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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 –
Assistant Professor (by courtesy), Yale Jackson School of Global Affairs, 2022 –

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

Donovan, Kevin and Todd Schoellman. "The Role of Labor Market Frictions in Structural Transformation," *Oxford Development Studies*, 2023, forthcoming (special issue reviewing structural transformation).

Donovan, Kevin, Will Jianyu Lu, and Todd Schoellman. "Labor Market Dynamics and Development," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2023, 138(4): 2287 – 2325.

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

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

Brooks, Wyatt and Kevin Donovan. "Eliminating Uncertainty in Market Access: The Impact of New Bridges in Rural Nicaragua," *Econometrica*, 2020, 88(5): 1965 – 1997.

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

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

Other Publications

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

Thomas, Evan, Abigail Bradshaw, Lambert Mugabo, Laura MacDonald, Wyatt Brooks, and Kevin Donovan. "Engineering environmental resilience: A matched cohort study of the community benefits of trailbridges in rural Rwanda," *Science of the Total Environment*, 2021, 771: 145275.

Working Papers

Brooks, Wyatt, Kevin Donovan, and Terence R. Johnson. "From Micro to Macro in an Equilibrium Diffusion Model," May 2023, revision requested at *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

Donovan, Kevin, Will Jianyu Lu, Todd Schoellman, and Joseph Pedkte. "Labor Market Anatomy of a Macroeconomic Crisis," July 2023.

In Progress/In the Field

Bacher, Annika, Kevin Donovan, Philipp Grübener, Lukas Nord, and Todd Schoellman. "The Gender Turnover Gap Across Countries."

Brooks, Wyatt and Kevin Donovan. "Market Access and Economic Development: Experimental Evidence from New Bridges in Rwanda."

Brooks, Wyatt and Kevin Donovan. "Market Exposure, Trade, and Conflict: The Impact of the Russia/Ukraine War on Rwandan Farmers."

Recent Presentations

(including scheduled)

2023: Boston University, Cornell, McGill, Peking, Macro-Development Conference (Princeton)

2022: Berkeley, Georgetown, Monash, Econometric Society, ASU Conference in Honor of Berthold Herrendorf, Development Labor Workshop (Oxford), Small Business and Growth Conference (Bank Al-Maghrib), NBER Summer Institute Growth (discussant)

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: International Experience: Kenya (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

Grants

(all translated to USD at current exchange rates)

2022: STEG/CEPR Large Research Grant (121,814), STEG Small Grant (24,550) J-PAL K-CAI Climate Fund (400,000)

2021: ATAI (417,061), J-PAL Gender and Economic Agency (17,490)

2020: Wellspring Foundation (1,534,000), USAID DIV (600,000) J-PAL Jobs and Opportunity Initiative (50,000)

2019: PEDL Small Grant (44,307)

2018: Wellspring Foundation (220,759)

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