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## Education

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- 2011 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
*PhD in Agricultural and Applied Economics*
- 2009 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
*MA in Agricultural and Applied Economics*
- 2004 RUTGERS UNIVERSITY RUTGERS COLLEGE GENERAL HONORS PROGRAM  
*BA in Economics and Middle Eastern Studies , Summa cum Laude*

## Research Positions

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- 2014 Associate Research Fellow; Poverty, Health, Nutrition Division, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- 2011-2013 Postdoctoral Fellow, Poverty, Health, Nutrition Division, IFPRI

## Research Interests

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

## Recent Submissions

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- 2014 "Self-control fatigue, cognitive function, and the expression of time preference: Experimental results from Ethiopia", under review
- 2014 "Employer sponsored health insurance and the gender wage gap" (with B. Cowan), under review.

## Research Publications

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- 2014 "The relative effectiveness of protected areas, a logging ban, and sacred areas for old-growth forest protection in southwest China" (with J. Brandt, V. Butsic, V. Radloff & T. Kuemmerle), *Biological Conservation*. Forthcoming
- 2014 "Smartphone Platform Survey-Scale Heart Rate Collection: a Performance Evaluation in Ethiopia." (with J. Heathers, J. Hoel, S. Wegerif, N. Ledlie, K. Abay & J. Hoddinott) *Proceedings of Wireless Health 2014*, October.

- 2011 "The Incidence of the healthcare costs of smoking" (with B. Cowan), *Journal of Health Economics* 30(5): 1094-1102

### Working Papers

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"Measuring women's decisionmaking: indicator choice and survey design experiments from cash and food transfer evaluations in Ecuador, Uganda and Yemen" (with A.Peterman, S. Roy, M. Hidrobo & D.Giligan)

"Much ado about modalities: Multicountry experiments on the effects of cash and food transfers on consumption patterns" (with D.Giligan, M. Hidrobo, J. Hoddinott and S. Roy) (under revision)

"Nutrition, education and development: the case of vitamin D milk" (under revision)

"In the form of bread? A randomized comparison of cash and food transfers in Yemen" (under revision)

"The rhythm of the rains: seasonal effects on child health in The Gambia" (with O. Gajigo) (under revision)

"Maternal fasting during Ramadan and child health: evidence from 40 countries" (in progress)

"Endogenous epidemics and long run economic development" (under revision)

"Land distribution and long term inequality: a unified growth model approach" (under revision)

### Reports

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2013 Impact Evaluation of Cash and Food Transfers for the Seasonal Emergency Safety Net in Hajjah and Ibb Governorates, Yemen: Endline Report (w/ A. Margolies, J. Hoddinott)

2000 Impact Evaluation of Cash and Food Transfers for the Seasonal Emergency Safety Net in Hajjah and Ibb Governorates, Yemen: Baseline Report (w/ A. Peterman, V. Moreira, A. Margolies, J. Hoddinott).

2012 Evaluation of the Social Cash Transfers Pilot Programme, Tigray Region, Ethiopia: Baseline Report (w/ G. Berhane, S. Devereux, J. Hoddinott, F.N. Tegebu, K. Roelen, A.S. Taffesse)

2012 Evaluation of the Social Cash Transfers Pilot Programme, Tigray Region, Ethiopia: Inception Report (w/ G. Berhane, S. Devereux, J. Hoddinott, F.N. Tegebu, K. Roelen, A.S. Taffesse)

### Teaching Experience

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2014 Instructor; Global Agricultural Development. AGEC615. Kansas State University, Fall.

2008 Teaching Assistant; Agricultural and Economic Development in Africa. AAE477. University of Wisconsin, Spring.

### Major Invited Talks

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2014 Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Conference (Minneapolis), Midwest International Economic Development Conference (Minneapolis).

2013 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.

- 2012 American Society of Health Economics 4th biennial conference (Minneapolis); European Conference on Health Economics (Zurich); Humboldt University Departmental Seminar in Geography (Berlin) ; IFPRI brown bag seminar (Washington DC).
- 2011 American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Conference, Pittsburgh; International Health Economics Association 8th World Congress, Toronto
- 2010 Wisconsin Economics Association, Stevens Point, WI; Development Economics Workshop, University of Wisconsin; Middle East and North Africa Health Policy Forum, World Bank (Amman); Global Health Symposium, University of Wisconsin
- 2009 Guanajuato Workshop for Young Economists, University of Guanajuato
- 2008 Development Economics Workshop, University of Wisconsin

### Funded Research, Grants, Awards & Fellowships

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- 2012-13 Co-PI, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), Expanding lessons from a randomized impact evaluation of cash and food transfers.
- 2011-14 Co-Investigator, UNICEF, Evaluation of the social cash transfers pilot programme in Tigray, Ethiopia
- 2010 Robert Wood Johnson Dissertation Grant, RWJ Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program
- 2010 Honorable Mention, Best Paper Award; MENA Health Policy Forum (World Bank)
- 2009 Pass with Distinction: Major Preliminary Exam; Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics
- 2006-11 National Institute for Mental Health (NIMH) Traineeship in Health Economics
- 2005-06 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) for Arabic in Yemen and the University of Wisconsin
- 2004 Sidney Simon Award, best undergraduate economics thesis, Rutgers University
- 2003 Bear Stearns and Co. Merit Scholarship for most outstanding Junior economics student at Rutgers University (co-winner)

### Service

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Reviewer for *Ecological Economics*; *Health Economics*; *Journal of African Economies*; *Public Health*; 3ie: International Initiative for Impact Evaluation grants.