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## Education

### University of Wisconsin - Madison (UW)

*Ph.D. Candidate, Agricultural & Applied Economics (AAE)*

Madison, WI  
Expected 2019

Fields: Development Economics, Migration, & Demography

Predocotrual Trainee, Center for Demography & Ecology (CDE) supported by the National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (NICHD-T32)

Fellow, Science & Medicine Graduate Research Scholars (SciMed GRS)

### School of International Service (SIS) at American University

*M.A., International Development*

Washington, DC  
2006

Concentration: Economic Development & Community Development

### Tufts University

*B.A., Economics*

Medford, MA  
2002

## Working Papers

**Job Market Paper:** "Anticipatory Migration and Local Labor Responses to Rural Climate Shocks," 2018.

"Endogenous Selection, Migration & Occupation Outcomes for Rural Southern Mexicans," (2018) with B. L. Barham.  
[*Revise & resubmit @ Journal of Population Economics*]

"Asset Dynamics & Poverty Traps in Northern Nigeria," (2018) with A. Dillon.

"Does Empathic Concern for Children Explain the Gender-Donations Gap?," (2018) with J. van Rijn & B. L. Barham.  
[*Under review*]

"The Impact of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs on Indigenous Peoples: A Quantitative Case Study of Mexico," (2018) with S. Roy.

## Peer Reviewed Publications

Karamba, W., **E. J. Quiñones** & P. Winters, (2011). "Migration & Food Security in Ghana," *Food Policy* 36(1): 41-53.

Zeza, A., P. Winters, B. Davis, G. Carletto, K. Covarrubias, **E. J. Quiñones**, K. Stamoulis, P. Karfakis, L. Tasciotti, S. DiGiuseppe & Genny Bonomi, (2011). "Rural Household Access to Assets & Agrarian Institutions: A Cross Country Comparison," *The European Journal of Economic Development* 23(4): 569-597

Davis, B., P. Winters, G. Carletto, K. Covarrubias, **E. J. Quiñones**, A. Zeza, K. Stamoulis, C. Azzarri & S. DiGiuseppe, (2010). "A Cross-Country Comparison of Rural Income Generating Activities," *World Development* 38(1): 48-63.

Winters, P., B. Davis, G. Carletto, K. Covarrubias, **E. J. Quiñones**, A. Zeza, C. Azzarri, & K. Stamoulis, (2009). "Assets, Activities & Rural Income Generation: Evidence from Multicountry Analysis," *World Development* 37(9): 1435-1452.

## Presentations

"Anticipatory Migration and Local Labor Responses to Rural Climate Shocks"	
Sustainability & Development Conference	2018
Population Reference Bureau U.S. Policy Communications Workshop	2018
Population Association of America Annual Meetings	2018
Midwest Economics Association Annual Meetings	2018
"We've Come a Long Long Way Together: A Review of Global Poverty Reduction Trends"	
Science & Medicine Graduate Research Scholars Seminar Series	2018
Does Empathic Concern for Children Explain the Gender-Donations Gap?"	
Development Economics Workshop at UW-AAE [Joint with coauthor]	2017
"Endogenous Selection, Migration & Occupation Outcomes for Rural Southern Mexicans"	
Midwest International Economic Development Conference	2017
Population Association of America Annual Meetings	2016
"The Impact of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs on Indigenous Peoples: A Quantitative Case Study of Mexico"	
Population Association of America Annual Meetings	2017
"Asset Dynamics & Poverty Traps in Northern Nigeria"	
Center for the Study of African Economies Conference	2016

## Grants & Awards

UW Thomsen Distinguished Graduate Dissertator Fellowship:	\$31,500	2018-2019
UW-AAE Bromley Dissertation Proposal Prize:	\$1,000	2018
National Institute of Child Health & Human Development Training Grant:	\$92,000	2015-2017
Science & Medicine Graduate Research Scholars Fellowship:	\$35,000	2017-2018
	\$46,000	2013-2014
Behavioral Research Insights Through Experiments (BRITE) Lab Grant:	\$2,500	2017

## Professional Service

Referee: *World Development*, *Demography*, *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, *Population & Environment*, *Journal of Behavioral & Experimental Economics*, *Economics that Really Matters* (Blog - associate editor)

Organizer: Session on *Demographic Dynamics, Environment & Development* at the Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meetings (expected 2019)

## Works in Progress

"Anticipatory Behavior as Adaptation to Climate Change?," with J. Nobles, F. Riosmena & R. Nawrotzki.

