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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2016– Ramalee E. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict Studies, The University of Chicago, Harris Public Policy
- 2014–16 Associate Professor, Columbia University, SIPA & Political Science
- 2012–14 Assistant Professor, Columbia University, SIPA & Political Science
- 2008–12 Assistant Professor, Yale University, Departments of Political Science & Economics
- 2007–08 Post-doctoral Fellow, Center for Global Development

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

- Research Associate National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Development, 2015–present
- Executive Board Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), 2015–present
- Co-chair J-PAL Crime & Violence Initiative, 2015–present
- Lead Academic Peace & Recovery program, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), 2014–present (Affiliate 2008–present)
- Research Fellow Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR), 2015–present
- Research Fellow Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), 2016–present
- Research Fellow Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), 2016–present (Affiliate 2014–16)
- Lead Academic Politics, Institutions and Conflict initiative, Center for Development Economics and Policy (CDEP) at Columbia University, 2014–present
- Fellow Center for Global Development (CGD), 2008–present
- Researcher International Growth Centre (IGC), 2010–present
- Researcher Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP), 2011–present

EDUCATION

- 2002–07 PhD, University of California—Berkeley, Department of Economics
- 2000–02 Master of Public Administration in International Development, Harvard Kennedy School
- 1993–98 Honours Bachelor of Arts in Economics, University of Waterloo (Canada)

FIELDS OF STUDY

Political economy, Development economics, Comparative politics, Labor economics, Conflict, Crime

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 “Can war foster cooperation?” with Edward Miguel, Michael Bauer, Julie Chytilová, Joseph Henrich, and Tamar Mitts. *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 30(3).
- “Can employment reduce lawlessness and rebellion? A field experiment with high-risk men in a fragile state,” with Jeannie Annan. *American Political Science Review* 110(1): 1–17.
- “The returns to microenterprise support among the ultra-poor: A field experiment in post-war Uganda,” with Eric Green, Julian Jamison, Christian Lehmann, and Jeannie Annan. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 8(2): 35–64.

- “Measuring the measurement error: A method to qualitatively validate sensitive survey data,” with Tricia Gonwa, Julian Jamison, Katherine Rodrigues, and Margaret Sheridan. *Journal of Development Economics* 120(1): 99–112.
- “Does poverty alleviation decrease depression symptoms in post-conflict settings? A cluster-randomized trial of microenterprise assistance in northern Uganda,” with Eric Green, Julian Jamison, and Jeannie Annan. *Global Mental Health* 3.
- 2015 “Women’s entrepreneurship and intimate partner violence: A cluster randomized trial of microenterprise assistance and partner participation in post-conflict Uganda,” with Eric Green, Julian Jamison, and Jeannie Annan. *Social Science & Medicine* 133: 177–188.
- 2014 “How to promote order and property rights under weak rule of law? An experiment in changing dispute resolution behavior through community education,” with Alexandra Hartman, and Robert Blair. *American Political Science Review* 108(1): 100–120.
- “Generating skilled self-employment in developing countries: Experimental evidence from Uganda,” with Nathan Fiala and Sebastian Martinez. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 129(2), p. 697–752.
- “Economic shocks and conflict: The evidence from commodity prices,” with Samuel Bazzi. *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 6(4): 1–38.
- 2013 “The logic of child soldiering and coercion,” with Bernd Beber. *International Organization* 67, p.65–104, 2013. Winner of the Keohane Award for best paper by an untenured scholar.
- 2011 “Civil War, Gender and Reintegration in Uganda,” with Jeannie Annan, Dyan Mazurana and Khristopher Carlson. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 55(6): 877–908.
- 2010 “The Consequences of Child Soldiering,” with Jeannie Annan. *Review of Economics and Statistics* 42(4): 882–898.
- “Civil War,” with Edward Miguel. *Journal of Economic Literature* 48(1), p.3–57, 2010.
- 2009 “From Violence to Voting: War and Political Participation in Uganda.” *American Political Science Review* 103(2): 231–247.
- 2007 “Winners and Losers in the Commodity Lottery: The Impact of Terms of Trade Growth and Volatility in the Periphery 1870–1939,” with Jason Hwang and Jeffrey G. Williamson. *Journal of Development Economics*, 82(1): 156-179.

