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EDUCATION

- 2011 Ph.D. Agricultural & Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin
2009 M.A. Agricultural & Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin
2004 B.A. Economics, Middle Eastern Studies, Rutgers University
- Summa Cum Laude, Rutgers College General Honors Program

EXPERIENCE

- 2014 to present Assistant Professor, Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University, Manhattan
- 2014-2014 Associate Research Fellow; Poverty, Health, Nutrition Division, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- 2011-2013 Postdoctoral Fellow, Poverty, Health, Nutrition Division, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION & RESEARCH INTEREST

Development Economics, Health Economics, Agriculture & Nutrition, Impact Evaluation

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Hoel, J., **Schwab, B.** & J. Hoddinott. (2016). "Self-control fatigue, cognitive function, and the expression of time preference: Experimental results from Ethiopia", *Journal of Economic Psychology*. 52: 136-146
- Cowan, B. & **B. Schwab.** (2016). "Employer sponsored health insurance and the gender wage gap", *Journal of Health Economics*. 45(1): 103-114 .
- Brandt, J., Butsic, V., **Schwab, B.**, Radloff, V. & T. Kuemmerle. (2015). "The relative effectiveness of protected areas, a logging ban, and sacred areas for old-growth forest protection in southwest China", *Biological Conservation*. 181: 1-8
- Schwab, B. and B. Cowan. "The Incidence of the Healthcare Costs of Smoking." *Journal of Health Economics* 30(2011)5:1094-1102.

RECENT SUBMISSIONS

- Peterman, A., **Schwab, B.**, Roy, S., Hidrobo, M., & D. Gilligan. "Measuring women's decisionmaking: Indicator choice and survey design experiments from cash and food transfer evaluations in Ecuador, Uganda and Yemen", Revise and Resubmit, *The World Bank Economic Review* [also published in draft form in the peer-reviewed working outlet, "IFPRI Discussion Paper Series"]

Butsic, V., **Schwab, B.**, Baumann, M., & J. Brenner. “Drivers of cannabis agriculture in California” Under Review, *Ecological Economics*

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Heathers, J., Hoel, J., Wegerif, S., **Schwab, B.**, Ledlie, N., Abay, K., & J. Hoddinott (2014). “Smartphone Platform Survey-Scale Heart Rate Collection: a Performance Evaluation in Ethiopia.” *Proceedings of Wireless Health 2014*, October.

RECENT REFEREED REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS & ABSTRACTS

Schwab, B. & Butsic, V. Estimating the impact of cannabis production on rural land prices in Humboldt County CA. USDA Forest General Technical Report. Forthcoming.

Namingit, S., Blankneau, W. and **Schwab, B.** “The scarring effect of an illness-related employment gap: a field experiment” (with S. Namingit and W. Blankenau). Presented at the *2016 MVEA Annual Meeting* (St. Louis).

Schwab, B. & Butsic, V. (2016). “The Impact of Cannabis Production on the Timberland Use and Value” University of California Coast Redwood Forest Symposium (Eureka).

Schwab, B., & R. Armah. (2016). “Could ‘Ag for Nutrition’ Efforts Sacrifice Food Safety? Evidence from Eid al Adha”. Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (Boston) (poster).

Schwab, B., & R. Armah. (2016). “Could ‘Ag for Nutrition’ Efforts Sacrifice Food Safety? Evidence from Eid al Adha”. Presented at the *2016 MVEA Annual Meeting* ((St. Louis).

Namingit, S., Blankneau, W. & Schwab, B. “The Incidence of the Healthcare Costs of Poor Health History” (2016) American Society for Health Economics (ASHE) biennial meeting. (Philadelphia)

Embaye, W., Bergtold, J., **Schwab, B.**, and Shanoyan, A. (2016). Impact of farm training on efficiency of small scale farms in Armenia. Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (Boston) (poster).

