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### Academic Positions

2022- Baylor University Department of Economics, Professor  
2015-2022 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Dept. of Economics, Associate Professor  
2020-2021 Center for Advanced Study, University of Illinois, Faculty Associate  
2008-2015 University of Michigan Department of Economics, Assistant Professor  
2008-2015 University of Michigan Population Studies Center, Research Affiliate  
2006-2008 University of Michigan Population Studies Center, NIA Post-doctoral Fellow

### Education

2006	Ph.D., M.A.	Political Economy and Government	Harvard University
1998	B.S. (High Distinction)	Applied Mathematics, German	University of Michigan

### Publications

Cawley, John, Michael Daly, and Rebecca Thornton. "Effect of Soda Taxes on Youth Consumption: Evidence from a Developing Country." *Forthcoming at Health Economics*.

Buhl-Wiggers, Julie, Jason Kerwin, Juan Sebastián Muñoz, Jeffrey Smith, and Rebecca Thornton. "Some Children Left Behind? Distributional Impacts of Increasing Teaching Literacy in Uganda." *Accepted at the Journal of Econometrics*.

Halim, Daniel, Elizabeth Powers, and Rebecca Thornton. "Gender Differences in Economics Course-Taking and Majoring: Findings from an RCT." *Accepted at American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*.

Isabel Musse, Rebecca Thornton, and Dirgha Ghimire. 2022. "How do Women Learn they Are Pregnant? The Introduction of Clinics and Pregnancy Uncertainty in Nepal." *Studies in Family Planning*, 53 (1): 43-59.

Akito Kamei, Ryoko Sato, and Rebecca Thornton. 2021. "Effect of Pregnancy Tests on Demand for Family Planning: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial in Uganda." *Reproductive Health*, 18 (1): 231.

Buhl-Wiggers, Julie, Sam Jones, and Rebecca Thornton. "Boys lagging behind: Unpacking Gender Differences in Academic Achievement across East Africa." 2021. *International Journal of Educational Development*. Volume 83, 102382.

Kleemans, Marieke, and Rebecca Thornton. "Who Belongs? The Determinants of Selective Membership into the National Bureau of Economic Research." 2021. *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*. 111: 117-122.

Delavallade, Clara, Alan Griffith, and Rebecca Thornton. "The Effects of a Multi-Faceted Education Program on Enrollment, Equity, Learning and School Management: Evidence from India." 2021. *World Bank Economic Review*. 35(4): 950-968.

- Kerwin, Jason and Rebecca Thornton. 2021. "Making the Grade: The Sensitivity of Education Program Effectiveness to Input Choices and Outcome Measures." *The Review of Economics and Statistics*. 103 (2): 251–264.
- Fitzpatrick, Anne and Rebecca Thornton. 2019. "The Spillover Effects of Health Insurance within Families: Experimental Evidence from Nicaragua." *World Bank Economic Review*. 33 (3): 736–749.
- Kohler, Hans Peter, and Rebecca Thornton. Making Marriages Last: Trust is Good, Credible Information is Better. 2018. In Siwan Anderson, Lori Beaman and Jean-Philippe Platteau (Ed.), *Towards Gender Equity in Development*. Oxford University Press; UNU-WIDER.
- Shacham, Enbal, Rebecca Thornton, Susan Godlonton, Ryan Murphy, and Jake Gilliland. 2016. "Geospatial Analysis of Condom Availability and Accessibility in Urban Malawi." *International Journal of STD & AIDS*, Jan; 27(1): 44-50.
- Godlonton, Susan, Alister Munthali, and Rebecca Thornton. 2016. "Responding to Risk: Circumcision, Information, and HIV Prevention." *Review of Economics and Statistics*, May; 98(2): 333-349.
- Batzilis, Dimitrios, Taryn Dinkelman, Emily Oster, Rebecca Thornton and Deric Zanera. 2016. "New Cellular Networks in Malawi: Correlates of Service Rollout and Effects on Employment." in NBER Volume on African Economic Successes, (eds.) S. Edwards, S. Johnson, and D. Weil. University of Chicago Press.
- Godlonton Susan, and Rebecca Thornton. 2016. "Medical Male Circumcision: How does price affect the risk-profile of take-up?" *Preventive Medicine*, 92:68-73.
- El-Khoury, Marianne Rebecca Thornton, Minki Chatterji, Sarah Kamhawi, Phoebe Sloane, Mays Halassa. 2016. "Counseling Women and Couples on Family Planning: A Randomized Study." *Studies in Family Planning*, 47(3): 222-238.
- Friedman, Willa, Michael Kremer, Edward Miguel, and Rebecca Thornton. 2015. "Education as Liberation?" *Economica*, 83(329): 1-30. .
- El-Khoury, Marianne Rebecca Thornton, Minki Chatterji, Maha Shadid, and Soonie Choi. 2015. "Effectiveness of Evidence-Based Medicine on Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices of Family Planning Providers: a Randomized Experiment in Jordan." *BMC Health Services Research*, 15:449.
- Maughan-Brown, Brendan, Susan Godlonton, Rebecca Thornton, and Atheendar S. Venkataramani. 2015. "What Do People Actually Take Away from Public Health Education Campaigns? Incorrect Inferences about Male Circumcision and Female HIV Infection Risk in a Cluster Randomized Trial in Malawi." *AIDS and Behavior*, Jul; 19(7): 1170-1177.
- Kohler, Hans-Peter; Watkins, Susan C.; Behrman, Jere R.; Anglewicz, Philip; Kohler, Iliana V.; Thornton, Rebecca L.; Mkandawire, James; Honde, Hastings; Hawara, Augustine; Chilima, Ben; Bandawe, Chiwoza and Mwapasa, Victor. 2014. "Cohort Profile: The Malawi Longitudinal Study of Families and Health (MLSFH)." *International Journal of Epidemiology*, 44(2):394-404.
- Chinkhumba, Jobiba, Godlonton, Susan, and Rebecca Thornton. 2014. "Demand for Medical Male Circumcision." *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 6(2): 152-77.
- Shacham, Enbal, Susan Godlonton, and Rebecca Thornton. 2014. "Perceptions of Male Circumcision among Married Couples in Rural Malawi." *Journal of the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care*, Sept-Oct; 13(5): 443-449.
- Kerwin, Jason, Rebecca Thornton, and Sallie M. Foley. 2013. "Prevalence of and Factors Associated with Oral Sex among Rural and Urban Malawian Men." *International Journal of Sexual Behavior*, 26(1): 66-77.

