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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2016– Ramalee E. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict Studies, The University of Chicago, The Pearson Institute & 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 UCHICAGO POSITIONS

Deputy Director Development Economics Center, Becker-Friedman Institute, 2017–present  
Faculty Director International Policy & Development, Harris Public Policy, 2018–present  
Faculty Associate Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, 2017–present  
Faculty Director Obama Foundation Scholars Program, 2018–22

## OUTSIDE AFFILIATIONS & LEADERSHIP ROLES

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 Sector, 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 Ph.D., 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, Conflict, Crime

## EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Board of Editors American Economic Journal—Applied, 2017–present  
Associate Editor Journal of Development Economics, 2017–present

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

### Books

2022 “Why We Fight: The Roots of War and the Paths to Peace,” Viking Press.

### Papers

- 2022 “The Promise and Pitfalls of Conflict Prediction: Evidence from Colombia and Indonesia,” with Samuel Bazzi, Robert Blair, Oeindrila Dube, Matthew Gudgeon, and Richard Peck, forthcoming in *Review of Economics & Statistics*.
- “The long run impacts of industrial and entrepreneurial work: Experimental evidence from Ethiopia,” with Stefan Dercon and Simon Franklin, forthcoming in *Journal of Development Economics*.
- 2021 “Place based interventions at scale: The direct and spillover effects of policing and city services on crime,” with Donald Green, Daniel Ortega, and Santiago Tobon, *Journal of the European Economic Association* 19(4):2022–51.
- 2020 “Engineering informal institutions: Long run impacts of alternative dispute resolution on violence and property rights in Liberia,” with Alexandra Hartman and Robert Blair, *Journal of Politics* 83(1): 381-389.
- “The long-term impacts of grants on poverty: Uganda’s Youth Opportunities Program after 9 years,” with Nathan Fiala and Sebastian Martinez, *American Economic Review: Insights* 2(3):287–304.
- 2018 “The impacts of industrial and entrepreneurial work on income and health: Experimental evidence from Ethiopia,” with Stefan Dercon, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 10(3), 1-38.
- “Do anti-poverty programs sway voters? Experimental Evidence from Uganda,” with Mathilde Emeriau and Nathan Fiala, *Review of Economics & Statistics* 100(5), 891-905.
- 2017 “Reducing crime and violence: Experimental evidence on cognitive behavioral therapy in Liberia,” with Julian Jamison and Margaret Sheridan. *American Economic Review* 107(4): 1165-1206.
- “Predicting local violence: Evidence from a Panel Survey in Liberia,” with Robert Blair and Alexandra Hartman. *Journal of Peace Research* 54(2) 298–312.
- 2016 “Can war foster cooperation?” with Edward Miguel, Michael Bauer, Julie Chytilová, Joseph Henrich, and Tamar Mitts. *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 30(3): 249–74.
- “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**

- “Cognitive behavior therapy reduces crime and violence over 10 years: Experimental evidence,” with Sebastian Chaskel, Julian Jamison & Margaret Sheridan
- “State-building on the Margin: An Urban Experiment in Medellín,” with Gustavo Duncan, Benjamin Lessing & Santiago Tobon
- “Gang Rule: Understanding and Countering Criminal Governance,” with Gustavo Duncan, Benjamin Lessing, and Santiago Tobon
- “How Organized Crime is Organized: Gangs of Medellin” with Gustavo Duncan, Benjamin Lessing, and Santiago Tobon
- Persistent Prejudice, with Leonardo Bursztyn, Chinmaya Kumar & Kailash Rajah & Christopher Roth
- Predicting and Preventing Gun Violence: An Experimental Evaluation of READI Chicago, with Marianne Bertrand, Monica Bhatt, Sara Heller & Max Kapustin
- “Eat Widely, Vote Wisely? Lessons from a Campaign Against Vote Buying in Uganda” with Horacio Larreguy, Benjamin Marx, and Otis Reid
- “Generating employment in poor and fragile states: Evidence from labor market and entrepreneurship programs,” with Laura Ralston.
- “The Causes of Violent Conflict,” commissioned by the *Journal of Economic Literature*

#### **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.

#### **PAST PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- 2019 Visiting Scholar, WZB Berlin, Institutions and Political Inequality group
- 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**

- 2018-20 Advisor, Alcaldia de Medellin
- 2017-19 Advisor, Secretary of Security, Bogota
- 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

#### **GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2006–07 *Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation*, Dissertation Fellowship
- 2006–07 *United States Institute of Peace (USIP)*, Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship
- 2006–07 *Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS)*, Dissertation Award
- 2005–06 *UC Berkeley Graduate Division*, Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship
- 2003–06 *Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada*, Doctoral Fellowship

#### **GRANTS**

- 2019–21 *National Science Foundation*, SES 1851543: “Contesting Criminal Gang Governance in Medellin,” \$385,000
- 2019–21 *National Science Foundation*, SES 1919399: “The Long Run Impacts of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy on Crime & Violence,” \$557,040
- 2019–21 *Vanguard Charitable Trust*, “The Long Run Impacts of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy on Crime & Violence,” \$500,000.
- 2019–21 *J-PAL*, Crime & Violence Initiative, “Reducing criminal governance in Medellin,” \$150,000.
- 2018–20 *Economic Development Initiative (EDI)*, “Gangs of Medellin,” \$137,501.
- 2017–19 *Proantioquia*, “Gangs of Medellin,” \$200,000.

