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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Agricultural & Resource Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, (Defended Aug 2014)
- M.A. Agricultural & Resource Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, 2012
- M.A. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, 2008
- B.A. Economics, minor: Mathematics (Magna Cum Laude, Honors), Bryn Mawr College, PA, 2005
- I.B. United World College, Waterford Kamhlaba United World College of Southern Africa, Swaziland, 1995-2001

### DISSERTATION

*Essays on Environmental Shocks in Developing Countries: Adaptation of Social Protection, Migration and Labor*  
Committee: Prof. Vivian Hoffmann (Chair), Prof. Kenneth McConnell, Prof. Kenneth Leonard

### FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Primary: Development Economics, Economics of Natural Disasters, Environmental Economics  
Secondary: Applied Econometrics, Migration and Labor, Gender

### PAPERS

- “Can Natural Disasters Affect Decentralized Targeting of Social Safety Net Resources Intended For the Poor? Evidence from Earthquakes in Indonesia” *Job Market Paper*

Presentations:

- German Economics Association Conference on Development Economics and Policy, Germany (June 2014)
- World Congress on Environmental and Resource Economics (WCERE), poster session, Turkey (July 2014)
- Midwest Economics Association, Chicago (March 2014)
- Frontiers in Economics of Natural Hazards and Disaster Risk Reduction Workshop, European Association of Environmental and Resource Economics (EAERE), Italy (September 2013)

- “The Impact of Weather and Conflict-Driven Internal Migration on Labor Markets in Nepal” (with Valerie Mueller and Jean-Francois Maystadt), *Submitted*

Presentations:

- Population Association of America, Boston (May 2014)

- “Crop Loss and Youth Labor and Schooling Outcomes in Tanzania”, *Working Paper*
- “Gateway Technologies: Learning by doing something else” (with Vivian Hoffmann and Sarah Adelman), *Working Paper*
- “Menstrual Management in Low-Income Countries: Needs and Trends” (with Vivian Hoffmann and Sarah Adelman), April 2013, *Waterlines: International Journal of water, sanitation and waste*, Vol. 32(2), pp 135-153

## WORK/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Economist:* UN-FAO, Agricultural Economics Division, Protection to Production (PtoP) group, September 2014 – present
- Research Assistant:* Dr. Valerie Mueller and Dr. Jean-Francois Maystadt, International Food Policy and Research Institute (IFPRI), Development Strategy and Governance Division, June 2013 – July 2014
- Research Assistant:* Prof. Vivian Hoffmann and Prof. Sarah Adelman, University of Maryland, Aug 2010 – June 2013, for Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant, on “Menstrual Management and Sanitation Systems”
- Assistant Economist:* Moody’s Analytics, Risk Management and Credit Ratings Research, 2005 – 2006
- Research Assistant:* C.T. Smith Stockbrokers and Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Summer 2004

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Teaching Assistant:* The Chesapeake Bay Ecosystem: Intersection of Science, Economics and Policy, Spring 2013, Supervisor: Prof. Douglas Lipton
- Teaching Assistant:* Food and Agricultural Policy, Fall 2010, Supervisor: Prof. Howard Leathers
- Teaching Assistant:* Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory and Policy, Fall 2008, Supervisor: Prof. John Shea
- Teaching Assistant:* Principles of Microeconomics Fall 2007 (Head TA), Spring 2007, Fall 2006 Supervisor: Prof. Henry Terrell

## HONORS & AWARDS

- International Conference Student Support Award, University of Maryland, 2014
- Scholarship for Frontiers in Economics of Natural Hazards and Disaster Risk Reduction Workshop from European Association of Environmental and Resource Economics (EAERE), 2013
- Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Award, University of Maryland, 2013
- Certificate for Excellence and Innovation in Undergraduate Teaching in the Marquee Courses in Science and Technology, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, University of Maryland, 2012
- Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, University of Maryland, 2009
- Graduate Assistantship, University of Maryland 2007 – 2013
- Laura Estabrook Romine Fellowship in Economics for Best Senior, Bryn Mawr College, 2005
- Center for Research Studies Economics Research Grant, Bryn Mawr College, 2004
- Undergraduate Merit Scholarship, Bryn Mawr College, 2002-2005

## SKILLS

Computer Skills: Stata, GIS, Latex (including Beamer) R, Matlab

Languages: English (fluent), Sinhalese (native), French (proficient), Siswati & Swahili (basic)

## REFERENCES

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