- Godlonton, Susan, and Rebecca Thornton. 2013. "Learning from Others' HIV Testing: Updating Beliefs and Responding to Risk." *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 103(3): 439-444.
- Oster, Emily and Rebecca Thornton. 2012. "Determinants of Technology Adoption: Peer Effects in Menstrual Cup Take-Up." *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 10(6): 1263-1293.
- Burns, Justine, Malcolm Keswell, and Rebecca Thornton. 2012. "Evaluating the Impact of Health Programmes on Productivity." *African Development Review*, 24(4): 302-315.
- Thornton, Rebecca. 2012. "HIV Testing, Subjective Beliefs and Economic Behavior." *Journal of Development Economics*, 99(2): 300-313.
- Kohler, Hans-Peter and Rebecca Thornton. 2012. "Conditional Cash Transfers and HIV/AIDS Prevention: Unconditionally Promising?" *World Bank Economic Review*, 26: 165-190.
- Godlonton, Susan and Rebecca Thornton. 2012. "Peer Effects in Learning HIV Results." *Journal of Development Economics*, 97(1): 118-129.
- Oster, Emily and Rebecca Thornton. 2011. "Menstruation, Sanitary Products and School Attendance: Evidence from a Randomized Evaluation." *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 3(1): 91-100.
- Kerwin, Jason T., Sallie M. Foley, Rebecca L. Thornton, Paulin Basinga, and Jobiba Chinkhumba. 2011. "Missing Safer Sex Strategies in HIV Prevention: A Call for Further Research." *African Population Studies Journal*, 25(2):267-285.
- Thornton, Rebecca, Laurel Hatt, Erica Field, Mursaleena Islam, Freddy Solís, and Martha Azuzena González Moncada. 2010. "Social Security Health Insurance for the Informal Sector in Nicaragua: A Randomized Evaluation." *Health Economics*, 19(S1): 181-206.
- Kremer, Michael, Edward Miguel, and Rebecca Thornton. 2009. "Incentives to Learn." *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 91 (3):437-456.
- Obare, Francis, Peter Fleming, Philip Anglewicz, Rebecca Thornton, Francis Martinson, Agatha Kapatuka, Michelle Poulin, Susan Watkins, Hans-Peter Kohler. 2009. "Acceptance of Repeat Population-Based Voluntary Counseling and Testing for HIV in Rural Malawi." *Sexually Transmitted Infections*, 85: 139-144.
- Angotti N, Bula A, Gaydosh L, Kimchi E, Thornton R, and Yeatman S. 2009. "Increasing the Acceptability of HIV Counseling and Testing with Three C's: Convenience, Confidentiality and Credibility." *Social Science & Medicine*, 68(12): 2263-2270.
- Thornton, Rebecca. 2008. "The Demand for, and Impact of, Learning HIV Status." *American Economic Review*, 98(5): 1829-1863.
- Jensen, Robert and Rebecca Thornton. 2003. "The Consequences of Early Marriage in the Developing World." *Oxfam Journal of Gender and Development*, 11(2): 9-19.

