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## EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, KDI School of Public Policy and Management, August 2024 – present

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University, May 2024

Dissertation Title: “Essays in Development and Environmental Economics”

Dissertation Committee: Christopher B. Barrett, John F. Hoddinott, Ariel Ortiz-Bobea

M.P.P. Regional Development and Environment, KDI School of Public Policy and Management, 2017

*Summa Cum Laude*, Salutatorian

Minor in Sustainable Development

B.Ec. International Economic Relations, Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City, 2015

*Honours with Distinction*

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. “[Mentoring, Educational Preferences, and Career Choices: Evidence from Two Field Experiments in Bhutan.](#)” (2025) *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, with Ryotaro Hayashi, Hyuncheol Bryant Kim and Norihiko Matsuda.
2. “[Structural Transformation, Agriculture, Climate, and the Environment.](#)” (2023). *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy*, Vol 17, No 2, with Christopher B. Barrett and Ariel Ortiz-Bobea.
3. “[The Child Education and Health Ethnic Inequality Consequences of Climate Shocks in Vietnam.](#)” (2022). *Economics of Education Review*, Vol 90, 102311.
4. “[The Intertemporal Evolution of Agriculture and Labor over a Rapid Structural Transformation: Lessons from Vietnam.](#)” (2020). *Food Policy*, Vol 94, 101913, with Yanyan Liu, Christopher B. Barrett, and William Violette.

## WORKING PAPERS

1. “Climate Change and Intersectoral Labor Reallocation in a Developing Country”  
*Recipient of the Distinguished PhD Research Paper Award by the Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics (NEUDC 2023, Harvard Kennedy School)*
2. “Who Benefits from Industrialization? Labor Market Adjustments and Household Welfare”
3. “Buffering the Heat: How Industrial Development Helps Rural Farm Households Adapt to Extreme Temperatures”

## SELECTED WORK-IN-PROGRESS

1. “The Environmental Impacts of Place-based Policies”
2. “Exam Retake,” with Jinseong Park
3. “Meta-analytic Review of Climate and Pollution Impacts on Human Capital,” with Patrick Behrer, Teevrat Garg, Alaka Holla, Trevor Dean Arnold, and Adriana Molina

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

† denotes Master’s level courses, \* denotes PhD-level courses

### KDI School

Environmental Economics in Developing Countries†, Spring 2025

Introduction to Development Policy†, Spring/Fall 2025

Development Economics\*, Fall 2024/2025

### Cornell University

TA, Applied Econometrics†, Professor Brian Dillon, Fall 2021/2023

Co-instructor, Math and Statistics camp for incoming Master’s students, Summer 2022

TA, Economics of Developing Countries, Professor Brian Dillon, Spring 2021/2022

TA, Research and Methods†, Professors Mark Conostas and Aija Leiponen, Fall 2020

TA, Risk Simulation and Monte Carlo Methods†, Professor Calum Turvey, Spring 2020

TA, Introduction to Economics of Development, Professor Steven Kyle, Fall 2019

## HONORS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Agricultural and Applied Economic Association (AAEA), *Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award 2025*

Cornell Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, *Best PhD Dissertation Award 2025*

JPAL Learning for All Initiative, *Proposal Development Grant, with Maulik Jagnani*

KDI School, *Research Grant*

The Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics, *Weiss Family Distinguished PhD Research Paper Award at NEUDC 2023, Harvard Kennedy School*

Cornell Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, *George F. Warren Award First Place 2024*

Cornell University, *Graduate School Fellowship Spring 2024, Conference Travel Grant 2021-2023*

KDI School, *Outstanding Thesis & Academic Excellence 2016, Global Ambassador Scholarship 2015-2016*

Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City, *Student of Five Merits 2014, University of Economics and Law Dean’s List 2011-2015*

Rencontres du Vietnam Odon Vallet Scholarship 2015, POSCO Asia Fellowship 2014, American Chamber of Commerce in Ho Chi Minh City Scholarship 2014

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Conference, Workshop, and Seminar Presentations (*including scheduled*, \* presented by co-authors)

2025: Korea Institute for International Economic Policy, Asian Economic Development Conference\*, National Cheng Kung University

2024: University of Melbourne, Taipei School of Economics and Political Science, KDI School - World Bank DIME Conference, Asian & Australasian Society of Labour Economics Conference

2023: Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Climate Economics Pipeline Workshop (Harvard Kennedy School), Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, LSE Environment Week (London School of Economics), Development Workshop (Cornell University), North East Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC, Harvard University), Applied Economics and Policy Seminar Series (Cornell University), KDI School

2021: Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (online)

Journal Referee Service

*American Journal of Agricultural Economics* (×2), *Education Economics*, *Economic Modelling*, *Economics of Education Review* (×2), *Food Policy*, *International Journal of Educational Development* (×3), *Journal of Development Studies*, *Plos One* (×3)

Other Service

Application Reviewer and Co-Mentor for STAARS Fellows Program, 2020/2021

Reviewer for Jobs and Development Conference 2024

Organizing Committee, KDI School - World Bank DIME Conference 2024/2025

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

World Bank Group, Short-term Consultant, April 2022-June 2022

Project “Meta-analytic Reviews of Literature on Climate Change and Human Capital”

Asian Development Bank, Short-term Consultant, April 2021-March 2022

Project “Impact Evaluation for Skills Training and Education Pathways Upgradation”

Cornell University, RA for Professor Christopher B. Barrett, 2018-2020

KDI School of Public Policy and Management, RA for Professor Booyuel Kim, 2017-2018

VNU-Hanoi Institute for Economic and Policy Research, Researcher, 2016-2018

Project “Labor Productivity and Wage Growth in Vietnam”

Project “Development Characteristics of SME Sector in Vietnam: Evidence from the Vietnam Enterprise Census 2006-2015”

## MISCELLANEOUS

Languages: Vietnamese (native), English (fluent), Korean (intermediate)