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Education

PhD in Economics, University of Michigan	2022 – present
MPhil in Economics, University of Oxford	2015 – 2017
Thesis: “Production Networks and International Trade”	
BA in Economics, University of Cambridge , <i>First Class Honours</i>	2012 – 2015
Dissertation: “The Macroeconomic Impact of Dollarisation Adjustments in Cambodia”	
Awards: <i>Northam Memorial Prize in Economics</i> (2015; awarded by Queens’ College for the best first in the final year), <i>Foundation Scholarship</i> (2014, 2015)	

Research Interests

Development Economics, Urban Economics, Labour Economics, International Economics

Relevant Experience

Research Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Michigan	2023 – present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean Yang (Summer 2023), Kevin Carney (Summer 2024), Emma Riley (Fall 2024 - Winter 2025) 	
Research Assistant, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford	2019 – 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) providing research support to Stefan Dercon, Kate Orkin, Robert Garlick and Mahreen Mahmud Digital Pathways at Oxford working on independent research focusing on the application of digital technologies for economic development with an emphasis on urban economics 	
Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda	2017 – 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overseas Development Institute (ODI) Fellow in the role of economic advisor to the Chief Economist and the Senior Economist of the Macroeconomic Policy Division 	
Research Intern, Asian Development Bank Viet Nam Resident Mission	2014
Research Intern, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cambodia	2014

Research in Progress

Can Cash Transfers Facilitate Occupational Upgrading in Frictional Markets?

with Rob Garlick (Duke) and Kate Orkin (Oxford)

The Ramayan Effect: Mass Media, Identity, and the Rise of Hindu Nationalism in India

with Resuf Ahmed (Lausanne), Akhila Kovvuri (Stanford), Alessandro Saia (Bologna) and Dean Yang (Michigan)

Lighting Aspirations in Schools: The Impact of Lighting and Role Models on Educational Outcomes

with Axel Eizmendi-Larrinaga (Tufts)

Financial Inclusion and Rural Electrification: Evidence from Togo

with Toni Oki (Harvard), Deivy Houeix (MIT) and Axel Eizmendi-Larrinaga (Tufts)

Zoning Laws and Land Value Capture: Evidence from Rwanda

with Guy Michaels (LSE), Tanner Regan (GWU) and Matthew Sharp (Vivid Economics)

VIIRS and the Future of Night Lights Data in Economics

with Adam Storeygard (Tufts), Axel Eizmendi-Larrinaga (Tufts) and Kazuki Motohashi (Tufts)

Valuing Property and Buildings in Kigali and Secondary Cities for an Operational CAMA

with Patrick McSharry (CMU), Felix Bachofer (German Aerospace Center), Andreas Braun (Tübingen) and Kaspar Kundert (Geodata4Africa)

Publications

“A New Approach to Property Valuation Using Remote Sensing Data and Machine Learning in Kigali, Rwanda” (with Patrick McSharry, Felix Bachofer, Jonathan Bower, Andreas Braun), *International Growth Centre Working Paper*, February 2020

Presented Research

“Media, Politics and Conflict: Evidence from Television in India” (with Dean Yang), *Midwest Midwestern International Economic Development Conference*, April 2024

Research Grants

Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (\$1,489) and **Spring/Summer 2024 Graduate Research Grant** (\$4,349)

Lighting Aspirations in Schools

Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (\$18,031)

Hidden Barriers to Rural Electrification: Evidence from Togo

International Growth Centre (£5,950) and **GOPA Worldwide Consultants** (€7,700)

Valuing property and buildings in Kigali and secondary cities for an operational CAMA

International Growth Centre (£3,750)

A property price index for Rwanda’s cities

Skills

Software: Stata, Python, LaTeX, Matlab, QGIS, (advanced); R, SurveyCTO (intermediate)

Language: English (native), Thai (native), Spanish (intermediate)