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## **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

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Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of California, Merced 2014 -

### Affiliations

Scientific Director for Global Networks, Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) 2021 –  
Invited Researcher, Gender and Economic Agency Initiative, J-PAL 2021 –  
Invited Researcher, Post Primary Education Initiative, J-PAL 2020 –  
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) 2015 –

## **EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. Economics, University of California, San Diego 2014  
B.A. Economics and Psychology, University of California, Berkeley 2004

## **PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS**

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[Delivering Health Insurance Through Informal Financial Groups: Evidence on Adverse Selection, Demand, and Health Care Utilization.](#) 2021. *Health Economics*.

[Discrimination from Below: Experimental Evidence from Ethiopia.](#) 2021. *Journal of Development Economics*. (with Shibiru Ayalew and Shanthi Manian).

[Follow my Lead: Assertive Cheap Talk and the Gender Gap.](#) 2021. *Management Science*. (with Shanthi Manian)

[Does Provider Access to Technology Improve Health Care? Evidence from a national distribution of phototherapy in Rwanda.](#) 2021. *Seminars of Perinatology*, 45(1). (with Vinod Bhutani and Lisine Tuyisenge)

[Can Mobile-Deposits Bolster Savings? Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial in Sri Lanka.](#) 2020. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*. (with Suresh de Mel, Craig McIntosh, and Christopher Woodruff)

[The Usual Suspects: Do Risk Tolerance, Altruism, and Health Predict the Response to COVID-19?](#) 2020. *Review of Economics of the Household*. (with Greg Wright)

[What Explains Low Adoption of Digital Payment Technologies? Evidence from Small-Scale Merchants in Jaipur, India.](#) 2019. *PLoS ONE*, 14(7). (with Ethan Ligon, Badal Malick, and Carly Trachtman)

[Bridging Education Gender Gaps in Developing Countries: The Role of Female Teachers.](#) 2016. *Journal of Human Resources*, 51(2), 28. (Lead Article, with Karthik Muralidharan)

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

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Gender Discrimination in the Family. 2014. In E. Redmount (Ed.), *The Economics of the Family: How the Household Affects Markets and Economic Growth*. (pp. 237-266). (with Prashant Bharadwaj and Gordan B. Dahl)

US-China Trade Disputes: Rising Tide, Rising Stakes. 2006. Policy Analyses in International Economics 78. Peterson Institute for International Economics. (with Gary Clyde Hufbauer and Yee Wong)

## **SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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Can Incentives Change Beliefs? A Field Experiment in Uganda (with JohnBosco Asiimwe, Denise Ferris, Shanthi Manian, and Sarojini Hirshleifer)

Discrimination and Access to Capital: Experimental Evidence from Ethiopia (with Shibiru Ayalew and Shanthi Manian)

Getting Girls Back in School: The Returns to Alternative Education in Tanzania (with James Khakshi and SK Tariquzzaman)

Gender and Nutrition Sensitive Agricultural Extension (with Niklas Buehren and Estelle Koussoube)

Leading School Recovery from COVID-19: Experimental Evidence on Post-Pandemic School Leadership Training (with Lee Crawford and Todd Pugatch)

Selecting Effective Teachers: A Field Experiment in Madagascar (with Peter Holland and Aprajit Mahajan)

Understanding and Developing Accountability in Ghanaian Schools (with Angela Owusu Ansah and Julius Ruschenpohler)

## **GRANTS**

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2021: J-PAL Post-Primary Education Initiative, with Lee Crawford and Todd Pugatch (\$199,959)

2021: UC Merced Academic Senate Faculty Research Grant (\$9,907)

2020: Center for Effective Global Action and the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration, with Angela Owusu Ansah and Julius Ruschenpohler (\$49,968)

2020 and 2021: J-PAL Post-Primary Education Initiative, with James Ward Khakshi (\$282,278)

2020: The Small and Growing Business Evidence Fund (Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs and International Growth Centre), with Shanthi Manian (\$191,619)