WORKING PAPERS & PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- “Reducing crime and violence: Experimental evidence on cognitive behavioral therapy in Liberia,” with Julian Jamison and Margaret Sheridan. Revise & resubmit at *American Economic Review*.
- “Predicting local violence,” Revise & resubmit at *Journal of Peace Research*, with Robert Blair and Alexandra Hartman.
- “More sweatshops for Africa? A randomized trial of industrial jobs and self-employment,” with Stefan Dercon.
- “Generating employment in poor and fragile states: Evidence from labor market and entrepreneurship programs,” with Laura Ralston.
- “Do employment programs buy votes? A field experiment in Uganda,” with Mathilde Emeriau and Nathan Fiala.
- “Forecasting crime and violence: Evidence from Indonesia,” with Samuel Bazzi, Robert Blair, Matthew Gudgeon, and Richard Peck.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Building institutions at the micro level: Informal conflict resolution and property rights in Liberia,” with Alexandra Hartman and Robert Blair.
- “Forecasting crime and violence: Evidence from Colombia,” with Robert Blair, Oeindrila Dube, Suresh Naidu, and Richard Peck.
- “This is your brain on fear: The effects of insecurity on cognition and productivity,” with Johannes Haushofer, Suresh Naidu, Pietro Ortoleva, and Lauren Young.
- “A Market Equilibrium Approach to Reduce the Incidence of Vote-Buying,” with Horacio Larreguy, Benjamin Marx, and Otis Reid.
- “The effects of cash transfers on employment: Experimental evidence after 8 years of the Youth Opportunities Program in northern Uganda,” with Nathan Fiala and Sebastian Martinez.
- “Urban state-building: Field experiments in Bogota” with Donald Green, Daniel Mejia, Daniel Ortega, and Santiago Tobon
- “The long run health effects of industrial work: Experimental evidence from Ethiopia” with Stefan Dercon and Simon Franklin”

BOOK CHAPTERS & INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

- “Post-conflict Economic Recovery in Africa: The Micro View.” In *Oxford Companion to the Economics of Africa*, ed. Ernest Aryeetey et al., 2011.
- “On the nature and causes of LRA abduction: What the abductees say,” with Jeannie Annan. In *The Lord's Resistance Army: Myth and Reality*, eds. T. Allen and K. Vlassenroot. London: Zed Books, 2010.
- “Child combatants in northern Uganda: Reintegration myths and realities,” with Jeannie Annan. In *Security and Post-Conflict Reconstruction: Dealing With Fighters in the Aftermath of War*, ed. R. Muggah, New York: Routledge Press, 2008.
- “Children and War: How ‘Soft’ Research Can Answer the Hard Questions in Political Science.” *Perspectives on Politics* 10(2), p. 403-413, 2012.

SELECTED POPULAR WRITINGS

- “Let them eat cash.” *New York Times* Op-Ed, June 29, 2014.
- “Show Them the Money: Why Giving Cash Helps Alleviate Poverty,” with Paul Niehaus. *Foreign Affairs*, May 2014.

PAST PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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| 2011 | Visiting Scholar, Columbia University Department of Economics |
| 2010–11 | Visiting Scholar, NYU Wilf Family Department of Politics |
| 2010–11 | Visiting Scholar, NYU Wagner School of Public Service & Financial Access Initiative |
| 2009–11 | Statistical Consultant, International Journal of Transitional Justice (IJTJ) |
| 2009–14 | Editorial Board Member, Journal of Globalization and Development (JGD) |
| 1998–00 | Deloitte Consulting, Senior consultant |
| 1996-98 | Deloitte & Touche, Auditor |

POLICY ADVISORY WORK

- 2015 Member, High Level Panel on Humanitarian Cash Transfers, U.K. Department for International Development
- 2015–16 Lead, Employment generation working group, Center for Global Development
- 2014–16 Academic steering committee, Conflict initiative, World Bank DIME
- 2010–11 Governance Advisor, International Rescue Committee
- 2007–11 Government of Uganda, Office of the Prime Minister, Evaluation consultant
- 2008–09 U.N. Peacebuilding Fund in Liberia, Advisor to Joint Steering Committee
- 2007–09 World Bank, Human Development Group, Evaluation consultant
- 2007–09 World Bank, Children & Youth Group, Evaluation technical adviser
- 2006–07 World Bank, Europe & Central Asia Region, Evaluation consultant
- 2004 World Bank, Africa Private Sector Unit, Consultant