### **Working Papers**

- "Pregnancy Testing: Prevalence and Barriers in Uganda", with Akito Kamei and Ryoko Sato. *Revisions Requested from PLOS One Global Health*.
- "The Mother in Law Effect: Heterogeneous Impacts of Counseling on Family Planning Take-up in Jordan", with Priyasmitta Ghosh. *Submitted*.
- "Teacher Effectiveness in Africa: Longitudinal and Causal Estimates", with Julie Buhl-Wiggers, Jason Kerwin, and Jeffrey Smith.

“Network Partitioning and Social Exclusion under Different Selection Regimes” with Clara Delavallade, and Alan Griffith.

“Program Scale-up and Sustainability”, with Julie Buhl-Wiggers, Jason Kerwin, and Jeff Smith.

“Pandemic Safeguards and Household Safety”, with Anuar Assamidanov, Scott Cunningham, Gregory DeAngelo, and Uyen Le.

“Boosting Enrollment in Health Insurance through Subsidies and Enrollment Assistance: What Works, and Who is Selected”, with Anne Fitzpatrick.

“Contemplating Circumcision: The Influence of Social Networks on Decision-Making”, with Rachael Pierotti.

“Are Rural Road Investments Alone Sufficient to Generate Transport Flows?”, with Gaël Raballand, Dean Yang, Jessica Goldberg, Niall Keleher, and Annika Mueller. World Bank Policy Research Working Paper Series, Number 5535, 2011. Teacher Effectiveness in Africa: Longitudinal and Causal Estimates, with Julie Buhl-Wiggers, Jason T. Kerwin, and Jeffrey A. Smith.

### **Work in Progress**

The Affordable Care Act, Breastfeeding, and Women’s Labor Force Participation, with Mark Borgschulte.

Migration and Family Planning Response in Nepal, with Akito Kamei and Dirgha Ghimire.

Pregnancy Tests and Family Planning Take-up, with Maureen Babine, Akito Kamei, and Ryoko Sato.

Transitions to Parenthood: Changes in Spending, Behavior, and Expectations, with Anna Kyriazis.

The Gender Gap in Wages at Childbirth: Evidence across 15 Countries, with Wilfried Adohinzin, Allen Hardiman, Marieke Kleemans, and Theodoros Velentzas.

LSD Supply Shocks and Psychedelic Use, with Greg DeAngelo, Morgan Stockham, Priyasmita Ghosh, and Scott Cunningham.

Transportation Costs and Prices in Rural Malawi, with Protensia Hadunka and Katherine Baylis.

Determinants and Effects of Divorce in Cook County, with Morgan Stockham and Greg DeAngelo

School Management Committees in India, with Natalia Cantet, Clara Delavallade, and Alan Griffith.

Teacher and Parent Engagement – a Negative Cycle? with Julie Buhl-Wiggers, Natalia Cantet, Jason Kerwin, and Abigail Stocker.

Slates, with Julie Buhl-Wiggers and Jason Kerwin.

Mother-tongue interventions and English Reading, with Julie Buhl-Wiggers and Jason Kerwin.

Understanding School-Based Violence Networks in Ghana, with Sarah Kabay

MDMA and PTSD – Heterogeneous Effects from a Randomized Controlled Trial, with Scott Cunningham and Priyasmita Ghosh

HAART and Sexually Transmitted Diseases, with Scott Cunningham and Nir Eilam.

### **Reports and Reviews**

Scaling up Male Circumcision Service Provision: Results from a Randomized Evaluation in Malawi, with Susan Godlonton, Jobiba Chinkhumba, and Rachael Pierotti. 3ie Impact Evaluation Report 13. New Delhi: International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), 2014.

Risks across Borders: A Study of the Potential of Micro-insurance Products to Help Migrants Cope with Cross Border Risks, with Barbara Magnoni, Annette Lovoi, and Julia Brown. Multilateral Investment Fund, Inter-American Development Bank Group, 2010.

Micro-insurance Utilization in Nicaragua: A Report on Retention, Effects on Children, and Health Claims, with Anne Fitzpatrick and Barbara Magnoni. Report to the ILO, 2010.

Price Sensitivity and Impacts of Formal Transportation in Rural Africa: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment in Malawi, with Jessica Goldberg, Niall Keleher, Annika Muller, and Dean Yang. Report to the World Bank, 2010.

Book Review: Global Lessons from the AIDS Pandemic: Economic, Financial, Legal and Political Implications. Bradly J. Condon and Tapen Sinha. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 47(4): 1126–1160, 2009.

Extending Social Insurance to Informal Sector Workers in Nicaragua via Microfinance Institutions: Results from a Randomized Evaluation, with Laurel Hatt, Barbara Magnoni, and Mursaleena Islam. USAID/PSP-one Report, 2009.

Extending Health Insurance to Informal Sector Workers in Nicaragua, with Laurel Hatt, Barbara Magnoni, and Mursaleena Islam. USAID/PSP-one Policy Brief, 2009.

