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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) 2023

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Economics and Public Policy	University of Michigan	2023
	<i>Primary fields: development economics, labor economics Secondary field: economic demography</i>		
M.A.	Economics	University of Michigan	2018
M.S.	Agricultural, Food, & Resource Economics	Michigan State University	2012
B.A.	Major: Political Science, Minor: Economics	Alma College	2009

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

"[Correcting Perceived Social Distancing Norms to Combat COVID-19](#)", (with Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell IV, Tanya Rosenblat, Dean Yang, and Hang Yu), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, forthcoming. [[NBER Working Paper 28651](#), [AEA Registry](#)]

"[Knowledge, Stigma, and HIV Testing: An Analysis of a Widespread HIV/AIDS Program](#)," (with Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell IV, Dean Yang, and Hang Yu), *Journal of Development Economics*, 2023. [[NBER Working Paper 28716](#), [populated pre-analysis plan](#), [AEA Registry](#)]

"[Teaching and Incentives: Substitutes or Complements?](#)" (with Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell IV, Tanya Rosenblat, Dean Yang, and Hang Yu), *Economics of Education Review*, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econedurev.2022.102317> [[NBER Working Paper 28976](#), [AEA Registry](#)]

"[Are agricultural markets more developed around cities? Testing for urban heterogeneity in separability in Tanzania](#)," *Food Policy* 79 (2018): 199-212.

Working Papers:

"[Double-Booked: Effects of Overlap between School and Farming Calendars on Education and Child Labor](#)," Job Market Paper, November 2022. [[World Bank Development Impact Blog](#)]

Work in Progress:

"[The Economics of Health Decision-Making in Mozambique](#)" project (with Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell IV, Tanya Rosenblat, Dean Yang, and Hang Yu).

- See other outputs from recent [Combating Covid-19 study](#): policy briefs and summary reports
- Ongoing study of hiring practices of community health workers tasked to promote HIV/AIDS

"Blood Taxes: The Development Effects of Military Conscription in Colonial French West Africa" (with Jon Denton-Schneider). Currently digitizing raw data collected at the *Archives Nationales du Senegal*.

Other Publications:

"[The Demography of the Labor Force in Sub-Saharan Africa: Challenges and Opportunities](#)," (with David Lam and Murray Leibbrandt), GLM|LIC Synthesis Paper No. 10, November 2019.

Select Pre-Doctoral Publications:

["Do community supported agriculture programmes encourage change to food lifestyle behaviours and health outcomes? New evidence from shareholders,"](#) (with Jairus Rossi, Timothy Woods, and Alison Davis), *International Journal of Agricultural Sustainability*, May 2016.

["Residents' Willingness-to-Pay for Attributes for Rural Health Care Facilities,"](#) (with Alison Davis, Wuyang Hu, and Emmanuel Owusu-Amankwah), *Journal of Rural Health*, 31:1, 7-18, July 2014.

AWARDS

Research Grants: co-authored proposals awarded \$1,062,203.

- \$49,988 ["Accelerating Changes in Norms about Social Distancing to Combat COVID-19"](#), IPA P&R, PI: Dean Yang.
- \$26,100 ["Accelerating Changes in Norms about Social Distancing to Combat COVID-19"](#), J-PAL IGI, PI: Dean Yang.
- \$676,733 "Educational Decision-Making in the Aftermath of a Disaster: Evidence from Cyclone Idai in Mozambique", INEE and Dubai Cares E-Cubed Research Fund, PI: Dean Yang.
- \$9,042 Michigan Student Grants: Weinberg Graduate Student Award (\$4,042), Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies Graduate Student Research Grant (\$3,500), Rackham Pre-Doctoral Research Grant (\$1,500)

Predoctoral:

- \$96,512 "Going to the Farm-acy: The Effect of CSA-Backed Produce Prescriptions on Eating Behaviors and Health Outcomes in Rural Kentucky" USDA Agricultural Market Service, Farmers' Market Promotion Program. PI: Timothy Woods
- \$39,828 "Neighbourhood Disadvantage, Food Resources in the Environmental, and the Influence on Food Store Choice and Purchasing Behaviour among SNAP Participants and SNAP Eligible Household" USDA Economic Research Service, FoodAPS Research Initiative, PI: Alison Gustafson.
- \$164,000 "An Evaluation of ARC Health Projects in Appalachia" Appalachian Regional Commission. PI: Alison Davis.

Fellowships and Honors:

- 2023 Lester P. Monts Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Research on Africa, African Studies Center, University of Michigan (\$800)
- 2018-23 Rackham Merit Fellowship (3 years tuition & stipend)
- 2020-22 Population Studies Center Pre-Doctoral Traineeship in Economic Demography (2 years tuition & stipend)
- 2018-19 Weinberg Population, Development & Climate Change Fellowship (\$7500)
- 2019 Outstanding Third-Year Paper Award
- 2016 Supervisor of the Year Nominee, University of Kentucky

PRE-DOCTORAL EXPERIENCE

Professional:

- 2017-19 Graduate Research Assistant, U of Michigan, with Lauren Falcao Bergquist and David Lam
- 2012-16 Research Director, Community & Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky (CEDIK)
- 2009-12 Pre-doctoral Graduate Assistant, Michigan State, with Duncan Boughton and Eric Crawford

Teaching: *Instructed 342 students since 2013*

- 2018-19 Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan

- Introductory Macroeconomics, 2 sections, (with Ed Cho) – Winter 2019
 - Development Economics, (with Lauren Falcao-Bergquist) – Fall 2018
- 2013-15 Instructor, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky
- Agriculture & Development Economics – Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015
 - Introduction to Resource and Environmental Economics – Spring 2014
 - Intermediate Microeconomics – Spring 2015

Presentations:

- 2023 Clark University, Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC), Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Baylor University, Alma College, Centre d'Études et de Recherches sur le Développement International (CERDI)
- 2022 North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Michigan State, Michigan Economic Development Seminar, Michigan H2D2
- 2021 Conference on Behavioral Economics Experiments & Insights on Covid-19 (JHU and LSE)
- 2020 Michigan H2D2, University of Cape Town
- 2018 Michigan: H2D2, African Studies Center 10th Anniversary Symposium, Ford School Gramlich Showcase
- 2013-15 *Predoxal*: Economic Research Service, US Department of Agriculture, (Washington DC, 2015), 2nd International Conference on Global Food Security (Ithaca, NY, 2015), Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Meeting (Washington DC 2013, Minneapolis 2014)

Service:

- Referee: *Economic Development and Cultural Change; Journal of Human Resources; Food Security; Review of Development Economics, Environment, Development and Sustainability; The Journal of Rural Health; Prentice Hall's Introduction to Agricultural Economics, Global Edition*
- 2021-22 Doctoral Admissions Committee, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
- 2019-20 Doctoral Admissions Committee, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
- 2018,21 Emcee for "Econ Skit Night", Department of Economics, University of Michigan
- 2015 Junior Research Task Force, 2nd International Conference on Global Food Security, Cornell
- 2014-21 Board Member, African Sky (small non-profit working in Mali, West Africa)
- 2010-12 Peace Corps Volunteer, United States Peace Corps, Mali

Skills:

Languages: English (*native*), Bambara (*advanced*), French (*intermediate*)
 Software: Stata (*advanced*), ArcGIS (*intermediate*)

Citizenship: United States