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Current Position

Postdoctoral Scholar, UC Berkeley Center for Effective Global Action (2018 - present)

Education

Ph.D, Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2017

Fields: Development Economics, Public Economics

Principal Advisor: Edward Miguel

B.A., Economics, (with Honors and Distinction), Stanford University, 2009

Research Fields

Development Economics, Public Economics, Political Economy

Publications

Repo runs: Evidence from the tri-party repo market (with Adam Copeland and Antoine Martin), 2014.
Journal of Finance, 69:6, 2343-2380.

Working Papers

Informal Taxation and Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from Kenya

Secondary School Electrification in Kenya (with Susanna Berkouwer and Kenneth Lee)

Work in Progress

General Equilibrium Effects of Cash Transfers (with Johannes Haushofer, Paul Niehaus and Edward Miguel). AEA Trial Registry: <https://www.socialscienceregistry.org/trials/505>

Cash Transfers and Local Politics: A Village-Level Randomized Controlled Trial in Kenya (with Kate Orkin) AEA Trial Registry: <http://www.socialscienceregistry.org/trials/2918>

Research Grants

2017: How Cash Transfers Shape Citizen-State Interactions (with Kate Orkin), JPAL GI (\$50,000)

2014 - 2017: General Equilibrium Effects of Cash Transfers in Kenya (with Johannes Haushofer, Edward Miguel and Paul Niehaus), DFID/PEDL (\$350,000), IGC (\$380,000)

2015: Decentralization and Rural Electrification in Kenya (with Kenneth Lee), AidData (\$70,000)

Fellowships, Honors and Awards

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, 2012 - 2017

George Break Prize (*Best performance in PF field courses*), UC Berkeley, 2014

Phi Beta Kappa, 2009

Conference Presentations

2018 CSAE (Oxford)

2017 NEUDC (Tufts), Working Group in African Political Economy (UBC)

2015 Working Group in African Political Economy (Arizona State)

Referee Service

Journal of Finance, Journal of Public Economics

Previous Employment

Graduate Student Researcher, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley, Summer 2012 - Spring 2013,
Fall 2017

Assistant Economist, Research Group, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, July 2009 - June 2011