Hand Out or Hand Up: Microfinance, Remittances and Entrepreneurship in Nicaragua, with Barbara Magnoni and Benjamin Matraga. EA Consultants Technical Brief 0011107, 2007.

Incentives to Learn: Merit Scholarships that Pay Kids to Do Well, with Edward Miguel and Michael Kremer. Education Next. Spring, 2005.

### External Grants

- 2020 NBER. “Women, Victimization, and Covid” - \$20,000 (Co-PI, with Anuar Assamidanov, Scott Cunningham, Greg DeAngelo, and Yunie Le)
- 2020-2022 ESRC/DFID RLO Follow-on Fund. “Solid Foundations and the Transition to Post-Primary School” - £100,000 (Co-PI, with Victoria Brown)
- 2019-2021 J-Pal Post Primary Initiative. “Understanding School-Based Violence Networks in Ghana” - \$49,892
- 2019-2022 Russell Sage Foundation. “Labor Market Effects of ACA Breastfeeding Provisions” - \$115,200 (PI, with Mark Borgschulte)
- 2019-2021 J-Pal Post Primary Initiative. “Solid Foundations and the Transition to Post-Primary School” - \$148,647 (Co-PI, with Victoria Brown and Jason Kerwin)
- 2017 J-PAL Africa Incubation Fund. “Pregnancy Tests in South Africa” - 188,606 Rand (Co-PI, with Deborah Constant)
- 2016-2019 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Global Grand Challenges. “Access to Pregnancy Tests in Uganda” - \$100,000 (Co-PI, with Alison Comfort)
- 2015-2020 Economic and Social Research Council. “The Literacy Laboratory Project” - £989,202 (PI, with Mango Tree Educational Enterprises)
- 2014 International Growth Centre (London School of Economics). “The Literacy Laboratory Project” - £50,000 (PI, with Mango Tree Educational Enterprises)

- 2014 Economic & Social Research Council. “Labor Outmigration, Agricultural Productivity and Food Security” - \$882,017 (Co-PI, with Dirgha Ghimire, William Axinn, and Prem Bhandari)
- 2012 Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab Africa Youth Initiative Pilot Funding. “Cash Grants and Young Men in South Africa” - \$10,000 (Co-PI, with Susan Godlonton, David Lam, and Brendan Maughan-Brown)
- 2010 International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie). “Scaling up Male Circumcision Service Provision” - \$320,000 (PI, with Jobiba Chinkhumba, Brendan Hayes, and Susan Godlonton)
- 2009 The World Bank. “Rural Transport in Malawi” - \$50,000 (Co-PI, with Gaël Raballand and Dean Yang)
- 2009 International Labour Organization. “Micro-insurance Utilization in Nicaragua: The Demand for and Effects of Insurance Enrollment among Informal Sector Workers” - \$40,000 (PI, with Anne Fitzpatrick and Barbara Magnoni)
- 2008 National Bureau of Economic Research Africa Initiative. “Leapfrogging the Neighbors: The Penetration and Socioeconomic Effects of Information Communications Technologies in Landlocked Malawi” - \$75,000 (Co-PI, with Taryn Dinkelman, Emily Oster, and Deric Zanera)
- 2007 Global Development Network. “Randomized Evaluation of a Program Extending Social Security Health Insurance to the Informal Sector via MFIs in Nicaragua” - \$250,000 (Co-PI, with Barbara Magnoni, Erica Field, and Martha González)
- 2006 Center for Health and Social Sciences Grant, University of Chicago. “Menstruation and Education in Nepal” - \$12,500 (Co-PI, with Emily Oster)

**Internal Grants** (University of Michigan)

- 2014 Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies Spring/Summer Research Grant  
Elizabeth Caroline Crosby Faculty Grant  
MITRE Undergraduate Research Experience. “Gender Inequities in School Performance and School Completion”
- 2013 MITRE Faculty Research and Professional Development Program. “Resolution of Uncertainty through Testing: Pregnancy Tests and Adolescent Reproductive Health” (Co-PI, with Susan Godlonton)
- 2012 The Office of the Vice President for Research Faculty Grants and Awards Program. “Family Dynamics and Family Planning in Jordan”  
Population Studies Center Ronald and Deborah Freedman Fund. “Impact of Cash Grants among South African Youth”  
International Policy Center Small Research Grant. “Family Dynamics and Family Planning in Jordan”  
International Policy Center Small Research Grant. “Job Search among Youth in South Africa”  
Institute for Research on Women and Gender Faculty Research Grant. “South African Women in the Workforce”

