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| PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE | Research Fellow, Poverty, Gender and Inclusion Division International Food Policy Research Institute | 2019-present | |
| | Assistant Professor, American University Department of Economics | 2017-2019 | |
| | Assistant Professor, Williams College Department of Economics | 2013-2017 | |
| PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS | Co-Editor, China Economic Review | 2021-present | |
| | Editor, Review of Economics of the Household | 2021-present | |
| | Guest Editor, PLoS One | 2022 | |
| | Fellow, Federal Office of Evaluation Sciences | 2017-2019 | |
| EDUCATION | Ph.D. in Economics | MIT | 2013 |
| | M.Phil. in Economics | Oxford University | 2008 |
| | B.A. <i>summa cum laude</i> | Yale University | 2006 |
| | Ethics Politics & Economics | | |
| FIELDS OF INTEREST | Development economics, political economy, health economics | | |
| TEACHING EXPERIENCE | Development microeconomics (Graduate), American University | 2016-18 | |
| | Economic development (Undergraduate), American University | 2016-18 | |
| | Microeconomics (Undergraduate), Williams College | 2013-16 | |
| | Political economy and development (Undergraduate / Master's), Williams College | 2013-16 | |
| | Economy of China (Undergraduate), Williams College | 2013-16 | |
| PUBLICATIONS | Besley, Timothy, Jessica Leight, Rohini Pande and Vijayendra Rao. 2016. "Long-run Impacts of Land Regulation: Evidence from Tenancy Reform in India." <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> 118: 72-87. | | |
| | Leight, Jessica. 2016. "Reallocating Wealth? Insecure Property Rights and Agricultural Investment in Rural China." <i>China Economic Review</i> 40: 207-227. | | |
| | Leight, Jessica. 2017. "Sibling Rivalry: Ability and Intrahousehold Allocation in Gansu Province, China." <i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i> 65 (3): 457-493. | | |
| | Leight, Jessica. 2018. "The Impact of Positive Agricultural Income Shocks on Rural Chinese Households." <i>World Bank Economic Review</i> 34(1): 210-231. | | |

Erten, Bilge, Jessica Leight and Fiona Tregenna. 2019. "Trade Liberalization and Local Labor Market Adjustment in South Africa." *Journal of International Economics* 118: 448–467.

Leight, Jessica and Nicholas Wilson. 2020. "Framing Flexible Spending Accounts: A Large-Scale Field Experiment on Communicating the Return on Medical Savings Accounts." *Health Economics* 29: 195–208.

Leight, Jessica, Dana Foarta, Rohini Pande and Laura Ralston. 2020. "Value for Money: Vote-Buying and Politician Accountability." *Journal of Public Economics* 120: 104227.

Leight, Jessica and Elaine Liu. 2020. "Maternal Education, Parental Investment and Non-cognitive Characteristics in Rural China." *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 69(1): 213—251.

Leight, Jessica. 2020. "Comment on 'The effect of migration policy on growth, structural change, and regional inequality in China', by Hao, Sun, Tombe and Zhu." *Journal of Monetary Economics* 113: 135-137.

Leight, Jessica. 2021. "Like Father, Like Son, Like Mother, Like Daughter: Intergenerational Transmission of Intrahousehold Gender Norms in Ethiopia." *World Development* 142: 105359.

Erten, Bilge and Jessica Leight. 2021. "Exporting out of Agriculture: The Impact of WTO Accession on Structural Transformation in China." *Review of Economics and Statistics* 103 (2): 364–380.

Bhanot, Syon, Benjamin Crost, Jessica Leight, Eric Mvukiyeye and Bauyrzhan Yedgenov. 2021. "Can Grants for Community Service Foster Social and Economic Integration for Youth? A Randomized Trial in Kazakhstan." *Journal of Development Economics* 153: 102718.

Edmonds, Eric, Benjamin Feigenberg and Jessica Leight. 2021. "Advancing the Agency of Adolescent Girls." *Forthcoming, Review of Economics and Statistics*.

Adamopoulos, Tasso, Loren Brandt, Jessica Leight, and Diego Restuccia. 2022. "Misallocation, Selection and Productivity: A Quantitative Analysis with Panel Data from China." *Econometrica* 90: 1261-1282.

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Leight, Jessica, Josué Awonon, Aulo Gelli, Rasmané Ganaba, and Abdoulaye Pedehombga. 2022. "How Light is too Light Touch: The Effect of a Short Training-based Intervention on Household Poultry Production in Burkina Faso." *Journal of Development Economics* 155: 102776.

