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Profile of Skills

I am a Ph.D. student in agricultural economics with a strong background in public policy, research, and teaching. I have completed internships in Washington, D.C. consisting of the policymaking process from both legislative side and the trade association side. My background in research consists of my thesis research with Dr. Keith Coble, where we explored risk by studying the relationship between crop insurance and farm commodity programs. Working with Dr. Coble, I was given opportunities to guest lecture his public policy class on many occasions. Currently, I am pursuing dissertation research with Dr. Jesse Tack as my major advisor. I am considering further research on farm policy programs, specifically related to mitigating risks pertaining to climate change. Additionally, I have teaching experience working with Dr. Christine Wilson and giving guest lectures for Agricultural Finance. I have also conducted group help sessions for classes taught by Dr. Bert Greenwalt at Arkansas State University, which include: Introduction to Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Finance, and Current Issues in Agricultural Policy.

Education

Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

Ph.D. Agricultural Economics

Graduation date: May 2022

Dissertation: Essays in Crop Insurance and Agricultural Policy

Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS

M.S.A. Agricultural Economics

Graduation date: August 2019

Thesis: "Mitigating price and yield risk using revenue protection and agriculture risk coverage"; Committee: Dr. Keith Coble, Chair; Dr. Ardian Harri; Dr. Eunchun Park

Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR

B.S.A. in Agricultural Business

GPA 3.95/4.0

Magna Cum Laude and Honors Program

Professional Experience (4,900+ total hours)

- 08/19 to Present Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University (20+ hours per week over 21 weeks; 420+ total hours)
- 06/20 to 08/20 Pathways Intern, Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture (40+ hours per week over 10 weeks; 400+ total hours)
- 08/17 to 08/19 Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University (20+ hours per week over 84 weeks; 1,680+ total hours)
- 01/17 to 05/17 Public Policy Intern, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Washington, D.C. (40+ hours per week over 15 weeks; 600+ total hours)
- 01/15 to 12/16 Teacher's Assistant, College of Agriculture, Jonesboro, Arkansas (10+ hours per week over 60 weeks; 600+ hours total)
- 01/16 to 04/16 Legislative Intern, Office of U.S. Representative Rick Crawford (AR-01), Washington, D.C. (40+ hours per week over 15 weeks; 600+ hours total)
- 08/15 to 12/15 Casework and Field Intern, Office of U.S. Senator John Boozman (AR), Jonesboro, Arkansas (20+ hours per week over 15 weeks; 300+ total hours)
- 05/15 to 08/15 Poultry Operations Intern, Peco Foods, Inc., Batesville, Arkansas (40+ hours per week over 10 weeks; 400+ total hours)
- 01/15 to 04/15 Intern, Glaub Farm Management, Jonesboro, Arkansas (20+ hours per week over 15 weeks; 300+ total hours)
- 05/07 to 08/17 Farm Hand, Biram Farms, Floral, Arkansas

Works in Progress

“Mitigating Price and Yield Risk Using Revenue Protection and Agriculture Risk Coverage”; (with: K. Coble, A. Harri, E. Park, and J. Tack) *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy (Under Review)*

Selected Papers and Presentations

“Does Double Coverage Mean Double Trouble: A Look at the Interaction Between ARC and RP”; **H. Biram**, K. Coble, A. Harri, E. Park; Selected Paper for the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting; Birmingham, Alabama; February 2019

“Irrigation vs. Crop Insurance: A study of substitutability”; Presentation at the Arkansas State University Agribusiness Conference; Jonesboro, Arkansas; February 2019

“Tackling Price and Yield Risk Using an Optimal Combination of RP and ARC”; **H. Biram**, K. Coble, A. Harri, and E. Park; Presentation at the SCC-76 Annual Meeting; Kansas City, Missouri; April 2019

“Effects of Crop Insurance Participation on Quality-Adjusted Pesticide Use”; **H. Biram**, J. Tack, R. Nehring; Selected Paper for the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting; Online; February 2021

Teaching

Supplemental Teaching Session for Introduction to Agricultural Economics, AGEC 1003. Taught 2015-2016. An optional out-of-class time tutoring session for AGEC 1003 students. The lecture material is introductory microeconomics as applied to agriculture.

Guest Lectures for Public Problems in Agriculture, AEC 4413/6413. Taught Spring 2018. A three-hour split level course in agricultural policy. This course covers the policy process and addresses the role of economics in policy evaluation. Specifically, guest lectures covered material on taxes, subsidies, quantitative methods for research in agricultural policy, and farm programs.

Teaching Assistant working with Dr. Christine Wilson. Duties consisted of holding office hours every week working with students on homework and test preparation, grading papers, and filling in to lecture for Dr. Wilson when necessary.

Guest Lectures for Agricultural Finance, AGEC 513. Taught Fall 2019. A three-hour course in capital investments, interpretation of financial statements, capital structure considerations for agricultural firms, and farm real estate pricing. Specifically, guest lectures covered capital budgeting, NPV, pre- and after-tax Capital Recovery Cost, and composing budgets.

Teaching Assistant working with Professor Roger McEowen and his class AGE 516, Agricultural Law and Economics. Duties consist of preparing classroom equipment for lectures and grading assignments.

Extension

- 01/17/19 “A First Look at the 2018 Farm Bill”; Delta Ag Expo in Cleveland, MS
This presentation consisted of an overview of programs and provisions in the 2018 farm bill to Mississippi producers in the Delta. The change in the ARC/PLC election structure, as well as traditional crop insurance programs, and price and insurance premium volatility caused by trade issues was addressed.
- 02/26/19 Leflore County Producer Meeting in Greenwood, MS
This presentation also consisted of an overview of programs and provisions in the 2018 farm bill, but also contained market outlook information on cotton, soybeans, and corn.

Awards

Center for Risk Management Education and Research (CRMER) Fellow, Spring 2020
Timothy R. Donoghue Scholar, Fall 2019
Runner-up in the AAEA Graduate Student Section Case Study Competition, Summer 2018
Arkansas State University College of Agriculture, Technology and Engineering Outstanding Agribusiness Graduate, Fall 2016
Arkansas State University Chancellor’s List, 2013-2016
Arkansas State University Honors College Director’s List, 2013-2016
Dr. Olen P. Nail Outstanding Junior Award, Spring 2015
Kappa Sigma Fraternity (Tau-Zeta Chapter), Highest GPA Award, Fall 2014

Leadership and Service

Farm Foundation 2020 Ag Scholars Program
President, Case Study Club, Kansas State University – GSAE
Vice President, Graduate Students in Agricultural Economics (GSAE)
FOH Audio Engineer, University Christian Church, Manhattan, KS
Worship Leader, FOH Audio, and Producer, Pinelake Church (Mississippi), Starkville Campus
Arkansas State College of Agriculture, Agribusiness Ambassador
Arkansas State Agribusiness Club, President
Kappa Sigma Fraternity (Tau-Zeta Chapter), Grand Treasurer
Worship Leader, Nettleton Baptist Church
Worship Leader, Floral Baptist Church