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CURRENT POSITION

Professor, Chair of Global Economic Development, Utrecht School of Economics, Utrecht University, 2026-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2016-2026 (on leave)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Agricultural and Resource Economics, U.C. Berkeley, 2016

M.A. International and Development Economics, Yale University, 2008

B.Sc., M.Sc. Technology and Policy, Eindhoven University of Technology, the Netherlands, 2009

PUBLICATIONS

[8] “Effects of Emigration on Labor Market Outcomes in Sending Areas: Evidence from Indonesia,” with David Buller, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2026

[7] “What’s in the Name? Volunteer and Employment Opportunities in Egypt,” with Brian Feld and Abdelrahman Nagy, accepted for Pre-Results Review in the *Journal of Development Economics*, 2025

[6] “Moving in Academia: Who Moves and What Happens After?” with Melany Gualavisi and Rebecca Thornton, *American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings*, 2024

[5] “Long-term and Intergenerational Effects of Education: Evidence from School Construction in Indonesia,” with Richard Akresh and Daniel Halim, *Economic Journal*, 2023

[4] “Fully Promoted: The Distribution and Determinants of Full Professorship in the Economics Profession,” with Rebecca Thornton, *American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings*, 2023

[3] “Reevaluating Agricultural Productivity Gaps with Longitudinal Microdata,” with Joan Hamory, Nicholas Li and Edward Miguel, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2021

[2] “Who Belongs? The Determinants of Selective Membership into the National Bureau of Economic Research,” with Rebecca Thornton, *American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings*, 2021

[1] “Labor Market Changes in Response to Immigration: Evidence from Internal Migration Driven by Weather Shocks,” with Jeremy Magruder, *Economic Journal*, 2018

WORKING PAPERS

“Selection and Heterogeneity in the Returns to Migration,” with Eduardo Cenci and Emilia Tjernstrom

“Risk Coping and Consumption Smoothing Across Idiosyncratic and Correlated Shocks: Evidence from Rural Indonesia,” with Sylvan Herskowitz

“Social Norms and Social Media: Can WhatsApp Groups Increase Female Labor Force Participation in Rural Egypt?” with Sharanya Bhattacharjee and Abdelrahman Nagy

“Migration Choice under Risk and Liquidity Constraints”

“The Effect of Internal Migration on Crime and Violence: Evidence from Indonesia,” with Brian Feld

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Diversity in Academia,” with Anjali Adukia, Elisa Chen, Anna Gifty Opoku-Agyeman and Christian Valencia

“The Effect of Mexican Migrants on U.S. Labor Markets: A New Approach Using Weather Shocks and Migrant Networks,” with Maria Esther Caballero, Brian Cadena, and Brian Kovak

RESEARCH GRANTS

Tulip Fund, Dutch Research Council (NWO), 2026-2031 (€1,000,000)

Volunteer and Employment Opportunities in Egypt, Sawiris Foundation for Social Development, with Brian Feld, 2024-2027 (\$379,000)

Scoring Points: How Football Performance Shapes Attitudes Towards Migrants, Research Initiative for Fieldwork in Developing Countries, with Brian Feld, 2020-2022 (\$10,000)

Informal Insurance and Social Protection in Extended Kin Networks in Response to Correlated and Idiosyncratic Shocks, CGIAR Trust Fund, with Sylvan Herskowitz, 2021-2022 (\$54,000)

The Determinants and Effects of Selective Membership in the Economics Profession, Research Initiative for Fieldwork in Developing Countries, with Rebecca Thornton, 2020-2022 (\$20,000)

Migration Decisions through Job Matching, Research Initiative for Fieldwork in Developing Countries, with Adam Osman, 2018-2019 (\$10,000)

Risk, Liquidity Constraints and Internal Migration in Indonesia, AXA Research Fund, 2012-2015

(\$150,000)

Impact of Drought-Tolerant Risk-Reducing Rice on Yield and Farmer Welfare, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, with Alain de Janvry and Elisabeth Sadoulet, 2013-2015 (\$338,000)

Impact and Adoption of Risk-reducing Drought-Tolerant Rice in India, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, with Takashi Yamano, 2013-2015 (\$112,000)

Social Networks, Labor Markets, and Internal Migration: Evidence from Indonesia, Research Grant U.C. Berkeley Population Center, with Jeremy Magruder, 2011-2012 (\$20,000)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2024-2025: University of Groningen; Wageningen University; Utrecht University; Tilburg University; George Washington University; American University; Syracuse University; 2025 Midwest International Economic Development Conference, University of Illinois; Barcelona School of Economics Summer Forum; Econometric Society 2024 Africa Meeting; North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association; NEUDC at Northeastern University; Development Day at Northwestern University; STEG annual conference at Oxford University

2023-2024: University of Colorado Denver; 2024 Midwest International Economic Development Conference, University of Chicago; Monash University Sustainable Development Conference 2023; Mid-Midwest Economics Conference, Purdue University; American Economic Association Annual Meetings, San Antonio; University of Pittsburgh; Economic Demography Workshop; Population Association of America Annual Meetings

2022-2023: Universidad de los Andes; Universidad del Rosario; Universidad EAFIT; American Economic Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans; Pacific Conference for Development Economics, University of Washington; 2023 Midwest International Economic Development Conference, University of Houston