- 2011 Center for Global Health. “Research on Health in Developing Countries”
- 2010 African Social Research Initiative Seed Grant. “Sugar Daddies and Empowered Women”  
Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies Spring/Summer Research Grant. “Scaling up Male Circumcision Service Provision”  
Riecker Undergraduate Research Fund, Center for the Education of Women. “A Gender Perspective on Attitudes towards Male Circumcision in Rural Malawi”  
Population Studies Center Small Grant. “Unconventional Safer Sex Strategies”
- 2009 Institute for Research on Women and Gender Faculty Research Grant. “Circumcision, Information, and HIV Prevention”  
The Office of the Vice President for Research Small Scale Grant. “Circumcision, Information, and HIV Prevention”  
Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies Faculty Research Grant. “Circumcision, Information, and HIV Prevention”
- 2007 Population Studies Center Small Grant Ford Funds. “Isolation, AIDS, and the Elderly: Data Collection and a Field Intervention in Malawi” (Co-PI, with Dean Yang)  
Population Studies Center Small Grant Mueller and Freedman Funds. “Menstruation and Education in Nepal” (Co-PI, with Emily Oster)  
Center for Demography of Aging Pilot Grant. “Subjective Life-Expectancy, Beliefs about HIV Transmission and Long-term Planning”

**Internal Grants** (Harvard University)

- 2005 Women in Public Policy Grant. “Menstruation and Education in Nepal” (Co-PI, with Emily Oster)  
Warburg Foundation Economics of Culture Research Grant. “Menstruation and Education in Nepal” (Co-PI, with Emily Oster)  
Center for International Development Research Grant. “Menstruation and Education in Nepal” (Co-PI, with Emily Oster)  
Warburg Foundation Economics of Poverty Research Grant. “HIV Testing in Malawi”
- 2004 Center for International Development Research Grant. “HIV Testing in Malawi”
- 2003 Mortimer Spiegelman Fellow in Demography and Population Studies

**Awards and Recognition**

- 2021 University of Illinois, Department of Economics. EGSO Excellence in Teaching.
- 2018 Excellence in Refereeing Award, World Bank Economic Review
- 2014 University of Michigan, Department of Economics. Golden Widget Award for Best Faculty Advisor
- 2013 Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research. Distinguished Mentoring Award
- 2011 United States Agency for International Development. Award for Evaluation of Excellence Micro-insurance Utilization in Nicaragua
- 2011 Center for Global Health Mini Sabbatical, University of Michigan

- 2010 Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan. Instructional Development Fund (x2)
- 2009 University of Michigan, Department of Economics. Golden Widget Award for Best Faculty Advisor
- 2005 National Bureau of Economic Research. National Institutes of Health Fellowship in Aging

### **Research Presentations**

- 2022 University of Alabama  
University of Missouri  
University of Arkansas  
Baylor University  
University of Houston  
American Economic Association
- 2021 Southern Economic Association (x3)  
University of Illinois, Masters of Science: Policy Economics
- 2020 University of Illinois, Department of Political Science  
Boston College
- 2019 William and Mary  
University of Abu Dhabi  
Monash University  
Williams College  
University of Copenhagen  
Georgetown University
- 2018 New York University Steinhardt  
Northeastern University  
International Food Research Policy Institute  
FHI360  
Comparative International Education Society annual meetings, Mexico City  
University of Tennessee
- 2017 University of Tennessee  
University of Northern Illinois, Department of Economics  
University of Toronto  
University of Namur and UNU-WIDER Towards Gender Equity in Development Workshop  
Labor Outmigration, Agricultural Productivity and Food Security, University of Michigan
- 2016 WGGP and Center for African Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign RAND Corporation  
George Washington University Conference on Economics and Political Economy of Africa  
Wilfrid Laurier University (Department of Economics)  
Centre for the Study of African Economies: “Economic Development in Africa”  
ESRC-DFID Joint Fund Poverty Conference: “Lessons from a Decade’s Research on Poverty: Innovation, Engagement and Impact”  
Comparative and International Education Society Annual Meeting, Vancouver (x3)
- 2015 University of Vermont, Vermont Center on Behavior and Health “Behavior Change, Health and Health Disparities”  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, ACES

