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Education

PhD in Economics, University of Michigan	2022 –
MPhil in Economics, University of Oxford	2015 – 2017
BA in Economics, University of Cambridge	2012 – 2015
IB Diploma, International School of Phnom Penh	2010 – 2012

Research Interests

Development economics, labour economics, international economics

Working Papers

1. Ancient Epics in the Television Age: Mass Media, Identity, and the Rise of Hindu Nationalism in India
(with Resuf Ahmed, Akhila Kovvuri, Alessandro Saia, and Dean Yang)
2. The Efficiency Gains from Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from Kenya
(with Rob Garlick and Kate Orkin)
3. Financial Inclusion and Rural Electrification: Evidence from Togo
(with Toni Oki, Deivy Houeix, and Axel Eizmendi-Larrinaga)
4. Shareable Technologies and Role Models in Education: Experimental Evidence on Social Network Spillovers in Togo
(with Axel Eizmendi-Larrinaga)
5. Contagion in Financial Cooperatives: Evidence from Guarantor Networks in Kenya
(with Kevin Carney and Joshua Deutschmann)

Research in Progress

6. Zoning Laws and Land Value Capture: Evidence from Rwanda
(with Guy Michaels, Tanner Regan, and Matthew Sharp)
7. VIIRS and the Future of Night Lights Data in Economics
(with Adam Storeygard, Axel Eizmendi-Larrinaga, and Kazuki Motohashi)

Conferences and Presentations

STEG Annual Conference & Theme Workshops, Nairobi	2026
CSAE Conference, University of Oxford	
NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development, Nova SBE	
ASSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco	2025
BREAD Conference on Development, Princeton University	
NBER Summer Institute, Development Economics	
Advances with Field Experiments (AFE) Conference, University of Chicago	
Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Tufts University	
Webinar Series in Finance and Development (WEFIDEV)	
CEPR Paris Symposium	
Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC), University of Chicago	2024

Awards, Honours and Fellowships

Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) Fellowship <i>Department of Economics, University of Michigan</i>	2022 –
Northam Memorial Prize in Economics <i>Queens' College, University of Cambridge</i>	2015
Foundation Scholarship <i>Queens' College, University of Cambridge</i>	2014, 2015

Research Grants

Economics Graduate Student Fall Research Grant (\$2,500)	2025
Economics Graduate Student Summer Research Grant (\$4,349)	2024
Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (\$1,489)	2024
Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (\$18,031)	2023

Relevant Experience

Research Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Michigan <i>for Dean Yang (2023), Kevin Carney (2024), Emma Riley (2024 – 2026)</i>	2023 –
Research Assistant, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford <i>for Stefan Dercon, Kate Orkin, Robert Garlick, Mahreen Mahmud</i>	2019 – 2022
Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda <i>for Leonard Rugwabiza, Amina Rwakunda, Thierry Kalisa</i>	2017 – 2019

Teaching

Microeconomic Theory, Graduate (601, 602, 603, 604) <i>Graduate Student Instructor for Mu Zhang, Amanda Friedenberg, David Miller</i>	2023 – 2024
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Other Publications

“The Sunday Morning Broadcast that Changed Indian Democracy,” *VoxDev*, 3 March 2026.

Refereeing

Journal of Policy Analysis and Management

Skills

Software: Stata, Python, L^AT_EX, QGIS (advanced); R, Matlab, SurveyCTO (intermediate)

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