Alderman, Harold, Daniel O. Gilligan, Jessica Leight, Michael Mulford, and Heleene Tambet. 2022. "The Role of Poultry Transfers in Diet Diversity: A Cluster Randomized Intent to Treat Analysis." *Food Policy* 107: 102212.

Björkman Nyqvist, Jessica Leight and Vandana Sharma. 2023. "Community Health Educators and Maternal Health: Experimental Evidence from Northern Nigeria." *The Journal of Development Studies* 59:1: 73-93.

**POLICY AND
HEALTH
PUBLICATIONS**

Sharma, Vandana, Jessica Leight, Fatima Abdulaziz, Nadege Giroux and Martina Björkman Nyqvist. "Illness Recognition, Decision-making and Care-seeking for Maternal and Newborn Complications: A Qualitative Study in Jigawa State, Northern Nigeria." 2017. *Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition* 36 (Suppl 1) 46: 59-96.

Sharma, Vandana, Willa Brown, Muhammad Kainuwa, Jessica Leight, and Martina Björkman Nyqvist. 2017. "High Maternal Mortality in Jigawa State, Northern Nigeria Estimated Using the Sisterhood Method." *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth* 17 (163).

Leight, Jessica, Vandana Sharma, Willa Brown, Laura Costica, Fatima Abdulaziz Sule, and Martina Björkman Nyqvist. 2018. "Associations Between Birth Kit Use and Maternal and Neonatal Health Outcomes in Rural Jigawa State, Nigeria: A Secondary Analysis of Data from a Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial." *PLoS ONE* 13 (12): e0208885.

Sharma, Vandana, Jessica Leight, Nadège Giroux, Fatima Abdulaziz, and Martina Björkman Nyqvist. 2019. "That's a Woman's Problem": A Qualitative Analysis to Understand Male Involvement in Maternal and Newborn Health in Jigawa State, Northern Nigeria." *Reproductive Health* 16 (143).

Leight, Jessica and Elana Safran. 2019. "Increasing Immunization Compliance Among Schools and Day Care Centers: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial." *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration* 2(2): 1-15.

Sharma, Vandana, Jessica Leight, Fabio Verani, Samuel Tewelde, and Negussie Deyessa. 2020. "Effectiveness of a Culturally Appropriate Intervention to Prevent Intimate Partner Violence and HIV Transmission Among Men, Women and Couples in Rural Ethiopia: Findings from a Cluster Randomised Controlled Trial." 2020. *PLoS Medicine* 17 (8): e1003274.

Leight, Jessica, Negussie Deyessa, Fabio Verani, Samuel Tewelde, and Vandana Sharma. 2020. "An Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Intervention for Men, Women and Couples in Ethiopia: Additional Findings on Substance Use and Depressive Symptoms from a Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial." *PLoS Medicine* 17 (8): e1003131.

Leight, Jessica, Negussie Deyessa, Fabio Verani, Samuel Tewelde, and Vandana Sharma. 2021. "Community-level Spillover Effects of an

Intervention to Prevent Intimate Partner Violence and HIV Transmission in Rural Ethiopia.” *BMJ Global Health* 6: e004075.

Leight, Jessica and Nicholas Wilson. 2021. “Intimate Partner Violence and Maternal Health Services Utilization: Evidence from 36 National Household Surveys.” *BMC Public Health* 21:405.

Leight, Jessica, Catherine Hensly, Marcos Chissano, and Liza Ali. 2021. “Short-term effects of the COVID-19 State of Emergency on Contraceptive Access and Utilization in Mozambique.” *PLoS ONE* 16(3): e0249195.

Leight, Jessica, Negussie Deyessa and Vandana Sharma. 2021. “Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of an Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Intervention Targeting Men, Women and Couples in Rural Ethiopia: Evidence from Unite for a Better Life.” *BMJ Open* 11: e042365.

Leight, Jessica, Vandana Sharma and Negussie Deyessa. 2022. “Predictors of Discordance and Concordance in Reporting of Intimate Partner Violence: Evidence from a Large Sample of Ethiopian Couples.” *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 37 (23-24): NP23156–NP23179.

Leight, Jessica. 2022. “Intimate partner violence against women: A persistent and urgent challenge” (Comment). *The Lancet* 399 (10327): 770-771.

Leight, Jessica, Marcos Chissano, Elana Safran, Liza Ali, Domingos Dustan, and Julian Jamison. 2022. “The Effects of Text Reminders on the Utilization of Family Planning Services: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial in Urban Mozambique.” *BMJ Global Health* 7: e007862.