- 2016–18 *3ie*, “State-building on the intensive margin: Testing urban violence reduction through policing and public services in Bogota,” \$281,000.
- 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

- 2022 *Boston University*, Department of Economics, Development seminar  
*Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service*, Future of Development Lecture  
*Göttingen University*, Department of Economics, Digital Development Dialogue seminar  
*University of Cologne*, Department of Economics, ECONtribute Research Seminar  
*UBC, Vancouver School of Economics*, Political Economy seminar  
*Simon Fraser University*, Departmental seminar  
*University of San Diego, Kroc Institute*, Distinguished lecture  
*North Dakota State University*, Challey Institute for Global Innovation & Growth, Human Progress and Flourishing Workshop  
*Brown University*, Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics  
*Middlebury College*, International Politics and Economics (IP&E) Symposium  
*United States Institute for Peace*  
*Center for Strategic and International Studies*  
*The World Bank*  
*United States Agency for International Development*
- 2021 *UC Berkeley*, Department of Economics, Development seminar  
*UC Irvine*, Global Peace and Conflict Studies Colloquium  
*HKBU-CEIBS-NUS-NTU*, Political Economy Seminar  
*Boston College*, School of Social Work, GRIT Seminar  
*University of Pennsylvania*, Center for Social Norms and Behavioral Dynamics, Speaker Series  
*Notre Dame*, Kellogg/Kroc Workshop  
*Food and Agriculture Organization*, Research seminar  
*Colgate University*, Department of Economics, Departmental Seminar  
*University of Houston*, Department of Economics, Empirical Microeconomics seminar  
*United Nations Development Programme*, Research seminar

- 2020 *SciencesPo*, Department of Economics, Departmental Seminar  
*Paris School of Economics*, Departmental Seminar  
*Toulouse School of Economics*, Departmental Seminar  
*London School of Economics*, Applied Economics Seminar  
*London School of Economics*, Crime Seminar  
*Oxford University*, Center for the Study of African Economies, Seminar  
*Yale University*, Macmillan Center Refugee Seminar  
*West Point Military Academy*, Economics Seminar  
*University of Pittsburgh*, Global Politics Seminar  
*ITAM*, Political economy seminar  
*George Mason University*, Microeconomic policy seminar
- 2019 *Brown University*, *Applied Economics Seminar*  
*NYU*, Development Economics Seminar  
*University of Minnesota*, Development Economics Seminar  
*UCSD*, Development Economics Seminar  
*UCSB*, Department of Economics, Departmental Seminar  
*Universidad EAFIT Medellin*, Department of Economics, Departmental Seminar  
*WZB Berlin*, Political Economy Seminar  
*University of Illinois—Chicago*, Departmental seminar  
*Northwestern University*, Political economy seminar  
*University of Pennsylvania*, Criminology, Departmental Seminar
- 2018 *Yale University*, Political economy seminar  
*Oxford University*, Economics seminar  
*Trinity College Dublin*, TIME lecture  
*University of Pennsylvania*, Criminology seminar  
*Northwestern University*, Comparative politics seminar  
*USC*, Economics seminar  
*University of Notre Dame*, Economics seminar  
*University of Notre Dame*, Comparative politics seminar  
*University of Connecticut*, Economics seminar
- 2017 *University of California, Berkeley*, Haas School of Business Political economy seminar  
*Stanford University*, Latin American Studies workshop  
*UChicago Booth*, Behavioral seminar  
*UChicago Harris*, Public policy & Economics seminar  
*Northwestern University*, Development economics seminar  
*University of Wisconsin, Madison*, Development economics and comparative politics seminars  
*UIUC*, Economics seminar  
*Inter-American Development Bank*, Seminar  
*Center for Global Development*, Seminar
- 2016 *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*, Development economics seminar  
*University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*, Political Economy seminar  
*Ohio State University*, Development economics seminar  
*Ohio State University*, Comparative politics seminar  
*Harvard University*, Comparative politics seminar  
*Harvard Business School*, Entrepreneurship seminar  
*UCSD*, Economics seminar  
*Johns Hopkins SAIS*, International seminar  
*Ohio State University*, Development economics and comparative politics seminars

- 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

- 2022 Virtual Crime Economics (ViCE) seminar

- 2021 LACEA-LAMES, Invited session  
American Institutes for Research, Presentation to USAID, LAC Bureau
- 2020 London School of Economics, Behavioral Political Economy Conference  
Stanford University, King Center, Conflict and Polarization Conference  
BREAD conference, Virtual  
CEPR RPN conference on preventing conflict, Virtual
- 2019 Conference on the Economics of Crime and Justice, UChicago & LSE  
Pearson Global Forum, Berlin  
Göttingen University, Behavioral Political Economy Conference, Keynote Address  
Illinois Economics Association, Keynote Address, Annual Meetings
- 2018 IPA Financial Access Initiative Seminar, Northwestern  
London Business School, Wheeler Institute for Business and Development Conference  
Economics of Social Sector Organizations, UChicago Booth  
Pearson Global Forum, UChicago
- 2017 NBER Summer Institute, Development session
- 2016 LACEA, Medellin, Invited speaker
- 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, 12<sup>th</sup> 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, 9<sup>th</sup> 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