non-native fluency), Lhukonzo (basic)
Married	Emilie Siegler Morton

References:

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Professor Ying Fan Michigan Department of Economics yingfan@umich.edu	Professor Dean Yang Michigan Department of Economics deanyang@umich.edu