- University of Minnesota (Department of Applied Economics)
- 2014 Population Association of America (Boston)  
University of Paris, Dauphine  
Johns Hopkins University (Department of Economics)  
University of Missouri (Department of Economics)  
Cornell University (Policy Analysis and Management)  
Harvard Medical School  
University of California, Riverside (Department of Economics)  
McGill University (Social Statistics and Population Seminar)
- 2013 International Food Policy Research Institute  
American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Diego  
Western Michigan University (Department of Economics)  
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: Generating Demand for Voluntary Medical Male  
Circumcision, Lusaka, Zambia  
University of Illinois Champaign Urbana (Department of Economics)
- 2012 Global projects seminar, University of Michigan Medical School  
Baylor University (Department of Economics)  
Southern Methodist University (Department of Economics)  
Marie Stopes International, Cape Town, South Africa  
The Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit, University of Cape Town,  
South Africa  
Grassroots Soccer, Cape Town, South Africa  
University of Maryland (Population Research Center)
- 2011 University of California, Berkeley (Department of Economics)  
DePaul University (Department of Economics)  
Princeton University (Office of Population Research)  
Yale University (Department of Economics)  
University of Georgia (Department of Economics)  
Georgia State University (Department of Economics)  
Union for African Population Studies Sixth African Population Conference, Burkina Faso  
Center of Evaluation for Global Action, University of California Berkeley Evidence to  
Action: The Returns to Investment in Girls  
Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab Africa launch, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2010 University of Illinois, Chicago (Department of Economics)  
Amsterdam Institute for International Development 5th Annual Workshop on the Economic  
Consequences of HIV/AIDS  
London University College/London School of Economics (Department of Economics)  
Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm, Sweden  
Bocconi University (Department of Economics)  
Ohio State University (Institute for Population Research)  
Harvard University Women and Public Policy Program  
Amsterdam Institute for International Development 5th Annual Workshop on the Economic  
Consequences of HIV/AIDS  
Toulouse School of Economics, Toulouse, France (Department of Economics)  
Paris School of Economics, Paris, France (Department of Economics)  
American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta  
The World Bank Impact Evaluation Meetings, Johannesburg, South Africa

- 2009  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Detroit  
African Population and Health Research Center, Nairobi, Kenya  
University of Michigan: Institute for Research on Women and Gender  
International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) Conference, Cairo, Egypt  
Michigan State University (Department of Economics)  
Global Development Network Meetings, York, United Kingdom  
The World Bank, Washington, D.C.
- 2008  
Harvard University (Department of Economics)  
Institute for Social and Environmental Research, Nepal  
Duke University (Department of Economics)  
National AIDS Dissemination Conference, Lilongwe, Malawi  
Population Association of Iran, University of Tehran, Iran  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans  
Global Development Network Meetings, Brisbane, Australia  
Syracuse University (Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs)
- 2007  
Women and HIV/AIDS Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
National AIDS Dissemination Conference, Lilongwe, Malawi  
United States Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C.  
Global Development Network Meetings, Cairo, Egypt  
Population Impacts on Economic Development, Hewlett Foundation and Population  
Reference Bureau Research Conference, Cape Town, South Africa  
Union for African Population Studies Fifth African Population Conference, Tanzania  
The Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit, University of Cape Town,  
South Africa  
Subjective Probabilities and Expectations: Methodological Issues and Empirical  
Applications to Economic Decision-making, Jackson Hole, Wyoming  
National AIDS Dissemination Conference, Lilongwe, Malawi
- 2006  
American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston  
Abt Associates, Washington, D.C.  
World Bank Human Development Forum, Washington D.C.  
Experimental Economics Association Annual Meeting, Arizona  
Johns Hopkins (Department of Economics)  
The Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit, University of Cape Town  
Center for Global Development, Washington D.C.  
University of North Carolina (Gillings School of Public Health)  
Johns Hopkins (Bloomberg School of Public Health)  
University of Michigan (Department of Economics)  
University of Virginia (Department of Economics)  
University of Toronto (Department of Economics)  
Pennsylvania State University (Population Research Institute)  
Washington University (Department of Economics)  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology/Harvard University Development Seminar  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Los Angeles  
American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Boston
- 2005  
University of Pennsylvania (Population Studies Center)  
Johns Hopkins Population Center  
North East Universities Development Consortium, Brown University

Harvard University, Eric M. Mindich Conference on Experimental Social Science: Action Research in Psychology and Economics

### **Other Presentations**

- 2021 Gender, Power and HIV in South Africa: Disparities in risk for girls and women, Discussant for a seminar for Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program
- 2019 American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Discussant for Gender and Identity in Developing Economies, Discussant for Cultural Practices and Women's Lives  
ESRC-DFID Research Programme Grant Holder Panelist
- 2018 Johns Hopkins University, Discussant for the Annual Health Econometrics Workshop  
American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Discussant for Session on Health and Development  
ESRC-DFID Research Programme Grant Holder Panelist
- 2017 American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Discussant for Session on Economic Demography
- 2016 American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Discussant for Session on Experimental Impacts of Vocational Education in Low and Middle Income Countries
- 2015 American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Discussant for Session on Economics Altruism and Religiosity
- 2014 Improving Take-up and Delivery of Maternal and Child Health Services in Developing Countries, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Cambridge MA: Resolving uncertainty through testing: Work in progress
- 2013 Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Chair and Discussant for Session on Human Capital in Developing Countries
- 2012 Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Evidence-Based Education: Policy-Making and Reform, Accra, Ghana, Panelist for Session on Secondary Education and Girls: Directions for Future Research
- 2011 Union for African Population Studies Sixth African Population Conference, Burkina Faso, Chair for Session on Behavioral responses to HIV/AIDS  
University of Michigan: Population Studies Center 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Session on International Efforts: A Long Tradition Randomized Experimental Design  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington D.C, Discussant in Session on The Effect of Transfer Payments on Household Decisions  
Navara Foundation Global Development Conference, Moderator for Panel on Measuring Up the Millennium Development Goals
- 2010 National Bureau of Economic Research Meeting on Africa Successes, Accra, Ghana: Discussant for Session on Schooling and Health
- 2009 Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Detroit, Discussant for Session on Interface between HIV and Family Planning Programs and Services in Africa  
University of Michigan: Institutional Review Board, Research on Male Circumcision