Gilligan, D., Hidrobo, M., Hoddinott, J., Roy, S., & **Schwab, B.** “Much ado about modalities: Multicountry experiments on the effects of cash and food transfers on consumption patterns.” Agricultural and Applied Economics Association meetings, Minneapolis, MN, July 27-29, 2014.

Schwab, B. “Nutrition, education and development: The case of Vitamin D milk.” Agricultural and Applied Economics Association meetings, Pittsburgh, PA, July 24-26, 2011.

Schwab, B. “In the form of bread? A randomized comparison of cash and food transfers in Yemen.” Agricultural and Applied Economics Association meetings, Washington, D.C., August 4-6, 2013.

Gajigo, O. & **Schwab, B.** “The rhythm of the rains: Seasonal effects on child health in The Gambia.” International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) Triennial Conference, Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, August 18-24, 2012.

OTHER WORKS IN PROGRESS

Schwab, B. “Maternal fasting during Ramadan and child health: Evidence from 40 countries.”

Schwab, B. “Endogenous epidemics and long run economic development.”

Schwab, B. “Land distribution and long term inequality: A unified growth model approach.”

REPORTS

Schwab, B., A. Margolies, and J. Hoddinott. “Impact Evaluation of Cash and Food Transfers for the Seasonal Emergency Safety Net in Hajjah and Ibb Governorates, Yemen: Endline Report.” *International Food Policy Research Institute*, June 8, 2013.

Schwab, B., G. Berhane, S. Devereux, J. Hoddinott, F.N. Tegebu, K. Roelen, and A.S. Taffesse. “Impact Evaluation of Cash and Food Transfers for the Seasonal Emergency Safety Net in Hajjah and Ibb Governorates, Yemen: Baseline Report.” (with A. Peterman, V. Moreira, A. Margolies, and J. Hoddinott). *International Food Policy Research Institute*, 2012.

Schwab, B., G. Berhane, S. Devereux, J. Hoddinott, F.N. Tegebu, K. Roelen, and A.S. Taffesse. “Evaluation of the Social Cash Transfers Pilot Programme, Tigray Region, Ethiopia: Baseline Report.” *International Food Policy Research Institute*, Dec. 5, 2012.

Schwab, B., G. Berhane, S. Devereux, J. Hoddinott, F.N. Tegebu, K. Roelen, and A.S. Taffesse. “Evaluation of the Social Cash Transfers Pilot Programme, Tigray Region, Ethiopia: Inception Report.” *International Food Policy Research Institute*, 2012.

OTHER INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Schwab, B. & Winter-Nelson, A. (2016). “Strategies for baseline surveys”. Mechanization & Postharvest Opportunities for Smallholders in Sustainable Agriculture (Urbana, IL).

Schwab, B. (2016). “Baseline survey methodology and economic analysis for agricultural mechanization” Inception Workshop, Bangladesh Appropriate Scale Mechanization Consortium (Dhaka).

Schwab, B. (2016). “Baseline survey methodology and economic analysis for agricultural mechanization” Inception Workshop, Ethiopia Appropriate Scale Mechanization Consortium (Bahir Dar).

Schwab, B. & Shanoyan, A. (2016) “Deep-Dive Analysis Armenia Water-to-Market Training Program” Final Presentation of Findings, Millennium Challenge Corporation (Washington, DC)

Schwab, B. (2015). “Economic analysis and impact evaluation in the context of post-harvest loss”. Annual Meeting, Post-Harvest Reduction Innovation Lab (Manhattan, KS).