Kappes, Heather, Rekha Balu, Russell Burnett, Nuole Chen, Pompa Debroy, Rebecca Johnson, Jessica Leight, Saad Omer, Elana Safran, Mary Steffel, Mattie Toma and Kris-Stella Trump. 2021. “Lessons for COVID-19 Vaccination from Eight Federal Government Direct Communication Evaluations.” Forthcoming, *Behavioral Science and Policy*

Leight, Jessica, Rasmané Ganaba, Abdoulaye Pedehombga, and Aulo Gelli. 2022. “The Relationship between Women’s Empowerment and Mental Health: Evidence from Burkina Faso.” *SSM – Mental Health* 2: 100160.

Chimbutane, Feliciano, Catalina Herrera-Almanza, Naureen Karachiwalla, Carlos Lauchande, and Jessica Leight. 2023. “COVID-19 School Closures and Mental Health of Adolescent Students: Evidence from Rural Mozambique.” *SSM – Mental Health* 3: 100203.

**WORKING
PAPERS**

Economy of China and agricultural economics

Educational Responses to Local and Migration Destination Shocks: Evidence from China (Joint with Yao Pan) *Under review*

Short-term and Long-term Effects of Cash for Work: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial in Tunisia (Joint with Eric Mvukiyehe) *Under review*

Human capital

Using a List Experiment to Measure Intimate Partner Violence: Cautionary Evidence from Ethiopia (Joint with Daniel Gilligan, Melissa Hidrobo and Heleene Tabet) *Under review*

Aspiring to More? New Evidence on the Effect of Light-Touch Aspirations Interventions in Rural Ethiopia (Joint with Daniel Gilligan, Michael Mulford, Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse and Heleene Tabet) *Under review*

Understanding the Role of the Different Program Components of an Information Only Nutrition Sensitive Intervention in Mediating Program Impact: Applying Causal Mediation Analysis to Experimental Evidence from Burkina Faso (Joint with Jessica Heckert and Aulo Gelli)

Effectiveness of a Couples' Intervention in Reshaping Intrahousehold Dynamics: A Qualitative Analysis from Ethiopia (Joint with Negussie Deyessa, Marjorie Pichon, and Vandana Sharma)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Can Entertainment Education be Used to Prevent Alcohol and Drug Use by Young People? (Joint with Laura Costica and Victor Orozco)

The Effect of a Light-Touch Financial Planning Intervention on Women's Empowerment and Intimate Partner Violence: Evidence from Liberia (Joint with Simone Schaner and Sarika Gupta)

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

| | |
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| USAID Bureau of Humanitarian Affairs (Co-investigator, subcontract to World Vision, \$6 million) | 2021 |
| USAID Bureau of Humanitarian Affairs (Co-PI, subcontract to World Vision, \$499,998) | 2021 |
| Office of Evaluation Sciences Grant (PI, \$137,001) | 2018 |
| Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Young Scholar Grant (PI, \$20,000) | 2018 |
| World Bank Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award | 2018 |
| J-PAL Cash Transfers for Child Health (CATCH) Pilot Grant (Co-PI, \$33,605) | 2018 |
| Fondation de France Grant (PI, €30,600) | 2017 |
| Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Research Grant (PI, \$23,200) | 2017 |
| Anonymous grant (PI, \$299,963) | 2017 |
| Government of Tamil Nadu (Co-PI, \$360,615) | 2016 |
| J-PAL Post-Primary Education Initiative Grant (PI, \$2662) | 2016 |
| U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of International Labor Affairs Grant (PI, \$1,304,957) | 2015 |
| J-PAL Governance Initiative Grant (PI, \$49,537) | 2015 |
| Government of Tamil Nadu (Co-PI, \$29,649) | |

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| Macarthur Foundation Grant Grant (PI, \$345,000) | 2014 |
| USAID Democracy, Human Rights and Governance Grant (PI, \$42,185) | 2014 2014 |
| USAID Translating Research into Action Grant (PI, \$137,124) | 2014 |
| Anonymous Grant (PI, \$841,403) | |
| Harvard Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Grant (PI, \$20,700) | 2014 2013 |
| Fondation de France Grant (PI, €10,000) | 2012 |
| Macarthur Foundation Grant (PI, \$979,883) | |
| NBER Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Aging and Health | 2012 |
| MIT Presidential Fellow | 2012 |
| Webb Medley Prize (proxime accessit): best M. Phil. performance | 2010 |
| Rhodes Scholarship | 2008 |

**SEMINARS AND
PRESENTATIONS**

2010-2012: NEUDC 2010, NEUDC 2012

2012-2013: Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, Duke University, University of Toronto, University of California – Santa Cruz, University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign, Barnard College, Williams College, Young Lives Conference

