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Employment

University of Wisconsin Madison: Assistant Professor, Agricultural and Applied Economics (2025)
Stanford University: Postdoctoral Fellow (2023-2025)
King Center on Global Development & Center for Food Security and the Environment

Doctoral Studies

University of California, Berkeley
PhD, Agricultural and Resource Economics, May 2023
DISSERTATION: "Border Trade and Information Frictions: Evidence from Informal Traders in Kenya"

PRIMARY FIELD: Development Economics
SECONDARY FIELD: Econometrics
PRIMARY FIELDS OF RESEARCH: Development Economics, Trade, Political Economy

Prior Education

Yale University	MA in International and Development Economics	2012
Universite de Louvain-la-Neuve	BA in Engineering, Economics and Management	2011
University of Cambridge	BA in Economics	2010

Teaching

UW Madison	AAE/ECON 474, *Development Economics*, Instructor	Fall 2026
UW Madison	AAE/ECON 477, *Agricultural & Economic Development of Africa*, Instructor	Spring & Fall 2026
Stanford	Department of Economics, *Development*, Guest lectures	2024–2025
UC Berkeley	Department of Economics, *Pedagogy*, Instructor	2022
UC Berkeley	Masters in Development Practice, *Statistics*, Instructor	2017–2022
STEG	Macro Dev Course, *Barriers in Tech Adoption*, TA for Lauren Falcao	2021
UC Berkeley	Department of ARE, *Econometrics*, TA for Michael Anderson	2019

Languages

English (native), French (native), Dutch (intermediate)

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

King Center Global Development Research Funding; STEG; Weiss; J-Pal ATAI Grant; CEGA Development Challenge; J-Pal GI Grant; J-Pal GI Pilot Grant; ARE Travel Grant; Levin Family Seed Grant; WEAI Graduate Student Workshop Fellow; Sidney Hoos prize for best econometrics research paper

Research: Publications

"Private Input Suppliers as Information Agents for Technology Adoption in Agriculture", with M. H. Dar, K. Emerick, A. de Janvry and E. Sadoulet; *AEJ: Applied Economics*, 2024.
(Coverage: Vox Dev)

"Corruption, gender, and small-scale cross-border trade in East Africa: A review", with J. M. Klopp and M. Trimble; *Development Policy Review*, 40(5), 2021.
(Coverage: ODI Blog)

Research: Working Papers

"Border Trade and Information Frictions: Evidence from Informal Traders in Kenya"
(Coverage: World Bank Development Impact Blog)

"Poisoned by Policy: The Impact of the Flint Water Crisis on Political Participation" with K. Pennington

"Paid as You Trade" with P. Falco and M. Stein

"What Traders Know: The (Mis)perceptions of Formal and Informal Cross-Border Traders" with P. Falco; *WIDER Working Paper*, 2024

"Working, but in Slums: Climate Migration and Integration in Urban Africa" with M. Gittard

"The Impacts of Cold-storage Access in Agricultural Markets" with S. Bhogale and N. Kala

"Climate Resilient School Meals" with J. Burney, M. Gittard, N. Lambrecht, R. Naylor and S. Sachdeva; *FSE Working Paper*

"Inter-dependencies between Formal and Informal Trade: Border Restrictions and Corruption in Kenya"
{Previously circulated as: "Trade, Informality and Corruption: Evidence from Small-scale Traders in Kenya"}
(Coverage: IGC Blog)

"Should Voters be Allowed to Register Anywhere: Evidence from Kenya" with R. Deb and T. Suri
{Previously circulated as: "Do People Register and Vote Strategically: Evidence from the 2013 Kenyan Election"}

Research in Progress

"Climate Shocks, Food Security and Market Prices in Africa: The Role of Supply Chains" with M. Gittard
(Draft coming soon)

"The Effect of Cash Transfers and Village Savings Groups on Youth" with J. Magruder, N. Polasek and B. Krause
(Draft in progress)

"Climate and the Global Food Supply" with J. Burney, N. Lambrecht, R. Naylor, S. Sachdeva and P. Polonik
(Draft in progress)

"Bargaining for a Bribe: An Audit Study with Traders"
(Draft in progress)

"You Leave, You Lose: The Value of Stall Placement in Kenyan Markets"
(Analysis in progress)

"Contracting Frictions and Supply Chain Efficiency in Kenyan Agricultural Goods" with R. Morton
(Pilot completed, RCT in progress)

"From Farms to Meals: Food Markets and Seasonal Scarcity in Kenya" with M. Gittard

"Diffusion Mechanism in Technology Adoption: How do Entry Points Matter?" with E. Sadoulet and A. de Janvry

Prior Employment

UC Berkeley, Graduate Student Researcher (Prof Jeremy Magruder)	2018 - 2020
UC Berkeley, Graduate Student Researcher (Prof Elisabeth Sadoulet)	2016 - 2017
McKinsey and Co, Junior Associate	2014 - 2015
J-Pal, Project Manager	2012 - 2014

Talks

2026	UW Madison Africa at Noon, UW Madison Development Seminar, MWIEDC
2025	Stanford University, UW Madison, NEUDC, Yale University
2024	University of Houston, University of Washington, IFPRI, Stanford University, PacDev, MWIEDC, UW Madison, Paris Peace Forum
2023	NEUDC, NYU, Columbia University, Northwestern University, UW Madison, Stanford, Boston University, Sciences Po Paris, University of Leuven, IIES
2022	UC Berkeley ARE Seminar, UC Berkeley Development Seminar, UC Berkeley Development Workshop, UC Berkeley Development Lunch, UC Berkeley Trade Lunch, NEUDC
2021	IPES, UC Berkeley Trade Lunch, WIDER, UC Berkeley Development Workshop, UC Berkeley Development Lunch
2020	WEAI, UC Berkeley Development Lunch, SANEM, UC Berkeley Development Workshop, BESSBEC, NEUDC, UC Berkeley PERL, CEGA
2019	UC Berkeley Development Lunch, UC Berkeley Development Workshop, MIT Development Lunch
2018	UC Berkeley Development Lunch, KU Leuven

Refereeing

JPE, *EJ*, *AER*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *JPAM*