INVITED TALKS, PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS AND PRESENTED PAPERS:

- 2016 Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (Boston); Inception Workshop, Ethiopia Appropriate Scale Mechanization Consortium (Bahir Dar, Ethiopia); Mechanization & Postharvest Opportunities for Smallholders in Sustainable Agriculture (Urbana, IL); Inception Workshop, Bangladesh Appropriate Scale Mechanization Consortium (Dhaka, Bangladesh); Millennium Challenge Corporation (Washington, DC).
- 2015 Midwest International Economic Development Conference (Madison, WI); Annual Meeting, Post-Harvest Reduction Innovation Lab (Manhattan, KS)
- 2014 Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Conference (Minneapolis), Midwest International Economic Development Conference (Minneapolis).
- 2013 Schwab, B. World Bank Health Impact Evidence & Action to Save Lives in Nigeria, (Uyo, Nigeria); Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Conference (Washington DC); Kansas University Economics Department (Lawrence, KS).
- 2012 American Society of Health Economics 4th Biennial conference (Minneapolis, MN); European Conference on Health Economics, (Zurich); Humboldt University Departmental Seminar in Geography (Berlin, Germany); International Food Policy Research Institute brown bag seminar, (Washington, D.C.)
- 2011 American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Conference (Pittsburgh, PA); International Health Economics Association 8th World Congress (Toronto, Canada).
- 2010 Wisconsin Economics Association (Stevens Point, WI); Development Economics Workshop, University of Wisconsin (Madison, WI); Middle East and North Africa Health Policy Forum, World Bank (Amman, Jordan); Global Health Symposium, University of Wisconsin (Madison, WI)
- 2009 Guanajuato Workshop for Young Economists, University of Guanajuato (Guanajuato, Mexico).
- 2008 Development Economics Workshop, University of Wisconsin (Madison, WI).

HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Honorable Mention, Best Paper Award; MENA Health Policy Forum (World Bank). 2010.
Pass with Distinction: Major Preliminary Exam; University of Wisconsin Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. 2009.
National Institute for Mental Health (NIMH) Traineeship in Health Economics. 2006-2011.
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) for Arabic in Yemen and the University of Wisconsin. 2005-2006.
Sidney Simon Award, best undergraduate economics thesis, Rutgers University. 2004.
Bear Stearns and Co. Merit Scholarship for most outstanding Junior economics student at

Rutgers University (co-winner). 2003.

FUNDED RESEARCH AND GRANTS

Hanson, A. (PI), Schwab, B. (Co-PI), Winter-Nelson, A. (& 5 other Co-PIs), \$5,000,000 (dept \$121,724), USAID FTF Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab (SIIL), “Appropriate Scale Mechanization Consortium”

Min D. (PI), Schwab, B (Co-PI), Vipham, J. & Lin, X., USAID FTF Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab (SIIL), \$998,000 (dept \$40,000), “Adoption of Sustainable Intensification in Dual-Purpose Millet - Livestock Systems to Improve Food and Nutritional Security for Rural Small Holder Farmers in Senegal”.

Schwab, B. (PI) and A. Shanoyan, US Department of Agriculture, \$139,818. “A Deep-Dive Analysis of the Armenia Water to Market Farmer Training Program.”

Gilligan, D.O., M. Hidrobo, J. Hoddinott, A. Peterman, S. Roy, B. Schwab, A. Buller, L. Heise. International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), Expanding lessons from a randomized impact evaluation of cash and food transfers. 2012-2013.

Schwab, B. Co-Investigator, UNICEF, Evaluation of the social cash transfers pilot programme in Tigray, Ethiopia. 2011-2014.

Schwab, B. Robert Wood Johnson Dissertation Grant, RWJ Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program. 2010.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor; Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness. AGEC 120. Kansas State University, Fall 2015, Fall 2016.

Instructor; Global Agricultural Development. AGEC 615. Kansas State University, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016.

Teaching Assistant; Agricultural and Economic Development in Africa. AAE 477. University of Wisconsin, Spring 2008.

SERVICE

Journal referee service:

Ecological Economics; Economic Inquiry; Health Economics; International Journal of Health Economics and Management; Journal of African Economies; Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics; Public Health; 3ie: International Initiative for Impact Evaluation grants; GCFSI Food System Innovation grant; Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (Boston)

Topic leader (development economics), Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (Washington DC 2013).

Search Committees at Kansas State University

- 1) Agricultural Economics. Assistant/Associate Professor in Risk Management (2015-16)
- 2) Sustainable Intensification Lab, Associate Director (2015)