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Positions

Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University
Clinical Assistant Professor of Public Service (2018 - Present)

Daniel J. Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Washington
Pre-Doctoral Lecturer, Teaching Assistant, and Research Assistant (2013-2018)

Department of Global Economics, Sungkyunkwan University
Lecturer (2017)

Publications

“Moving up or Just Surviving? Non-Farm Self-Employment in India.” The latest version can be found [here](#). **Accepted** at the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*.

“Spatially Heterogeneous Effects of a Public Works Program.” *Journal of Development Economics*, 136, January 2019: 151-167.

“Relating Seasonal Hunger, Coping and Prevention Strategies, and Household Nutrition: A Panel Analysis of Malawian Farm Households” with C. Leigh Anderson, Travis Reynolds, and Pierre Biscaye. *Journal of Development Studies*, 54(10), October 2018: 1737-1755.

Working Papers and Works in Progress

“Should Farmers Farm More? Comparing Marginal Products within Malawian Households” with Peter Brummund. The latest version can be found [here](#). **Revision requested** at the *Journal of Development Economics*.

“Protecting Girls’ Lives Using Social Safety Nets” with Jagori Chatterjee. The latest draft can be found [here](#). **Submitted**.

“Agricultural Plots, Labor Allocation, and Income Hiding in Ethiopia.” A preliminary draft can be found [here](#).

“Polygamous Households and Intra-Household Decision-Making: Evidence and Policy Implications from Mali and Tanzania” with C. Leigh Anderson, Travis Reynolds, and Pierre Biscaye.

“Market Failures and Agricultural Production: Theory and Policy Implications from India.” Work in progress.

“Childcare, schooling, and maternal labor supply” with Alex Eble. Work in progress.

Presentations (Including Scheduled)

2019: NYU (New York, USA); RES (Coventry, UK)

2018: AEA/ASSA (Philadelphia, USA); NYU (New York, USA)

2017: Northwest Development Workshop (Vancouver, Canada); KEA/APEA (Seoul, South Korea); APPAM (Chicago, USA)

2016: IATUR (Seoul, South Korea); Data for Policy (Cambridge, UK); PNW Labor Day (Seattle, USA)

2015: APPAM (Miami, USA); STAARS (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

Research and Teaching Interests

Microeconomics of Development (Labor, Gender, and Agriculture), Applied Microeconometrics, Statistics, Household Surveys

Teaching Experience (Including Scheduled)

Research Methods (PhD)

Statistical Methods (Masters)

Using Large Datasets in Policy Research (Masters)

Designing Data Collection for Program Evaluation (Masters)

Capstone: Advanced Research Projects in Quantitative Analysis (Masters)

Quantitative Analysis for Public Policy (Undergrad)

Mathematics for Economics (Undergrad)

Education

University of Washington

Ph.D. - Public Policy and Management (2018)

MS - Public Policy and Management (2015)

Georgia State University

MPP - Public Policy (2013)

University of Georgia

B.A. - Spanish (2008)

Service

Referee service: World Development, Agricultural Economics, Social Indicators Research

Other Professional Experience

The World Bank
Consultant (2019)

Languages

English (Native), Spanish (Fluent), Korean (Beginner)