GRANTS

- 2015–17 *J-PAL*, Governance Initiative, “State-building on the intensive margin: Testing urban violence reduction through policing and public services in Bogota,” \$375,000.
- 2016-17 *Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL)*, “Do industrial jobs reduce worker health? Long-run evidence from a randomized trial of industrial work in Ethiopia,” \$330,000
- 2015–17 *J-PAL*, Governance Initiative, “A Market Equilibrium Approach to Reduce the Incidence of Vote-Buying,” \$303,000.
- 2015–17 *Vanguard Charitable Trust*, “A Market Equilibrium Approach to Reduce the Incidence of Vote-Buying,” \$130,000.
- 2015–17 *Vanguard Charitable Trust*, “The effects of cash transfers on employment: Experimental evidence after 8 years of the Youth Opportunities Program in northern Uganda,” \$377,974.
- 2015–16 *Columbia University*, President’s Global Innovation Fund, “This is your brain on fear: The impact of violence on decision-making,” \$50,000.
- 2014–15 *Private donation* to Columbia University’s Center for Development Economics and Policy (CDEP), “Politics, Institutions & Conflict initiative start-up grant,” \$50,000
- 2013–14 *National Science Foundation*, Political Science division, “Reducing Violence and Poverty among High-Risk Men in Liberia,” \$106,709
- 2013 *Columbia University*, SIPA Faculty Grant, “Reducing Violence and Poverty among High-Risk Men in Liberia,” \$10,000
- 2012–15 *DFID and IZA*, Growth and Labour Markets in Low Income Countries Programme, “Reducing Violence and Poverty among High-Risk Men in Liberia,” \$527,000
- 2012–14 *USAID*, DHCA/CMM Program, “Reducing Violence and Poverty among High-Risk Men in Liberia,” \$189,135
- 2012–14 *The World Bank*, LOGICA Trust Fund, “Reducing Violence and Poverty among High-Risk Men in Liberia,” \$235,255
- 2012–14 *Aspen Institute*, ANDE Initiative, “More Sweatshops for Africa? An Experimental Study of Industrial Labor in Ethiopia,” \$120,000
- 2012–13 *Vanguard Charitable Trust*, “Reducing Violence and Poverty among High-Risk Men in Liberia,” \$100,000
- 2013–14 *Humanity United*, “Predicting Local-Level Violence: A Pilot Test in Liberia,” \$107,000
- 2011–12 *Templeton Foundation*, “More Sweatshops for Africa? An Experimental Study of Industrial Labor in Ethiopia,” \$250,000
- 2011 *Yale University*, ISPS Field Experiments Initiative, “The Spillover Effects of Humanitarian Aid in Uganda,” \$75,000
- 2011–12 *The World Bank*, LOGICA Trust Fund, “Reducing Violence and Poverty among High-Risk Men in Liberia,” \$399,755