2021-2022: California State University, Fullerton; Midwest International Economic Development Conference, University of Minnesota; IFPRI

2020-2021: Institute of Economic and Social Research, Jinan University; American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Virtual

2019-2020: NBER Summer Institute; IFPRI; NEUDC at Northwestern University; Oberlin Department of Economics; American Economic Association Annual Meetings, San Diego

2018-2019: NEUDC at Cornell University; University of Illinois, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics; DePaul University, Department of Economics; Pacific Conference for Development Economics, University of Southern California; Economic Demography Workshop; Population Association of America Annual Meetings; Midwest International Economic Development Conference, University of Wisconsin Madison; Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings; Research on Improving Systems of Education Annual Meetings

2017-2018: University of California, Davis; American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia; Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting, Northwestern University; 10th International Conference on Migration and Development Conference; Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Chicago; Development Day, Northwestern University

2016-2017: Yale University Agriculture and Development Conference; Illinois State University, Department of Economics; University of Illinois, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics; Midwest International Economic Development Conference, University of Wisconsin Madison; London School of Economics Centre for Economic Policy Research

2015-2016: Pacific Conference for Development Economics, Stanford University; Southern Illinois University, Department of Economics; Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.; Development Day at University of Michigan; Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco; 8th International Conference on Migration and Development, World Bank

2014-2015: University of Rochester, Department of Economics; Pacific Conference for Development Economics U.C. San Diego; Ohio State University, Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics; University of Notre Dame, Department of Economics; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Economics; University of Ottawa, Department of Economics; University of Amsterdam, Department of Economics; University of Uppsala, Department of Economics; International Food Policy Research Institute; College of William and Mary, Department of Economics; University of Delaware, Department of Economics; University of San Francisco, Department of Economics; NEUDC at Boston University; University of California at Berkeley, Department of Economics

Before 2014-215: 5th Migration and Development Conference; Nordic Conference in Development Economics, Helsinki University; Midwest International Economic Development Conference, University of Minnesota; NEUDC at Yale University; University of San Francisco, Department of Economics; Nordic Conference in Development Economics, Copenhagen University

TEACHING

Economic Development and Migration, undergraduate program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2015 (rating 4.8/5), Spring 2016 (rating 4.9/5), Spring 2017 (rating 4.4/5), Fall 2017 (not evaluated), Fall 2020 (rating 4.6/5), Fall 2021 (4.7/5); Fall 2022 (not evaluated); Spring 2024 (4.6/5); Fall 2024 (4.6/5)

Economic Development: Analysis and Policy, Master's program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2017 (rating 4.2/5), Spring 2019 (not evaluated), Fall 2020 (rating 4.4/5), Fall 2021 (4/5)

Development Economics, PhD program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2017 (not evaluated), Spring 2019 (rating 4.7/5)

Included in the University of Illinois List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent: Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2024, Fall 2024

Job Market Workshop for PhD students, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 (not evaluated)

Economic Development, undergraduate program, University of California Berkeley, Graduate Student Instructor with Alain de Janvry, Fall 2011 (rating: 6.86/7)

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award 2012, University of California Berkeley

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Consultancy positions:

International Rice Research Institute in India (2013-2014)
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in India (2012)
International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center in Ethiopia (2011)
United Nations Development Programme in New York (2008 - 2009)
World Bank (2008)
United Nations Children's Fund in Jordan (2008)
United Nations General Assembly and Mission of Micronesia (2007-2008)

University Service:

Faculty Advisory Committee, Department of Economics, University of Illinois (2024 - 2025)
Co-organizer 22nd Midwest International Economic Development Conference, March 2025
Faculty Advisory Committee, Global Studies Program, University of Illinois (2023 - 2025)
Department Appeals Committee, University of Illinois (2021 - 2022)
Department Recruitment Committee, University of Illinois (2016 – 2017 and 2017 – 2018)
Faculty Affiliate, Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, European Union Center, Univ of Illinois
Paper Selection Committee, Midwest Development Economics Conference (2021)
Paper Selection Committee, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (2016, 2017, 2018)
Grant Reviewer, Research Board University of Illinois (2016, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023)
Department Recruitment Committee in Development Economics, U.C. Berkeley (2014 - 2015)
Admissions Committee Ph.D. Program, U.C. Berkeley (2013 - 2014)

Referee Service:

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics
American Economic Journal: Policy
American Economic Review
American Journal of Agricultural Economics
Canadian Journal of Economics
Econometrica
Economic Development and Cultural Change
Economic Journal
Economics Bulletin
Economics of Education Review
Explorations in Economic History
Health Economics
International Migration Review
Journal of Comparative Economics
Journal of Development Economics
Journal of Development Studies
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization

Journal of Economic Geography
Journal of Human Development and Capabilities
Journal of Human Resources
Journal of Labor Economics
Journal of Public Economics
Journal of Political Economy
Journal of the European Economics Association
Journal of Urban Economics
Labour Economics
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences
Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance
Review of Economic Dynamics
Review of Economics and Statistics
Review of Environmental Economics and Policy
World Bank Economic Review
World Development

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: Dutch and United States

Languages: English (fluent), Dutch (native), Spanish (functional), German (basic)