

# Joshua D. Merfeld

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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)

## Education

University of Washington  
PhD - 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)

## Research and Teaching Interests

Primary: Microeconomics of Development (Labor, Gender, and Agriculture), Applied Microeconomics  
Secondary: Household Survey Data Curation and Methodology, Political Economy of Development

## Publications

“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). Accepted at *Journal of Development Studies*.

## Working Papers and Works in Progress

“Spatially Heterogeneous Effects of a Public Works Program.” Revise at resubmit at *Journal of Development Economics*.

“Can Respondent Bias Explain the Gender Productivity Gap in Agriculture?” *Under review*.

“Missing Girls, Income Shocks, and Consumption Smoothing” (with Jagori Saha). The first draft can be found [here](#).

“Moving up or Just Surviving? Non-Farm Self-Employment in India.” The latest version can be found [here](#).

“Should Households Work More or Less in Agriculture? Micro-evidence from Malawi” (with Peter Brummund).

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

## Presentations

2018: AEA/ASSA (Philadelphia, 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)

## Service

*Referee service:* Agricultural Economics, Social Indicators Research

## Languages

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