2020: Center for Effective Global Action and the East Africa Social Science Translation, with John Bosco Asiimwe, Sarojini Hirshleifer, and Shanthi Manian (\$75,000)

2019: ieConnect for Impact (Development Impact Evaluation (DIME), Transport Global Practice, DFID), with Theophile Bougna (\$25,000)

2019: Center for Effective Global Action's Digital Credit Observatory, with Shanthi Manian (\$45,000)

2019: Center for Effective Global Action and the East Africa Social Science Translation, with Shibiru Ayalew and Shanthi Manian (\$50,000)

2018: BRAC-CEGA, with SK Tariquzzaman (\$64,800)

2017: Center for Effective Global Action/Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, with Ethan Ligon and Carly Trachtman (\$60,000)

2017: Center for Effective Global Action/Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, with Ethan Ligon and Carly Trachtman (\$6,500)

2016: Center for Effective Global Action and the East Africa Social Science Translation, with Shibiru Ayalew and Shanthi Manian (\$48,889)

2011: International Labor's Microinsurance Innovation Facility and EUDN (\$10,000)

## **RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

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2021: Annual Social Science Association (ASSA) Meeting, University of Nevada Reno, University of Pittsburgh, IPA Financial Gathering, UC Santa Barbara, University of Oregon (Scheduled), Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (Scheduled), University of California Irvine (Scheduled)

2020: Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), Discrimination and Disparities Seminar Series

2019: Annual Social Science Association (ASSA) Meetings, Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), Claremont Graduate University, All California Labor Economics Conference, UC

Berkeley, Innovation for Poverty Action's Financial Inclusion and Social Protection Gathering, Bay Area Behavioral and Experimental Economics Workshop, Northwest Development Economics Workshop, East Africa Evidence Summit

2018: Annual Bank Conference on Africa, Southwest Experimental and Behavioral Economics Workshop, Northwest Development Economics Workshop, CSAE (Center for the Study of African Economies) Conference, East Africa Evidence Summit, North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), UC San Diego Development Economics Conference

2017: Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), East Africa Evidence Summit, Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) Research Retreat

2016: Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), Institute for Food and Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), University of San Francisco

2015: Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Indian School of Business Hyderabad, California State University Fresno

2014: UC Merced, University of Southern California, College of William and Mary, University of New Mexico, University of Colorado Denver, US Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service, Eastern Connecticut State University, Delhi School of Economics, North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC)

2013: Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), Gender Beyond Boundaries at UC San Diego, North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC)

## **TEACHING**

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Development Economics (Undergraduate and Graduate, UC Merced)

Advanced Econometrics (Undergraduate, UC Merced)

Independent Study: Topics in development; Primary research (Undergraduate, UC Merced)

Development in India (Undergraduate, UC Education Abroad Program, India)

Impact Evaluation Training Workshop (Professionals, CEGA, Uganda, Ghana)

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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Economics Department Vice Chair: 2021 -

Economics Undergraduate Chair: 2020 - 21

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (SSHA): 2019-20

Economics Department Search Committee: 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

Economics Department Seminar Series Coordinator: 2015-16, 2018-19

Economics Department Undergraduate Committee Member: 2015

## **PROFESSIONAL and COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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*Grant Review:* Center for Effective Global Development (CEGA), KU Leuven, UC Berkeley's Economists for Equity Small Grant Program, SGB (Small and Growing Businesses) Evidence Fund

*Referee:* Economic Bulletin, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics of Education Review, Economic Journal, Journal of African Business, Journal of Contemporary African Studies, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, The Review of Economics and Statistics, World Development

*Community Initiatives:* Race Equity Committee Member for DRIVE Initiative, an initiative focused on inclusive economic development for Fresno, CA; Lead PI for community needs assessment of Merced, CA for the Central Valley Community Foundation; Consultant to the World Bank on education (Madagascar, South Asia); Mentor for Jacobs Foundation Conference Solveathon hosted by MIT Solve; Guest expert on Semper Curious Seminars on "Economic Inequality: Policies and Attitudes"; Guest speaker for Fresno's Black Women Organized for Political Action