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B.A. with High Honors, Swarthmore College, 1981. Economics Major; History, Political Science and Anthropology Minor.

Academic Positions:

Ahmadu Bello University, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology

Visiting Research Scholar, 1988-1989

Northwestern University, Department of Economics

Assistant Professor, 1990-1996

Associate Professor, 1996-1998

University of Ghana, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research

Visiting Senior Research Scholar, 1996-1997

Yale University, Department of Economics

Henry Heinz, II Professor 2004 - 2017

Chair, Department of Economics 2006 -2010

Professor, 1998-2004

Chair, Council on African Studies, 1999-2002, 2005-6, 2012 -2015

Director, Economic Growth Center, 2000-2005

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Robert E. and Emily King Professor, 2017 -

Teaching Experience:

Yale University, 1998- 2017 Graduate Economic Development, Economic Development in Africa, Introductory Microeconomics, Undergraduate Development Economics.

Northwestern University, 1990-98 - Graduate Economic Development (Econ. D25), Graduate Economic Development in Africa (Econ. D98), Economic Development (Econ. C25), Economic Development in Africa (Econ. C26), Freshman Seminar in Economics (Econ. A01).

Yale University, 1985-90 - Economic Development in Africa Seminar (Econ. 469/806). Teaching assistant for Graduate Microeconomic Theory (Econ. 500, 501) and History of Economic Thought (Econ. 159/785).

Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria, 1988 - Graduate Mathematical Economics (AEC 600).

Ghana Secondary School, Tamale, Ghana, 1981-83 - Economics and Mathematics.

Honors:

Astor Lecture, University of Oxford, 2017

Keynote Lecture, Australasian Development Workshop, 2017

International Lecture, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, 2017

Mundlak Lecture, Hebrew University, 2017

Doctorate, *honoris causa*, University of Ghana, 2016

Marschack Lecture, Econometric Society Africa Region, Addis Ababa, 2014

Keynote Lecture, Society for Economic Dynamics, Cyprus 2012

Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2011

Fellow, Econometric Society, 2005

Invited Lecture, Econometric Society World Congress, 2005

Keynote Lecture, African Econometric Society, Cape Town, 2004

Giannini Lectures at UC Berkeley and UC Davis, 2004

Other Professional Activities:

Board Member, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)

Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)

Board Member, Jameel Poverty Action Lab

Publications:

1. "Impact of savings groups on the lives of the poor." Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), Early Edition: March 7, 2017 with Dean Karlan, Beniamino Savonitto, Bram Thuysbaert.
2. "A Multifaceted Program Causes Lasting Progress for the Poor: Evidence from Six Countries, with Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo, Nathanael Goldberg, Dean Karlan, Robert Osei, William Parienté, Jeremy Shapiro, Bram Thuysbaert. Science. Vol. 348 no. 6236. 15 May 2015.

