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EMPLOYMENT	University of New Mexico , Albuquerque, NM Assistant Professor, Economics	2026–Present
EDUCATION	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI Ph.D., Public Policy & Economics M.A., Economics Columbia University, New York, NY M.P.A, International Development Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT B.A., Mathematics-Economics	2026 2021 2016 2010
PUBLICATIONS	“ A Field of Her Own: Property Rights and Women’s Agency in Myanmar ” (with Alexandra Hartman, Lakshmi Iyer, and Edmund Malesky), <i>The Journal of Politics</i> 2026 “ Measuring Remittances ” (with Giuseppe De Arcangelis, Yuna Liang, Peter Srouji, and Dean Yang), <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> , 2023	
WORKING PAPERS	“ Technology of Liberation or Control?: The Asymmetric Effects of the Internet on Political Conflict ” (with Megan Ryan) “The Intergenerational Impacts of Reparations: Evidence from the Eastern Cherokees” (with Achyuta Adhvaryu, Randall Akee, Emilia Simeonova, and Huayu Xu) “Goal Setting for Remittances” (with Marup Hossain and Dean Yang)	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	“Bias and Precision in Measurement of Livestock Weight” (with Andrew Dillon, Dylan Groves, and Dean Karlan) “Mobile Money Agents’ Incentives to Adopt Digital Tools: A Randomized Controlled Pilot Study” (with Emma Riley) “Innovations in School-Based Learning Programs to Mitigate Risks of Conflict for Youth in the Philippines’ BARMM Region” (with Jeroen Adam and Mahreen Khan) “Unpacking Bias and Market Power in Bangladesh’s High International Migration Costs	

(with Mahreen Khan, Sakib Mahmood, and Emir Murathanoğlu)

TEACHING

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Econ 461: Economic Development, **Spring 2022**

Econ 251: Introduction to Econometrics and Statistics, **Fall 2020 / Spring 2021 / Fall 2021**

Columbia University, New York, NY

SIPA U6500: Quantitative Analysis for International and Public Affairs I, **Fall 2015**

SIPA U6501: Quantitative Analysis for International and Public Affairs II, **Spring 2016**

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of Michigan: Population Studies Center (PSC) Fellowship
Economic Demography Training Program, **2022–2026**

University of Michigan: Poverty Solutions Research Award
Strategies to Prevent and Alleviate Poverty, **2022**

Columbia University: Global Leaders Scholarship, **2014**

Columbia University: SIPA Scholarship, **2014**

Wesleyan University: White Prize for Advanced Undergraduate Study in Economics, **2010**

GRANTS

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA): Peace & Recovery Program Exploratory Grant (9,541 USD)

Innovations in school-based learning programs to mitigate risks of conflict for youth in the Philippines' BARMM region, **2025**

University of Michigan: Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (3,000 USD)
The Role of Social Media in Conflict Settings: Evidence from Myanmar, **2024**

William T. Grant Foundation: Major Research Grant on Reducing Inequality (239,817 USD)

The Intergenerational Impacts of Reparations on Youth Outcomes: Evidence from the Eastern Cherokees, **2023**

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA): Peace & Recovery Program Exploratory Grant (11,399 USD)

The Role of Online Hate Speech in Myanmar's Ethnic Conflict, **2021**

PRESENTATIONS

2026

Political Economy Rookiefest (Northwestern University)

2025

Empirical Studies of Conflict Research and Policy Conference (National Taiwan Univer-

sity); Economic Development Seminar (University of Michigan)

2024

68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (United Nations, New York, NY); MDev Conference (University of Michigan); NBER Summer Institute – Children and Families (Cambridge, MA); IPA & GPRL Researcher Gathering (Northwestern University); Development Economics Workshop (University of Michigan); Development Day (Northwestern University)

2023

Ninth International Conference on Agricultural Statistics (World Bank, Washington, D.C.); IPA & GPRL Researcher Gathering (Northwestern University); Development Economics Workshop (University of Michigan)

2022

Human Capital, History, Demography & Development Seminar (University of Michigan); Development Economics Day (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)

2021

Methods and Measurement Conference (Northwestern University, virtual)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Innovations for Poverty Action , Myanmar & Namibia	
	Research Manager, Myanmar	2017–2019
	Research Coordinator, Namibia	2016–2017
	U.S. Peace Corps , Madagascar	
	Community Economic Development Volunteer	2011–2013
OTHER ACTIVITIES	University of Michigan: Human Capital, History, Demography, & Development (H2D2) Seminar <i>Student Coordinator</i> , 2021–2022	
	University of Michigan: Public Policy & Economics Ph.D. Program <i>Admissions Committee Member</i> , 2022	
CITIZENSHIP	U.S./Austrian Dual Citizen	

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