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Academic Employment

Research Economist (Assistant Project Scientist), UC Berkeley Center for Effective Global Action (2022 - present)

Postdoctoral Researcher, UC Berkeley Center for Effective Global Action (2018 - 2022)

Education

Ph.D, Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2017

Fields: Development Economics, Public Economics

Principal Advisor: Edward Miguel

B.A., Economics, (with Honors and Distinction), Stanford University, 2009

Research Fields

Development Economics, Public Economics, Political Economy, Health Economics

Publications

“Social protection and participation in community-driven development: Evidence from a cash transfer program in south-central Somalia” (with Vanessa van den Boogaard and Fabrizio Santoro), *Social Policy & Administration* (2023), 57(7), 1181–1198. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1111/spo1.12973>

“COVID-19 and mental health in eight Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A prospective cohort study” (with Nursena Aksunger, Corey Vernot, et al.), *PLOS Medicine* (2023), 20(4): e1004081. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1004081>

“General Equilibrium Effects of Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from Kenya” (with Dennis Egger, Johannes Haushofer, Paul Niehaus and Edward Miguel), *Econometrica* (2022). 90(6): 2603-2643. doi:<https://doi.org/10.3982/ECTA17945>

“Self-reported vs Directly Observed Face Mask Use in Kenya” (with Aleksandra Jakubowski, Dennis Egger, Carolyne Nekesa, Layna Lowe, and Edward Miguel). *JAMA Network Open* (2021), 4(7):e2118830. doi: [10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2021.18830](https://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2021.18830)

“Twenty Year Economic Effects of Deworming,” (with Joan Hamory, Michael Kremer, Edward Miguel and Sarah Baird), *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (2021), 118(14): e2023185118. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2023185118>

“Falling living standards during the COVID-19 crisis: Quantitative evidence from nine developing countries,” (with Dennis Egger, Edward Miguel, Shana Warren, et al.), *Science Advances* (2021), 7(6): eabe0997. doi: 10.1126/sciadv.abe0997

“Repo runs: Evidence from the tri-party repo market,” (with Adam Copeland and Antoine Martin), *Journal of Finance* (2014), 69:6, 2343-2380. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1111/jofi.12205>

Working Papers

“Targeting Impact versus Deprivation” (with Johannes Haushofer, Paul Niehaus, Carlos Paramo and Edward Miguel). *NBER Working Paper No. 30138*, 2022. Conditional accept, *American Economic Review*

“Preparing for an Aging Africa: Data-Driven Priorities for Economic Research and Policy” (with Madeline Duhon, Edward Miguel, Amos Njuguna and Daniela Pinto Veigaza), *NBER Working Paper No. 31750*, 2023. R&R, *JPE Micro*.

“Intergenerational Child Mortality Impacts of Deworming: Experimental Evidence from Two Decades of the Kenya Life Panel Survey” (with Alice Huang, Suleiman Asman, Sarah Baird, Lia Fernald, Joan Hamory, Satoshi Koiso, Michael Kremer, Matthew Krupoff, Michelle Layvant, Eric Ochieng, Pooja Suri, and Edward Miguel), 2023.

“Cash Transfers and Community Participation: A Village-Level Randomized Controlled Trial in Kenya” (with Kate Orkin), 2023.

“Informal Taxation and Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from Kenya.” 2018.

Selected Work in Progress

“Mask up! Testing strategies to increase mask use in Kenya” (with Dennis Egger, Aleksandra Jakubowski, Carolyne Odhiambo, Kennedy Oruenjo and Edward Miguel). AEA Trial Registry: <https://www.socialscienceregistry.org/trials/6717>

“Intergenerational Impacts of Health Investments in Kenya” (with Edward Miguel, Joan Hamory Hicks, Lia Fernald and Patricia Kariger). AEA Trial Registry: <https://www.socialscienceregistry.org/trials/728>

“The Long-Term Effects of Cash Transfers in Kenya” (with Dennis Egger, Johannes Haushofer, and Edward Miguel)

Research Grants

Grants on which PI, Co-I, or Senior/Key Personnel:

NICHD R01 (2022-27)

NSF (2022-15)

NIA R01 (2022-27)

IGC (2016-17, 2020)

Berkeley Population Center (2020)

IPA Peace & Recovery (2020)
 IZA G²LMIC (2020)
 JPAL IGI Covid-19 (2020)
 CEPR/PEDL (2014-16, 2016-17, 2019-22)
 JPAL GI (2017-18)
 AidData (2015)

Fellowships, Honors and Awards

Frisch Medal, Econometric Society, for “General Equilibrium Effects of Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from Kenya”, 2024
 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, 2012 - 2017
 George Break Prize (*Best performance in PF field courses*), UC Berkeley, 2014
 Phi Beta Kappa, 2009

Conferences & Seminars

(includes scheduled)

2024	Workshop on Determinants of Adult Mortality, Morbidity, and Healthy Aging in LMICs (Discussant), PacDev (Stanford), CSAE, PAA (Columbus), ASHEcon (San Diego)
2023	Working Group in African Political Economy (UC Berkeley), PacDev, PAA (New Orleans), NBER Summer Institute (DEV, CH), HCAP Africa Network Meeting
2022	CSAE, Advances with Field Experiments (UChicago), African Meeting of the Econometrica Society (AFES), NEUDC
2021	ASSA/AEA, PacDev (UCSD), CSAE (Oxford)
2020	PacDev (UC Berkeley), NBER SI (DEV), NEUDC (Dartmouth), IZA/FCDO G ² LM-LIC Online Research Conference
2019	PacDev (USC)
2018	CSAE (Oxford), Public Finance and Public Management in Africa (GIMPA, Accra)
2017	NEUDC (Tufts), Working Group in African Political Economy (UBC)
2015	Working Group in African Political Economy (Arizona State)

Teaching

Graduate Development Economics (TA, Prof. E. Miguel)
 Research Transparency Training (Berkeley Institute for Transparency in the Social Sciences)

Professional Service

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review: Insights, Demography, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Health Economics, Human Nature, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Finance, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Tax Administration, World Development*

Grant review: *National Science Foundation*

Other Professional Experience

Assistant Economist, Research Group, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, July 2009 - June 2011

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