3. "Financial Markets, Investment and Productivity in African Agriculture," in *Africa at the Fork in the Road: Taking Off or Disappointment Once Again?* Ernesto Zedillo, Olivier Cattaneo and Haynie Wheeler, eds. Yale Center for the Study of Globalization, 2015.
4. "Consulting and Capital Experiments with Micro and Small Tailoring Enterprises in Ghana," with Dean Karlan and Ryan Knight, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*. Vol. 118, pp. 281-302, October 2015.
5. "Agricultural Decisions after Relaxing Credit and Risk Constraints," with Dean Karlan, Robert Osei and Isaac Osei-Akoto. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. May 2014, 129/2: 597-652.
6. "Rainfall Forecasts, Weather and Wages over the Agricultural Production Cycle," with Mark Rosenzweig. *American Economic Review* (Papers and Proceedings), May 2014.
7. "Profitability of fertilizer: Experimental evidence from female rice farmers in Mali" with Lori Beaman, Dean Karlan and Bram Thuysbaert." *American Economic Review* (Papers and Proceedings), May 2013.
8. "Psychological Distress in Ghana: Associations with Employment and Lost Productivity," with Maureen E Canavan, Heather L Sipsma, Achyuta Adhvaryu, Angela Ofori-Atta, Helen Jack, Isaac Osei-Akoto and Elizabeth H Bradley. *International Journal of Mental Health Systems*. March 2013.
9. "Poor mental health in Ghana: who is at risk?." With Heather Sipsma , Angela Ofori-Atta, Maureen Canavan, Isaac Osei-Akoto, and Elizabeth H. Bradley. *BMC public health* 13, no. 1 (2013): 288.
10. "Crop Price Indemnified Loans for Farmers: A Pilot Experiment in Rural Ghana" with Dean Karlan, Ed Kutsoati and Margaret McMillan, *Journal of Risk and Insurance*. March 2011.
11. "Esther Duflo: 2010 John Bates Clark Medalist" , *Journal of Economic Perspectives*. Summer 2011, pp. 197-216.
12. "Land Tenure", in Ernest Aryeetey, Shantayanan Devarajan and Ravi Kanbur, eds. *The Oxford Companion to the Economics of Africa*, 2011
13. "The Economics of Agriculture in Africa: A Research Program." *African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. 5(1), September 2010.
14. "Creating Property Rights: Land Banks in Ghana," with Ernest Aryeetey, *American Economic Review* (Papers and Proceedings) 100(2): 130-134, May 2010.

15. "Learning About a New Technology: Pineapple in Ghana," with Tim Conley, American Economic Review 100(1): 35-69, March 2010.
16. "The Profits of Power: Land Rights and Agricultural Investment in Ghana," with Markus Goldstein. Journal of Political Economy 116(6): 981-1022, December 2008.
17. "Households and the Social Organization of Consumption," with Hyungi Woo. 2007, African Studies Review
18. "Rural Financial Markets in Developing Countries," with Jonathan Conning, in Robert Evenson, ed. 2007, Handbook of Agricultural Economics (Amsterdam: Elsevier)
19. "The Return to Capital in Ghana," with Santosh Anagol. 2006. American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings. 96(2): pp. 388-93
20. "Addressing Unequal Economic Opportunities: A case study of land tenure in Ghana," with Markus Goldstein. 2006. *Development Outreach*. 8(1): pp. 7-9.
21. "Consumption Smoothing? Livestock, Insurance and Drought in Rural Burkina Faso," with Harounan Kazianga. 2006, *Journal of Development Economics*..
22. "Institutions and Development: A View from Below," with Rohini Pande. 2006, in Richard Blundell, Whitney Newey, Torsten Persson, eds. Advances in Economics and Econometrics.
23. "Child Labor," in Banerjee, A., R. Benabou and D. Mookherjee, eds. 2006, Understanding Poverty (New York: Oxford University Press).
24. "Social Networks in Ghana," with Timothy Conley in Christopher B. Barrett, ed. 2004 The Social Economics of Poverty: Identities, Groups, Communities and Networks. (London: Routledge)
25. "Fieldwork, Economic Theory and Research on Institutions in Developing Countries," 2003, American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings. 93(2), pp. 107-111.
26. "Social Learning Through Networks: The Adoption of New Agricultural Technologies in Ghana," with Timothy Conley. 2001. American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Papers and Proceedings. 83(3).
27. Readings in Development Microeconomics, 2 Volumes (edited with Pranab Bardhan, UC Berkeley), 2000, MIT Press.