"A Comparison of Bargaining Power Measurement Methods," with Matthew Klein, Bradford L. Barham & Kelly Wu.

"Addressing Young Child Morbidity in Uganda through Food-Based Micronutrient Interventions," with Rachel Frattarola Hernández.

## Professional Experience

### International Food Policy Research Institute Senior Research Analyst

Washington, DC  
2008-2013

- Collaborated on a multidisciplinary research team developing proposals, designing impact evaluations and observational studies, conducting field trainings and capacity building activities.
- Collected survey data, provided technical assistance and policy analysis to partner organizations including government ministries, managed and analyzed data, drafted literature reviews, and coauthored articles.
- Executed power calculations, sampling, survey design, data collection (including Computer Assisted Personalized Interviewing), tracking survey respondents for follow-up, data management, and regression analysis.
- Designed and coordinated primary data collection, including the second round of longitudinal survey from 2,000 households (Burkina Faso), the third round of longitudinal survey from 2,000 households (Uganda), the second round of longitudinal survey from 600 households (Nigeria), an initial round of survey from 7,000 households (Ghana), and a baseline survey from 4,000 households (Guatemala).
- Partnered with Heller Keller International (Burkina Faso), HarvestPlus (Uganda), Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Ghana), Economics Directorate of the Ministry of Agriculture (Mozambique), Mercy Corps (Guatemala), Understanding Children's Work Project of the International Labor Organization (El Salvador), the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO).
- Conducted research on agricultural production, nutrition, food security, poverty and asset accumulation, migration, social protection (conditional cash transfers), and gender, including a background paper for FAO's [2010-2011 State of Food and Agriculture - Women in Agriculture: Closing the gender gap for development](#).

### Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations Research Assistant

Rome, Italy  
2006-2008

- Supported a team of economists in processing survey data, documenting methodology, analyzing data, supervising team members, drafting literature reviews, and coauthoring working papers and journal articles as part of the [Rural Income Generating Activities \(RIGA\) initiative](#).
- Constructed and managed a publicly available database of income aggregates (RIGA-H) and labor profiles (RIGA-L) now consisting of 63 datasets from 23 countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America (with multiple entries over time for 18 countries).
- Trained and supervised new research support staff responsible for data processing.
- Contributed to background papers for the World Bank's [2008 World Development Report - Agriculture for Development](#) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development's [2011 Rural Poverty Report = New realities, new challenges: New opportunities for tomorrow's generation](#).

### Inter-American Development Bank Research Intern

Washington, DC  
2005-2006

- Collaborated on an evaluation of PROGRESA/Oportunidades, Mexico's conditional cash transfer program.
- Processed and analyzed data to assess targeting as well as education and health outcomes.

### Counterpart International Monitoring & Evaluation Intern

Dushanbe, Tajikistan  
2005

- Executed monitoring and evaluation activities of various programs, including fishpond creation, storage reconstruction, seed disbursement, irrigation extension, and business training.
- Conducted farmer interviews as part of a regional and sectoral value chain study.

## Professional Development

US Policy Communication (Population Reference Bureau) 2018  
R for Researchers (UW Social Science Computing Cooperative) 2018

Êstimate: Panel & Time Series Methods (Michigan State University)	2015
Using Stata Effectively: Data Management, Analysis & Graphics Training (Stata)	2012
Management for Results (Performance Institute)	2012
Managing Field Experiments (J. Poverty Action Lab & Innovations for Poverty)	2010
Poverty Measurement & Analysis (World Bank)	2010
Multi-topic Household Surveys (World Bank)	2010
Sampling for Surveys (World Bank)	2009
Mixed Methods Research (World Bank)	2008

## International Field Experience

Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mozambique, Nigeria, Uganda, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, & Tajikistan

## Skills

**Statistical Applications & Programming:** Stata, R, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, & Github

**Languages:** English (native), Spanish (fluent), French (intermediate), Portuguese & Italian (basic)

## Leadership & Volunteer Experience

<b>Taylor-Hibbard Club</b> <i>Graduate Committe Student Representative</i>	Madison, WI 2016-2017
<b>International Development Program Student Association</b> <i>Co-president</i>	Washington, DC 2005-2006
<b>Alternative Spring Break at American University</b> <i>Trip Co-leader &amp; Board Member</i>	Brazil & USA-Mexico Border 2004-2006
<b>AmeriCorps ★ National Civilian Community Corps</b> <i>Team Leader &amp; Corps Member</i>	IL, FL, GA, TN, PA, SC, VA, WV, & Washington, DC 2002-2004

## References

Bradford L. Barham (advisor)  
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