- 2011–12 *The World Bank*, LOGICA Trust Fund, “Employing and empowering marginalized women in Uganda,” \$250,000
- 2011–12 *Vanguard Charitable Trust*, “More Sweatshops for Africa? An Experimental Study of Industrial Labor in Ethiopia,” \$700,000
- 2011–12 *Vanguard Charitable Trust*, Reducing Violence and Poverty among High-Risk Men in Liberia,” \$250,000
- 2011–12 *Vanguard Charitable Trust*, “Generating Skilled Self-Employment in Developing Countries: Experimental evidence from Uganda,” \$266,000
- 2010–12 *Humanity United*, “‘Predicting Local-Level Violence’ and ‘How to promote order and property rights under weak rule of law?’ Evidence from Liberia,” \$128,000
- 2010–11 *Yale University*, Macmillan Center Faculty Research Award, \$7,500
- 2010 *Yale University*, ISPS Field Experiments Initiative, “More Sweatshops for Africa? An Experimental Study of Industrial Labor in Ethiopia,” \$75,000
- 2010 *The World Bank*, Spanish Impact Evaluation Fund, “Can employment reduce lawlessness and rebellion? Experimental evidence from Liberia” \$76,000
- 2009–10 *Yale University*, Macmillan Center Faculty Research Award, \$7,500
- 2009–11 *Vanguard Charitable Trust*, with AVSI USA, “Employing and empowering marginalized women in Uganda,” \$1,300,000
- 2009–11 *The World Bank*, CHYAO Trust Fund, “Can employment reduce lawlessness and rebellion? Experimental evidence from Liberia,” \$380,000
- 2009–11 *The World Bank*, CHYAO Trust Fund, “How to promote order and property rights under weak rule of law? Evidence from Liberia,” \$380,000
- 2009 *Yale University*, Macmillan Center Faculty Research Award, \$7,500
- 2009 UNHCR, evaluation funding, “How to promote order and property rights under weak rule of law? Evidence from Liberia,” \$50,000
- 2009 UNDP, via Landmine Action, “Can employment reduce lawlessness and rebellion? Experimental evidence from Liberia” \$50,000
- 2008–10 *The World Bank*, Spanish Impact Evaluation Fund, “Can employment reduce lawlessness and rebellion? Experimental evidence from Liberia” \$300,000
- 2007 *The World Bank*, Spanish Impact Evaluation Fund, “Generating Skilled Self-Employment in Developing Countries: Experimental evidence from Uganda,” \$400,000
- 2006–07 UNICEF Uganda, “Survey of War Affected Youth II: Women,” \$160,000
- 2005–06 UNICEF Uganda, “Survey of War Affected Youth I: Men,” \$60,000
- 2005 *Macarthur Foundation*, Human Rights Research Grant, \$25,000

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Invited seminars

- 2016 *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*, Development economics seminar
Harvard University, Comparative politics seminar
Harvard Business School, Entrepreneurship seminar
UCSD, Economics seminar
Johns Hopkins SAIS, International seminar
- 2015 *Stanford University*, Development economics seminar
UC Berkeley, Comparative politics seminar
UCSD, GPS seminar
University of Chicago, Comparative politics seminar
University of Chicago—Harris School, Political economy seminar
Oxford University, Development economics seminar
MIT, Comparative politics seminar

- Georgetown University*, Joint SFS/Economics seminar
Duke University, Political economy seminar
Johns Hopkins SAIS, International economics and international development seminar
University of Colorado Denver, Economics departmental seminar
University of Denver, International Studies seminar
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Social and Mathematical Epidemiology
Center for Global Development—Europe, seminar.
- 2014
Stanford University GSB, Political economy seminar
Harvard University & MIT, Development economics seminar
Harvard University, Labor economics seminar
Yale University, Political Science, Methods seminar
Yale University, Department of Psychology, Social psychology seminar
London School of Economics, Department of Economics, Development seminar
University of British Columbia, Department of Economics, Development seminar
Universidad de los Andes, Department of Economics, Departmental seminar
Georgetown University, Department of economics, Development seminar
George Washington University, Department of Economics, seminar
International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Applied microeconomics seminar
University of Washington, Department of Political Science, comparative politics seminar
The World Bank, Africa group seminar
The World Bank, Jobs and conflict strategic planning presentation
- 2013
UCLA, Comparative politics seminar
UCSD, Comparative politics seminar
Council on Foreign Relations, seminar
New York University, Urbanization Project seminar
Cornell University, Department of Government department seminar
Cornell University, Institute for African Studies seminar
Columbia University, Comparative politics seminar
Columbia University, Development economics seminar
Columbia University SIPA, Faculty seminar
- 2012
Princeton University, Experiments seminar
Princeton University, African politics seminar
Yale University, Order, Conflict and Violence seminar
Tufts University, Development seminar
World Bank, DECRG Applied Micro Seminar
University of Minnesota, Applied Economics Seminar
University of Liberia, Public Lecture
American University, Economics Department Seminar
Johns Hopkins SAIS & Center for Global Development, Development Seminar
World Bank, Human Development Group seminar
World Bank, Social Protection Cluster seminar
Aspen Institute, ANDE Research Initiative meeting
- 2011
New York University, Department of Politics: Departmental seminar
University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy Studies: Political economy workshop
John Hopkins SAIS & Center for Global Development: Development seminar
World Bank Research Group: Financial Economics seminar
Georgetown University, Government Department: Comparative Government Seminar
University of Liberia, Kofi Annan Institute for Peacebuilding Studies: Lecture