Center for Global Development, Washington DC, Randomized Evaluations of HIV Prevention Programs

American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Discussant for Session on HIV/AIDS and Economic Development

- 2008 The World Bank, Washington, D.C. Randomized Evaluations of HIV Prevention Programs
- Global Development Network, Brisbane, Australia, Discussant for Session on 2005 Global Development Network Award Winners: Outstanding Research on Development
- Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Discussant for Session on Economic Growth, Gender, and Intergenerational Relations
- Union for African Population Studies, Fifth African Population Conference, Tanzania, Discussant for Session on HIV and AIDS and Families
- Union for African Population Studies, Fifth African Population Conference, Tanzania, Discussant for Session on Measuring Behaviour Change Related to HIV Infection

## **Teaching**

### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Economics 490/451 Undergraduate Evaluating What Works in Economic Development: Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2021, Fall 2021

Economics 590 Graduate Development Economics: Fall 2015, Spring 2021, Fall 2021

Economics 590 Masters Development Economics: Fall 2017

### University of Michigan

Economics 462 Undergraduate Topics in Development Economics II: Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2012, Winter 2013, Winter 2014

Economics 665 Graduate: Economic Development and Transition I: Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2012, Winter 2014

Guest Lecturer for:

Center for Sexual Health Certificate Program: 2009, 2010, on-going

Program Evaluation, Ford School of Public Policy: 2006, 2007, 2008

Evaluation of Social Programs Seminar: 2006

Biology of Sex: 2012, 2013

Interdisciplinary Approaches to African Studies: 2013

### Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab

Executive Education Course

2012 Cape Town, South Africa  
Accra, Ghana

2011 Cape Town, South Africa

2010 Cape Town, South Africa

2009 Cairo, Egypt

Evaluating Social Programs

2006 Cambridge, Massachusetts

2004 Cambridge, Massachusetts

Harvard (Teaching Fellow)

Health, Education, and Development: Spring, 2006

Political Economy of Development: Fall, 2003

**Formal Advising**

Ph.D. Thesis Supervision (In Process)

- 2022 Anahid Bauer (Committee member)  
Felipe Diaz (Chair)  
Anna Kyriazis (Chair)  
Morgan Stockham (External committee member, Claremont Graduate University)  
Irina Valenzuela (Committee member)

Ph.D. Thesis Supervision (Completed)

- 2021 Akito Kamei (Committee member, placed at University of Chicago Development Innovation Lab)
- 2020 Brian Feld (Chair, placed at Universidad EAFIT)  
Natalia Cantet (Chair, placed at Universidad EAFIT)  
Isabel Musse (Chair, placed at Mathematica)  
Hee-pyung Cho (Committee member, placed at Korea Institute of Public Finance)  
Sofia Fernandez Guerrico (Committee member)  
Juan Morales Munoz (Committee member, placed at IÉSEG Business School, Paris)
- 2019 Lokendra Phadera (Committee member, placed at The World Bank)  
Chitra Jogani (Chair, placed at Trinity College)  
Eunhye Kwak (Committee member, placed at Korea Labor Institute)  
Ninja Ritter (External Reviewer, University of Copenhagen)
- 2017 Jianfeng Xu (Co-chair, placed at Shanghai Technical University)  
Rodrigo Schneider (Chair, placed at Skidmore College)
- 2016 Alan Griffith (Co-chair, placed at University of Washington)  
Jason Huh (Committed member, placed at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)
- 2014 Jason Kerwin (Co-chair, placed at University of Minnesota, Department of Applied Economics)  
Anne Fitzpatrick (Co-chair, placed at University of Massachusetts, Boston)  
Ryoko Sato (Co-chair, placed at National University of Singapore post-doc)
- 2013 Rachael Pierotti (Committee member, placed at The World Bank)
- 2013 Kate Ambler (Committee member, placed at International Food Policy Research Institute)
- 2013 Emily Beam (Committee member, placed at National University of Singapore)
- 2013 Susan Godlonton (Co-chair, placed at Williams College)
- 2011 Annika Mueller (Committee member, placed at The Wang Yanan Institute for Studies in Economics, Xiamen University, China)

Formal Undergraduate Advising

- 2013 Michael Schmid (Senior Honors Thesis)

