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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Mount Holyoke College, 2022–Present

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

Research Fellow, Department of Economics, Stellenbosch University, 2021–Present

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Mount Holyoke College, 2016–2022

Economist, RTI International, 2007–2009

Peace Corps Volunteer, Ghana, 2004–2006

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of Michigan, 2016

African Studies Certificate, University of Michigan, 2013

M.A., Economics, University of Michigan, 2011

B.A. *cum laude*, Economics, Anthropology minor, Davidson College, 2004

Study abroad, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2002

FIELDS

Economic History, Development Economics, Demography

WORKING PAPERS

“Where People Die: Mortality Inequality Across US Counties, 1915 to 2022”

PUBLICATIONS

“Household Spending during the 1918 Influenza Pandemic” (with Johan Fourie), *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 55(3), Winter 2025, 369-413

“Women’s Employment in the United States After the 1918 Influenza Pandemic” (with Johan Fourie), *Essays in Economic and Business History*, 42(1), November 2024, 38-58

“Fertility Following Natural Disasters and Epidemics in Africa,” *World Bank Economic Review*, 36(4), November 2022, 955–971

“Using Intentions to Predict Fertility,” *Journal of Demographic Economics*, 88(3), September 2022, 257–282

“Correlates and Consequences of the 1918 Influenza in South Africa” (with Daniel de Kadt, Johan Fourie, Jan Greyling, and Elie Murard), *South African Journal of Economics*, 89(2), June 2021, 173–195

“Education and Employment following Apartheid Protests,” *Explorations in Economic History*, 77, July 2020, 101329

“The Consequences of the 1959–1961 Chinese Famine for Educational Attainment” (with Margaret J. Lay), *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, 20(2), April 2020

“Family Planning and Fertility in South Africa under Apartheid,” *European Review of Economic History*, 23(3), August 2019, 365–395

“Measuring Heterogeneity in Preferences over the Sex of Children,” *Journal of Development Economics*, 135, November 2018, 199–221

“Do Family Planning Programs Decrease Poverty? Evidence from Public Census Data” (with Martha J. Bailey and Olga Malkova), *CESifo Economic Studies*, 60(2), June 2014, 312–337

“The Young Adults in the Workplace Initiative: An Introduction” (with Deborah M. Galvin and William Schlenger), in *Young Adults in the Workplace: A Multisite Initiative of Substance Use Prevention Programs*, ed. Jeremy W. Bray, Deborah M. Galvin, and Laurie A. Cluff, RTI Press, March 2011, 1–13

PRESENTATIONS

AALAC Economic History Workshop, 2025
Symposium in Honor of David Lam, 2023
Economic History of States and Societies, 2023
African Economic History Association Annual Meeting, 2022
International Population Conference, 2021
Social Science History Association, 2021
Virtual Liberal Arts Colleges Development Seminar, 2021
Colorado College, Department of Economics, 2019
Liberal Arts Colleges Development Economics Conference, 2019
IUSSP Population, Poverty and Inequality Research Conference, 2019
Columbia University Economic History Seminar, 2019
Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meeting, 2019
African Economic History Association Annual Meeting, 2018
Liberal Arts Colleges Development Economics Conference, 2018
World Economic History Congress, 2018
African Economic History Association Annual Meeting, 2017
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, 2016
Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meeting, 2016
Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, 2015
New Frontiers in African Economic History Workshop, 2015
Economic History Association Annual Meeting, 2015
PopPov Conference on Population, Reproductive Health, and Economic Development, 2015
University of Cape Town, South Africa Labour and Development Research Unit, 2015
Human Sciences Research Council of South Africa, 2015
Davidson College, Department of Economics, Senior Session, 2015
New Frontiers in African Economic History Workshop, 2014
Economic History Association Annual Meeting (Poster), 2014
University of Cape Town, South Africa Labour and Development Research Unit, 2013
Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, 2013
American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference, 2008
Duke University, Department of Economics, Undergraduate Research Symposium, 2004

TEACHING

Introductory Economics, Mount Holyoke College, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024
Microeconomic Theory, Mount Holyoke College, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2024
Economic Demography, Mount Holyoke College, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020
Economic History, Mount Holyoke College, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018
Economic Development, Mount Holyoke College, Fall 2023
Analysis of Census and Survey Data for Social Science Research Using Stata, University of Cape Coast, 2011, 2012 (TA for David Lam and Murray Leibbrandt)
European Economy, University of Michigan, 2012 (TA for William J. Adams)
Principles of Macroeconomics, University of Michigan, 2012 (TA for Adam Stevenson)
American Industries, University of Michigan, 2011 (TA for William J. Adams)
High school mathematics and economics, Dzolo Gbogame Secondary School, Ghana, 2004–2006

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Mount Holyoke College Faculty Research Grant, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Finalist, World Economic History Congress Dissertation Prize, Twentieth Century Category, 2018
Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges, Faculty Workshop Grant (with Tanya Byker, Jessica Hoel, Prakarsh Singh, and Amy Damon), 2017
Trainee in Economic Demography, University of Michigan Population Studies Center, 2009–2016

Lester P. Monts Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Research on Africa, University of Michigan African Studies Center, 2015
George Katona Economic Behavior Research Award, University of Michigan Population Studies Center, 2014
Marshall Weinberg Research Fellowship, University of Michigan Population Studies Center, 2014
Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund Small Grant, 2013
Top Ten Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan Department of Economics, 2012
Spring/Summer Research Grant, with David Lam, University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School, 2012
Phi Beta Kappa, Davidson College, Gamma Chapter of North Carolina, 2004
Omicron Delta Kappa, Davidson College, 2004
Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award, Davidson College, 2004
Mathematical Contest in Modeling Meritorious Distinction, 2004
Omicron Delta Epsilon, Davidson College, 2003

COLLEGE SERVICE

Economics Department thesis coordinator, 2018–Present
Academic Priorities Committee, 2021–2025
Academic Administrative Board, 2017–2020
Moderator, Senior Symposium, 2019
Faculty Grants Committee, 2018

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member of scientific committee for the North East Universities Development Consortium at Dartmouth College, 2020
Member of scientific committee for the Liberal Arts Colleges Development Economics Conference at Colby College, 2019
Member of steering committee and scientific committee for the Liberal Arts Colleges Development Economics Conference at Middlebury College, 2018
Co-organizer and host of the Liberal Arts Colleges Economic History Workshop at Mount Holyoke College, 2018

REFEREE FOR

China Economic Review, Demography, Economic Journal, European Review of Economic History, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Demographic Economics, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Health Economics, Labour Economics, Population Research and Policy Review, World Bank Economic Review, World Development