28. Development Microeconomics (with Pranab Bardhan, UC Berkeley), 1999, Oxford University Press.
29. "Efficiency and Market Structure: Testing for Profit Maximization in African Agriculture," in Ranis and Raut, eds. 1999. Trade, Growth and Development: Essays in Honor of T.N. Srinivasan, Amsterdam: Elsevier Science.
30. "Comment on 'Geography, Demography, and Economic Growth in Africa,' by Bloom and Sachs." 1999. Brookings Papers on Economic Activity. 2:281-286.
31. "Drought and Saving in West Africa: Are Livestock a Buffer Stock?" with Katie Czukas and Marcel Fafchamps. 1998, Journal of Development Economics. 55(2), pp. 273-306.
32. "Rationing, Spillover and Interlinking in Credit Markets: The Case of Rural Punjab." 1997. Oxford Economic Papers. 49(4), pp. 557-585, with Clive Bell and T.N. Srinivasan.
33. "The Characteristics of Informal Financial Markets in Africa," with Ernest Aryeetey. 1997. Journal of African Economies. 6(1), pp. 161-203.
34. "Financial Markets and Financial Liberalization in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Synthesis," with Ernest Aryeetey and Lemma Senbet." 1997. Journal of African Economies. 6(1).
35. "Recent Advances in Empirical Microeconomic Research in Poor Countries." Winter 1997. Journal of Economic Education. 28(1), pp. 58-75.
36. "Estimation of Type 3 Tobit Models using Symmetric Trimming and Pairwise Comparisons," with Bo Honoré and Ekaterini Kyriazidou. January/February 1997. Journal of Econometrics. 76(1&2), pp. 107-28.
37. "Gender, Agricultural Productivity and the Theory of the Household." October, 1996. Journal of Political Economy. 104(5), pp.1010-47.
38. "Risk and Saving in Northern Nigeria," December, 1995. American Economic Review. 85(5), pp. 1287-1300.
39. "Gender Differentials in Farm Productivity: Implications for Household Efficiency and Agricultural Policy," with John Hoddinott, Harold Alderman, and Lawrence Haddad, 1995, Food Policy, special issue on *Getting Agriculture Moving*. 20(5), pp. 407-23.

40. "Risk and Insurance in a Rural Credit Market: An Empirical Investigation in Northern Nigeria," 1994. Review of Economic Studies. 61(3), no. 208, pp. 495-526.
41. "Agricultural Credit in Northern Nigeria: Credit as Insurance in a Rural Economy." World Bank Economic Review, 1990, Vol. 4, No. 3, pp. 251-269. Revised version reprinted in K. Hoff, A. Braverman, and J. Stiglitz, eds. 1993. The Economics of Rural Organization. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
42. "Production Relations in Semi-Arid African Agriculture," with Hans Binswanger and John McIntire, in Bardhan, P., ed. (1989) The Economic Theory of Agrarian Institutions. Oxford: Clarendon Press
43. Review of Bevan, D., P. Collier and J. Gunning. 1989. Peasants and Governments: An Economic Analysis. Oxford: Clarendon Press in Economic Journal, 1991, Vol. 101 No. 408, pp. 1304-6.

Working Papers:

44. "Heterogeneity, Measurement Error, and Misallocation: Evidence from African Agriculture", with Doug Gollin. September 2017
45. "External Validity in a Stochastic World," with Mark Rosenzweig. August 2016.
46. "Can Savings Groups Improve the Lives of the Poor?" with Dean Karlan, Beniamino Savonitto and Bram Thuysbaert". July 2016
47. "Selection into Credit Markets: Evidence from Agriculture in Mali," with Lori Beaman, Dean Karlan and Bram Thuysbaert". August 2015.
48. "Forecasting Profitability," with Mark Rosenzweig. Manuscript, Yale University. June 2015.
49. "Hoping to Win, Expected to Lose: Theory and Lessons on Micro Enterprise Development", August 2012, with Dean Karlan and Ryan Knight
50. "Capital Constraints in Agriculture: Evidence from Mali," with Lori Beaman, Dean Karlan and Bram Thuysbaert. December 2012.
51. "Intrahousehold Resource Allocation in Côte d'Ivoire: Social Norms, Separate Accounts and Consumption Choices," with Esther Duflo. Manuscript, Yale University. December 2004.

52. "Rural Household Asset Choice in Ghana," with Ernest Aryeetey. Manuscript, Yale University. November 1999.

53. "Saving in Sub-Saharan Africa," with Ernest Aryeetey. Center for International Development Working Paper no. 38, Harvard University. January 2000.

Editorial:

Co-editor, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2009 –

Associate Editor, *Journal of Development Economics*, 1995 - 2005

Associate Editor, *Econometrica*, 2001 - 2009

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