2013-2014: University of Washington China Studies Colloquium, World Bank Land Conference, Cornell Economics Department, Economic Demography Workshop at the Population Association of America, Midwest International Economics and Development Conference, Barcelona Graduate School Economics Forum: Economic Analysis of Voting Behavior

2014-2015: IFPRI Applied Microeconomics and Development, World Bank Governance Group, NBER China Workshop (discussant), USAID / IIE, Beijing University China Center for Economic Research, Center for Chinese Agricultural Policy at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Chinese Economists' Society Conference, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Western Economic Association, NBER Summer Institute (public finance and political economy)

2015-2016: University of Edinburgh Field Days, University of Minnesota Applied Economics, University of North Dakota, Swarthmore College, ASSA-Chinese Economists Society Session, University of Massachusetts – Amherst, Dartmouth College, RIDGE / LACEA-PEG Workshop on Political Economy

2016-2017: Hamilton / Colgate University, Northeastern University, World Bank Research Group (Microeconomics), George Mason University Interdisciplinary Center for Economic Sciences, American University School of International Service, Becker Friedman Institute Asian Family in Transition Conference (discussant), University of Washington, University of California – San Diego School of Global Strategy, University of California – Santa Cruz, University of California – Davis, American University (economics, gender and economics), NEUDC, Middlebury College, Virginia Tech, York University - Toronto, University of California – Santa Barbara, Population Association of America, Oklahoma State University, RAND Health Lunch,

IMF – Atlanta Federal Reserve Research Workshop on China’s Economy (discussant), Stockholm Institute of Transitional Economics, Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society

2017-2018: IFPRI Poverty, Health and Nutrition brown bag, World Bank Research Group (Trade), Chinese University of Hong Kong, American University School of International Service, Academia Sinica – Taipei, National Taiwan University, George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health, Wellesley College, Hunter College - CUNY, ASSA, Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development, World Bank – DIME, Center for Study of African Economies Annual Conference, Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade Conference, CEPREMAP India-China Conference at the Paris School of Economics, American Society of Health Economics Annual Conference, Institute of Political Science at the University of Duisburg – Essen

2018-2019: IMF – Atlanta Federal Reserve Research Workshop on China’s Economy (discussant), IMPAQ, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management conference, ASSA, George Mason University George Schar School of Policy and Development, Inter-American Development Bank D.C. Political Economy seminar, American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference

2019-2020: Third SANEM-World Bank North America Discussion Forum, Department of Labor International Labor Affairs Bureau, IMF-WB-OECD Conference on Strengthening Economic Resilience to Shocks, NBER China Workshop (discussant), Carnegie Mellon – NYU – Rochester Conference on Public Policy 2020 (discussant), Partnership for Public Service: Incorporating Behavioral Insights

2020-2021: NBER Summer Institute Gender in the Economy (recorded presentation), NEUDC, ASSA

2021-2022: ASSA (discussant), Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society, American Society of Health Economics

2022-2023: Lehigh University, IESEG School of Management, University of Göttingen, Cornell University, Harvard School of Public Health, Zhejiang University, Duke – Kunshan University, IIT – Calcutta, ASSA

REFEREEING

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review: Insights, American Economic Review, BMC Public Health, BMJ Open, BMJ Global Health, China Economic Review, Demography, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics and Human Biology, Economic Inquiry, Economic Modelling, Economics of Transition, Feminist Economics, Food Policy, Frontiers in Public Health, Health Economics, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, International Economic Review, IZA Journal of Labor Policy, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Behavioral Public Administration, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Effectiveness, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of

Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Family Violence, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Rural Studies, Journal of Urban Economics, The Lancet, The Lancet: HIV, The Lancet Regional Health – Europe, Land Use Policy, Maternal and Child Nutrition, Nature: Sustainability, Nutrition and Metabolic Insights, Paediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology, PLoS One, PLoS Global Health, Psychosocial Intervention, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economics of the Household, Review of Economics and Statistics, SAGE Open Medicine, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters, Substance Abuse: Research and Treatment, Social Science and Medicine, SSM – Mental Health, Structural Change and Economic Dynamics, Transnational Corporations, World Bank Economic Review, World Development

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REFEREEING**

J-PAL Governance Initiative, J-PAL Post-Primary Education Initiative, Economic and Social Research Council (U.K.), Center for Disease Control, World Bank DIME, Development Innovation Ventures, Austria FWF, Research Grants Council Hong Kong

LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (proficient)