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Current **Postdoctoral F**

Postdoctoral Fellow, Consumer Protection Initiative

position Financial Inclusion Program, Innovations for Poverty Action

Education University of California, Davis (2014-2020)

PhD, Agricultural & Resource Economics

Fields: Development Economics, Econometrics

Dissertation: Social Network Structure and Risk in the Developing World

University of California, Davis (2013-2014, conferred 2019)

MS, Agricultural & Resource Economics

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (2008-2013)

Magna Cum Laude, University Honors Program

BA, Economics BA, Mathematics

Job market paper "Social Network Response to Social Unrest: Evidence from Mobile Phone Metadata in Haiti" (with Travis Lybbert)

Working papers

"Social Network Structure and the Scope of Risk Pooling"

"Risk Preferences and Risk Pooling in Networks: Theory and Evidence using Community Detection in Ghana"

"The potential and limitations of big data in development economics: The use of cell phone data for the targeting and impact evaluation of a cash transfer program in Haiti" (with Oscar Barriga-Cabanillas, Travis Lybbert, & Joshua Blumenstock)

In progress

"Robust Inference for Audit Studies"

Policy reports

"Digital Credit Market Monitoring with Administrative Data: Evidence from a Collaboration with the Competition Authority of Kenya" (forthcoming)

"Report on the Competition Authority of Kenya Digital Credit Market Inquiry" 2021 (with Rafe Mazer & William Blackmon)

"Attitudes and Preferences Toward Pacific Halibut Management Alternatives in the Saltwater Sport Fishing Charter Sector in Alaska: Results from a Survey" (Technical Memorandum No. NMFS-AFSC-326), 2016 (with Daniel Lew & Doug Larson)

Honors, grants

IPA Consumer Protection Research Initiative Grant (2021)

& fellowships

Erika C. Meng Award Scholarship for Development Policy (2017)

Henry A. Jastro Research Award (2017)

Departmental Fellowship, UC Davis ARE (2015)

Travel Award, Southern Economics Association Conference (2012)

Kappa Mu Epsilon (2011)

Gerald and Mary Jacobson Economics Scholarship, UW-Eau Claire (2010)

Omicron Delta Epsilon (2010)

Presentations

2021 Conference on Network Science and Economics (poster), Competition Authority of Kenya, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation FAIR Working Group, IPA Consumer Protection Researcher Gathering, Center for Financial Inclusion Financial Inclusion Week, University of California, Davis Development Workshop (scheduled)

2020 Pacific Conference for Development Economics, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting

2018 Annual Giannini Agricultural & Resource Economics Student Conference

2013 National Conference on Undergraduate Research

2012 Wisconsin Economics Association, University of Wisconsin System Symposium on Undergraduate Research

2011 Wisconsin Economics Association

Teaching experience

Instructor, Microeconomics of Development, UC Davis (ARE/ECN 115A): 2019 Summer Session 1

Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics of Development, UC Davis: 2014 Fall, 2016 Spring, 2016 Summer Session 1, 2018 Fall, 2019 Winter, 2019 Spring, 2019 Fall, 2020 Winter

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics, UC Davis: 2014 Summer Session 1

Research Experience

Co-PI with Michael King (PI) and Chaning Jang (Co-PI) (ongoing): "A Digital Bridge Over Troubled Waters: Strategies for Reducing Non-Institutional Fraud and Building Trust in a Digital Market Platform"

Co-PI with Xavier Giné, Rafe Mazer, and William Blackmon (ongoing): Measuring Phishing Fraud Prevalence in IPA Countries

PI (2020-2021): Analysis of Transaction Data to Monitor Consumer Risks in Digital Credit (in collaboration with the Competition Authority of Kenya). Part of the digital credit market inquiry.

Consultant for the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (Summer 2018): research assistance on "American Journal of Agricultural Economics Volume 100: A Century of Publishing the Frontiers of the Profession"

Graduate Student Researcher for Travis Lybbert, UC Davis (2016-2018):
Evaluating the Impact of World Food Program's Emergency Operation Cash Transfer on Haitian Households

Graduate Student Researcher for Travis Lybbert, UC Davis (Summer 2016): Lotto Linked Savings Accounts in Haiti

Graduate Student Researcher for Doug M. Larson, UC Davis and Daniel K. Lew, NOAA/UC Davis (2015-2016): Halibut Catch Sharing Project Survey

Professional service

Co-organized 2021 Consumer Protection Research Gathering, 2017 Annual Giannini Agricultural & Resource Economics Student Conference

Referee: American Journal of Agricultural Economics

Coverage blogs 2021 "From the Field to Policy Formulation – How Research is Informing Consumer Protection in Sierra Leone" with Wycliffe Ngwabe, Rafe Mazer, William Blackmon, and Filippo Cuccaro

Skills R, LATEX, Stata, SurveyCTO, Python

Languages English (Native), Spanish (Basic)

Associations American Economics Association, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association

References

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