- George Mason University*, Department of Economics: Departmental seminar
George Mason University, Department of Economics: Political economy seminar
Toulouse School of Economics: Development economics seminar
New York University, Department of Economics: Development economics seminar
Yale University, Department of Political Science: Comparative politics seminar
Rutgers University Newark, Department of Economics: Development economics seminar
Yale University, Department of Political Science: Order, conflict and violence seminar
- 2010 *Princeton University*, Departments of Politics and Public Affairs: International Security seminar
Columbia University, Department of Political Science: International politics seminar
New York University, Wagner School of Public Service: Conflict, security and development seminar
World Bank, Africa Group: Management Retreat, Keynote lecture
Paris School of Economics: Development economics seminar
Toulouse School of Economics: Development economics seminar
GWU, Elliott School of International Affairs: Institute for Global and International Studies seminar
Johns Hopkins University, SAIS: Development Seminar
- 2009 *Columbia University*, Department of Political Science: Comparative politics seminar
MIT, Department of Political Science: Departmental panel on African politics
Cornell University, Institute for the Social Sciences: Persistent Poverty and Upward Mobility seminar
NYU, Department of Economics: Development seminar
University of British Columbia, Liu Center for International Affairs: Research seminar
Simon Fraser University, School for International Studies: International studies seminar
Yale University, Department of Political Science, Order Conflict & Violence Seminar
- 2008 *Stockholm University*, IIES: Departmental seminar
Bocconi University, IGIER: Departmental seminar
European Centre for Advanced Research in Economics and Statistics: Departmental seminar
London School of Economics, Development Studies Institute: DESTIN Seminar
University of Sussex, Institute for Development Studies: Departmental seminar
Yale University, Department of Economics: Development economics seminar
- 2007 *World Bank*, Development Economics Research Group: Applied microeconomics seminar
The Brookings Institution: Colloquium on armed conflict panelist
Center for Global Development: Research seminar
United States Institute for Peace: Colloquium on Child Soldiering panelist
- 2006 *Stanford University*, Center for International Security and Cooperation: Seminar
Yale University, Department of Political Science: Order, Conflict and Violence seminar
Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health: Forced migration seminar

Conference Presentations

- 2016 LACEA, Medellin, Keynote address
- 2015 NBER Summer Institute, Development session
 NBER Summer Institute, National Security session
 NBER Summer Institute, Innovation & Productivity session
 BREAD conference, Columbia University
 Keynote panel, World Bank ABCA meeting, UC Berkeley
 Keynote, World Bank Fragility Forum, Washington DC

- Political Economy of Conflict and Development, Universities of Lausanne & Geneva
 Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar, New York University
 American Economic Association, Annual Meeting
- 2014 American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting
 International Growth Center (IGC), Growth Week conference
 Experiments in Governance and Politics, 12th meeting
 USAID, Poverty and conflict strategic planning conference
- 2013 NBER/BREAD Development conference, NBER
 International Growth Center (IGC), Growth Week conference
 Northeastern Universities Development Conference (NEUDC), Harvard Kennedy School
 Conflict and Cooperation Conference, Kellogg School, Northwestern University
 Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE), MIT
 Experiments in Governance and Politics, 9th conference, UCL
- 2012 Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar, Columbia University
 Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Methodology (NEMP), New York University
- 2011 New York University, Development Research Institute, 2011 Annual DRI conference
 Columbia University, Workshop on Field Experimentation in Political Economy
- 2010 American Economic Association, 2010 Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA
 Experiments in Governance and Politics (EGAP) conference, Columbia University
- 2009 Conference on Institutions and Economic Development, Yale University and Fudan
 University, Shanghai, China
 Experiments in Governance and Politics (EGAP) conference, Yale University
 NBER Economics of National Security Conference (NBER), Cambridge MA
- 2008 Households in Conflict Network, Annual Workshop, Yale University
 American Political Science Association, 2008 Annual Meeting, Chicago IL
 Conference on Development Effectiveness, Australia National University
- 2007 African Studies Association, 2007 Annual Meeting, New York NY
 War, Population and Health conference, UC Berkeley
 International Studies Association, 2007 Annual Meeting, Chicago IL
- 2006 American Political Science Association, 2006 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA
 Working Group in African Political Economy, UCLA
 Pacific Development Conference, University of Santa Clara
 Conference on Northern Uganda, Columbia University
 North-Eastern Universities Development Conference (NEUDC), Cornell University