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## Education

Ph.D. Economics, Arizona State University, 2013  
M.A. Economics, Arizona State University, 2009  
B.S. Mathematics, Bentley College, 2007

## Employment

Assistant Professor of Economics, Yale School of Management, 2018 –

### *Previous Positions*

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Yale School of Management, 2017 – 2018  
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Notre Dame, 2013 – 2018  
Concurrent Faculty, Keough School for Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame, 2015 – 2018

## Research

### *Journal Articles*

“Cash Transfers as a Response to COVID-19: Experimental Evidence from Kenya,” Wyatt Brooks, Terence Johnson, and Jackline Oluoch-Aridi. *Journal of Development Economics*, 2022, 158: 102929.

“The Equilibrium Impact of Agricultural Risk on Intermediate Inputs and Aggregate Productivity.” *Review of Economic Studies*, 2021, 88(5): 2275 – 2307.

“Eliminating Uncertainty in Market Access: The Impact of New Bridges in Rural Nicaragua,” with Wyatt Brooks. *Econometrica*, 2020, 88(5): 1965 – 1997.

“Factors Affecting College Attainment and Student Ability in the U.S. since 1900,” with Christopher Herrington. *Review of Economic Dynamics*, 2019, 31(1): 224 – 244.

“Mentors or Teachers? Microenterprise Training in Kenya,” with Wyatt Brooks and Terence Johnson. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2018, 10(4): 196 – 221.

### *Other Publications*

“Is there a Cost-Effective Way to Train Microenterprises?” with Wyatt Brooks and Terence Johnson. *World Bank Economic Review (Supplement)*, 2020, 34(1): 63 – 67.

“Engineering environmental resilience: A matched cohort study of the community benefits of trail-bridges in rural Rwanda” with Evan Thomas, Abigail Bradshaw, Lambert Mugabo, Laura MacDonald, and Wyatt Brooks. *Science of the Total Environment*, 2021, 771: 145275.

*Working Papers*

“Labor Market Dynamics and Development,” with Will Jianyu Lu and Todd Schoellman. Revision requested at *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

“From Micro to Macro in an Equilibrium Diffusion Model,” with Wyatt Brooks and Terence Johnson.

“The Role of Labor Market Frictions in Structural Transformation,” with Todd Schoellman. *Prepared for the special issue of Oxford Development Studies on STEG/CEPR’s review of structural transformation.*

*In Progress/In the Field*

“Contracting in Space: Procurement Auctions on the Nepali Highway Network” with Théophile Bougna and Wyatt Brooks

“The Gender Turnover Gap Across Countries,” with Will Jianyu Lu and Todd Schoellman

“International Labor Market Cyclicity,” with Will Jianyu Lu and Todd Schoellman

“Market Access and Economic Development: Experimental Evidence from New Bridges in Rwanda,” with Wyatt Brooks (*fieldwork ongoing*)

“Measuring Learning Spillovers among Micro-enterprises: Experimental Evidence from Kenya,” with Wyatt Brooks and Terence Johnson (*fieldwork completed*)

**Recent Presentations**

(including scheduled)

2022: Berkeley, Georgetown, Econometric Society

2021: Dartmouth, Richmond Fed, NYU, Universidad Diego Portales, AEA Meetings, PEGNet-DIE Workshop on Social Protection During Pandemics, Society for Economic Dynamics

2020: UC Santa Cruz, Oxford, Penn State, Central Bank of Chile, Fed Board, Fudan, UC San Diego, National University of Singapore, AEA Meetings, NBER Summer Institute (EFG)

2019: Colby College, North Carolina, Duke, Tufts, Warwick, NBER Growth, NBER Summer Institute (Development), Temple Macro-Growth Conference, Workshop on Firms in Emerging Economies (Jinan University)

2018: British Columbia, Columbia, Illinois, McGill, NYU, Stanford, Yale, World Bank, Barcelona Summer Forum (Growth and Fluctuations), BREAD, NBER Summer Institute (Growth, Macro Perspectives), Society for Economics Dynamics

**Students (placement)**

*Notre Dame:*

2019: Will Jianyu Lu (Central Bank of Chile)

2018: Sara Esfahani (Sam Houston State University)

2015: Eva Van Leemput (Federal Reserve Board)

## Teaching

Yale: East Africa International Experience (MBA elective), The Global Macroeconomy (MBA and EMBA core), Market Failures and Policy in the Developing World (MBA elective)

Notre Dame: Development Economics (PhD), Poverty in the Developing World

Arizona State: Intermediate Macroeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics

## Other Affiliations

Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Affiliate

Structural Change and Economic Growth Consortium (STEG) at CEPR, Agriculture Program Leader (with Julieta Caunedo and Doug Gollin)

Yale Economic Growth Center, Affiliate

Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale (Y-RISE), Affiliate