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## FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION

### Primary

Development Economics

### Secondary

Applied Econometrics

Agricultural Economics

## DISSERTATION: “Essays in Development Economics”

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Dissertation committee: Jeremy Magruder (Chair), Elisabeth Sadoulet, Ted Miguel, and Aprajit Mahajan

## PREVIOUS EDUCATION

Institution	Degree	Field of Study	Year
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	M.A.	International Development	2010
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY	B.A.	Government	2004

## WORKING PAPERS

“Gambling, Saving, and Lumpy Expenditures: Sports Betting in Uganda” (**Job Market Paper**)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“Mental Accounting, Hot States, and Hot Hands: Behavioral Failures among Sports Betting Participants” (analysis phase)

“Income Shocks, Marriage Timing, and Migration: Evidence from Indonesia” with Marieke Kleemans (analysis phase)

“Industrial Organization and Firm Response to Violence in Afghanistan” with Josh Blumenstock, Tarek Ghani, Ethan Kapstein, and Tom Scherer (data collection phase)

“Statistical and Taste-Based Discrimination and Dynamic Job Allocation in Low Information Settings: Evidence from Kenya” with Jonas Hjort (data collection phase)

“Do Sports Transform Lives? Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial in Liberia” with Lori Beaman, Niall Keleher, and Jeremy Magruder (analysis phase)

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2015 Center for Effective Global Action, Research Grant, \$49,676

2015 NSF - Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Research Grant, Decision-Making and Risk Sciences, \$29,725

2015 Institute for Money, Technology, and Financial Inclusion, Research Grant, \$20,000

2015 Center for African Studies, Rocca Fellowship, \$5,000

2015 Luther B. Tweeten Student Scholarship; Agricultural and Applied Economics Association

2012 Tropical Agriculture and Impact Evaluation Fellowship; Center for Effective Global Action

2011-2013 University of California, Berkeley Graduate Fellowship

2008-2010 Bernard and Irene Schwartz Fellow in International Development, Johns Hopkins University

## SELECTED RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Researcher at the University of California, Berkeley for Professor Jeremy Magruder, 2013-2014.

World Bank Consultant and Field Coordinator for Professor Mushfiq Mobarak, 2010-2011.

Peace Corps Volunteer, Republic of Niger, 2006-2008.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR – UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY – *Outstanding GSI Award, 2015*

Spring 2015 *Applied Econometrics* (upper-division undergraduate): Environmental Economics and Policy (EEP 118) – Student Evaluation, Overall Effectiveness (6.91/7)

Fall 2014 *International Economic Development and Policy* (graduate): Public Policy/Masters of Development Practice (PP/MDP C253) – Student Evaluation, Overall Effectiveness (6.81/7)

## OTHER INFORMATION

Service: Referee for *Journal of Development Economics*, Department PhD Admissions Committee 2014

Languages: English (native), French (advanced), Hausa (proficient), Spanish (conversational)

## REFERENCES

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