

# Travis McArthur

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## Appointment

**University of Florida**, Food & Resource Economics Department

Assistant Professor – Economics of International Development

*starting* July 2017

## Education

**University of Wisconsin–Madison**: Ph.D, Agricultural & Applied Economics

*expected* 2017

**American University**: B.S., Economics; B.A., International Relations

2008

## Research

### *Fields*

Development Economics; Production Economics; Applied Econometrics; Trade

### *Working Papers*

Travis McArthur. 2016. “Direct Measurement of Efficiency Gains from Land Titling: PROCEDE’s Effect upon the Productivity of Mexican Agriculture.” Selected Paper for the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association. (*Previous version of “Property Rights and Efficiency: Evidence from Mexico’s Land Titling Program”*)

Dean Baker and Travis McArthur. 2009. “The Value of the ‘Too Big to Fail’ Big Bank Subsidy.” Center for Economic and Policy Research, Reports and Issue Briefs No. 2009-36.

Dean Baker, Robert Pollin, Travis McArthur, and Matt Sherman. 2009. “The Potential Revenue from Financial Transactions Taxes.” Political Economy Research Institute, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Working Paper No. 212.

### *Work in Progress*

Property Rights and Efficiency: Evidence from Mexico’s Land Titling Program

Allocative Inefficiency under Heterogeneous Technology in Bolivian Agriculture

Economies of Scope in Bolivian Agriculture (with Bradford Barham and Jean-Paul Chavas)

The Influence of International Investment Agreements on U.S. Exports

Academic Labor in the Higher Education Production Function: A Decomposition

*Presentations*

- 2017 Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (*Scheduled*)
- 2017 Congreso Anual de Economía y de Políticas Públicas (*Invited*)
- 2017 Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC)
- 2017 University of Florida
- 2017 International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- 2017 IMPAQ International
- 2017 American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting
- 2016 University of California, Davis
- 2016 Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting
- 2012 U.S. International Trade Commission (*Invited*)

**Teaching**

- 2015 Teaching Assistant, Applied Econometric Analysis II, University of Wisconsin–Madison
- 2014 – 2016 Instructor, Introduction to R Workshop, University of Wisconsin–Madison
- 2006 Teaching Assistant, Macroeconomics, American University

**Honors & Awards**

- 2016 USDA International Research Travel Allowance (Mexico)
- 2012 – 2016 USDA National Needs Fellowship Grant
- 2004 – 2008 American University Presidential Scholarship
- 2008 Phi Beta Kappa Society Induction
- 2008 Best Quantitative Study by an Undergraduate, Mathias Student Research Conference

**Professional & Policy Experience**

- 2009 – 2012 Trade and Finance Researcher, Public Citizen’s Global Trade Watch; Washington, DC
- 2009 Intern, Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR); Washington, DC
- 2009 Intern, Institute for Policy Studies; Washington, DC
- 2008 Intern, Unión de Agricultores Minifundistas de Guatemala; Quetzaltenango, Guatemala
- 2007 Intern, Centre for Domestic Training and Development; Nairobi, Kenya
- 2006, 2007 Intern, Oxfam America; Washington, DC
- 2005 Intern, Public Citizen’s Global Trade Watch; Washington, DC

**Miscellaneous***Programming Languages*

R, MATLAB, GAMS, C++

*Spoken Languages*

Spanish (proficient)

*Contributions to Open Source Projects*

GitHub repositories: <https://github.com/tdmcarthur>

Senior Developer, [micEcon](#) Project: Microeconomic Analysis & Modelling in R

Contributor, [ggplot2](#), The Grammar of Graphics for R

*Membership in Professional Associations*

American Economic Association (AEA)

Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA)

Association for Integrity & Responsible Leadership in Economics & Associated Professions (AIRLEAP)

**Nonacademic Activities***Nonacademic Service*

2017 Member, Core Organizing Committee, March for Science – Madison, WI  
 2017 Vice President, Contract Enforcement Committee, Teaching Assistants' Association  
 2016 – 2017 Graduate Student Representative to the Graduate Committee, Department of  
 Agricultural & Applied Economics of the University of Wisconsin–Madison  
 2014 – 2015 Treasurer, Teaching Assistants' Association  
 2006 Co-facilitator, Community Action and Social Justice Coalition, American University  
 2003 State Delegate, Green Party of Florida

*Nonacademic Awards*

2016 David Newby Award, by the Teaching Assistants' Association  
 2007 “I’ll Be There” Award (group award to American University Labor Solidarity Committee), by  
 DC Jobs with Justice

*Labor Union Membership*

2013 – 2017 AFT Local 3220 – Teaching Assistants' Association (TAA); Madison, WI  
 2009 – 2012 SEIU Local 500; Washington, DC