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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Arizona State University	2013
M.S. Economics, Arizona State University	2009
B.S. Mathematics, <i>Summa cum Laude</i> , Bentley College	2007

AFFILIATION

Yale University	
Assistant Professor of Economics, School of Management	2018 – present
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, School of Management	2017 – 2018
University of Notre Dame	
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics	2013 – 2018
Concurrent Faculty Member, Keough School for Global Affairs	2016 – 2018

RESEARCH

Published Papers

“Mentors or Teachers? Microenterprise Training in Kenya,” with Wyatt Brooks and Terence Johnson. November 2017. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, forthcoming

Working Papers

“Factors Affecting College Attainment and Student Ability in the U.S. since 1900,” with Christopher Herrington. April 2018. Revision requested at *Review of Economic Dynamics*

“Eliminating Uncertainty in Market Access: The Impact of New Bridges in Rural Nicaragua,” with Wyatt Brooks. November 2017. Revision requested at *Econometrica*

“Agricultural Risk, Intermediate Inputs, and Cross-Country Productivity Differences.” December 2016. Revision requested at *Review of Economic Studies*

“Labor Market Flows and Development,” with Jianyu Lu and Todd Schoellman. March 2018.

Selected Work in Progress

“Bringing Data to the Model: Firm-to-Firm Learning in a Structural Model,” with Wyatt Brooks and Terence Johnson

“Labor Market Dynamics Amplify Firm Size Distortions,” with Jianyu Lu and Todd Schoellman

“Distortions or Sorting in Agricultural Intermediates? Theory and Evidence from Malawi Fertilizer Subsidies,” with Sara Esfahani

TEACHING

Yale: Economic Strategy for Doing Business in Developing Countries (MBA)

Notre Dame: Development Economics (PhD), Grad Student Research Workshop (PhD), Poverty in the Developing World

Arizona State: Intermediate Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

2018 (including scheduled): McGill, St. Gallen, Zurich, Barcelona Summer Forum (Growth and Fluctuations), BREAD, NBER Summer Institute (Growth, Macro Perspectives), Society for Economics Dynamics

2017: Bristol, Edinburgh, Stony Brook, Toulouse, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, West Virginia, Yale, Agriculture and Development Conference (Yale), NBER Conference on “Understanding Productivity Growth in Agriculture,” NBER Summer Institute (Productivity, Entrepreneurship, and Development), Econometric Society Summer Meeting, RIDGE Workshop on Growth and Development in Macroeconomics, Society for Economic Dynamics, SITE Development Workshop (Stanford)

2016: UNC-Charlotte, World Bank, Conference on “New Data and New Questions: Implications for Macroeconomics” (Arizona State), Chicago Fed Development Workshop, International Growth Centre Growth Week, Econometric Society Summer Meeting, World Bank ABCDE

2015: Western Ontario, McMaster, York, European Economic Association Meeting, Arizona State Reunion Conference, Development Day (Michigan), P.A.E.L.L.A. Workshop (Notre Dame)

2014: ITAM, Atlanta Fed, Toronto, Luksic Conference (PUC Chile), Conference on Structural Development Perspectives (Peking), Society for Economic Dynamics, Arizona State Reunion Conference

≤ 2013: Miami, Notre Dame, Virginia, Rochester, World Bank, SUNY Buffalo, Georgia State, Exeter, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Laval, St. Louis Fed, Washington State, Canadian Economic Association Meeting, CASEE Macro Reunion Conference, Midwest Macro Summer Meeting, Econometric Society Summer Meeting, Society for Economic Dynamics

Discussions:

“The Agricultural Wage Gap: Evidence from Brazilian Micro-data,” by Alvarez (2018 AEA Meeting)

“Asymmetric Information and Remittances: Evidence from Matched Administrative Data,” by Joseph, Nyarko, and Wang (2017 AEA Annual Meeting)

“Non-Traded Goods and Capital Flows to Developing Countries,” by Rothert and Short (2014 Canadian Macro Study Group)

SERVICE

Advising (placement)

Ongoing: Jianyu Lu

2018: Sara Esfahani (Sam Houston State University)

2015: Eva Van Leemput (Federal Reserve Board)

Referee

Journals: *AEJ: Macro*, *AEJ: Applied*, *American Economic Review*, *B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, *Review of Development Economics*, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*

Grants: *National Science Foundation (NSF)*, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)*

Conference Organization

2017, 2018: Workshop on Macro Development [[website](#)], with Julieta Caunedo

2018: Entrepreneurship and Private Enterprise Development Workshop, with Francesco Amodio