2013 Emily Chiu (Senior Honors Thesis)

Other External advising

2009 Anthony Foso (Ghana)

**Professional Memberships**

Member American Economic Association  
Member Academic Network for Sex Education and Research  
Member Population Association of America  
Member Union for African Population Studies

**Referee Activity**

*African Journal of Reproductive Health*  
*American Economic Journal: Applied American*  
*Economic Review*  
*Asian Women*  
*B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis Policy*  
*BMC Public Health*  
*Comparative Education Review*  
*Demography*  
*Economic Development and Cultural Change*  
*Economic Journal*  
*Economics Letters*  
*Economics of Education Review*  
*Economica*  
*Health Economics*  
*Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency*  
*Syndromes*  
*Journal of African Economies*  
*Journal of the European Economic Association*  
*Journal of Development Economics*  
*Journal of Development Effectiveness*  
*Journal of Development Engineering*  
*Journal of Development Studies*  
*Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*  
*Journal of Economic Literature*  
*Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*  
*Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics*  
*Journal of Human Resources*  
*Journal of Health Economics*  
*Journal of Labour Economics*  
*Journal of Political Economy*  
*Journal of Public Economics*  
*Journal of Social Aspects of HIVAIDS*  
*PLOS Medicine*  
*Population Reference Bureau*  
*Preventive Medicine*  
*Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*  
*Quarterly Journal of Economics*  
*Review of Economics and Statistics*  
*Review of Economic Studies*  
*Social Science and Medicine*  
*Society for Labor Economists*  
*South African Journal of Economics*  
*Waterlines*  
*World Bank Economic Review*  
*World Development*

**Professional Affiliations**

Faculty Affiliate Women and Gender in Global Perspectives, University of Illinois  
Affiliated Professor Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab  
Associate Fellow African Institute for Development Policy  
Affiliate Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development

**Professional Service**

2020- Coeditor, Economics of Education Review  
2019-present Institutional Review Board, committee member, University of Illinois

Department and other academic service (University of Illinois)

2020-present	Ph.D. Admissions Committee
2015-2017, 2019	Applied Micro Search Committee
2015-present	WGGP Executive Committee
2015-2021	WGGP Graduate Student Award Selection Committee
2019	Academic Integrity Appeal Committee, Department of Economics

Department and other academic service (University of Michigan)

2013, 2014	Computing Resources Committee
2012, 2013	MITRE visiting faculty selection committee
2010, 2012	Graduate student and junior faculty female mentoring organizer
2010	Executive committee
2008, 2010	1st and 3rd year graduate student advising presentations
2009	Undergraduate education committee
2008	Graduation commencement committee
2011	Including Gender into Social Science Research, Panelist
2010	Center for Global Health on Doing Research Abroad, Panelist Center for Global Health on Global Research Ethics, Panelist Knight Wallace, Guest Speaker
2006-2008, 2010	Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Seminars

Other professional service (External)

2018-present	Midwest International Economic Development Conference Selection Committee
2016, 2017	Population Health Science Workshop Selection Committee, Boston University
2014, 2015, 2016	WGAPPE Selection Committee
2012-2013	Union for African Population Studies, North American Representative
2012, 2013	Institute for the Study of Labor Growth and Labor Markets in Low Income Countries, Grant Reviewer
2011	Union for African Population Studies, International Scientific Committee
2011	Population Association of America, Program Committee Member
2008, 2009	Hewlett Population Fellows Program, Reviewer
2011-2017	International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), Consultant
2010-2019	Center for Global Development, Advisory Board Member
2010-	EA Consultants, Advisory Board Member
2010-	Center for Sustainable Development, Board Member
2008-	Ruben J. Williams Foundation, Advisory Board Member
2006-	EA Consultants, Consultant
2006-2018	Abt Associates, Consultant

**Training**

2011	CSWEP Mentoring Workshop, Participant
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2010-2012 Center for Sexual Health Certificate Program, University of Michigan, Participant  
2010 Summer Biomarker Institute, Northwestern University, Participant  
2003 Summer Program in Survey Methodology, University of Michigan, Participant

### **Popular Press**

A Multifaceted Education Program in Rajasthan, India, with Clara Delavallade. 2021. [Video](#)

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EA Consultants Micro-insurance Utilization in Nicaragua. 2010. Video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6LyKqo7BRg>

USAID award for evaluation of excellence Micro-insurance Utilization in Nicaragua. 2011. Video at: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lvau\\_mp\\_rE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lvau_mp_rE)

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New York Times Pssst. Does Menstruation Keep Girls Out of School? Nicholas Kristof. On the Ground. September 4, 2009.

Jezebel In Developing Countries, Periods Aren't the Problem. Anna North, 2009.

WASH news Asia Pacific Nepal: new study says impact of menstruation on school attendance is overstated? May 10, 2010.