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## EDUCATION

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- 2016 - Now **University of California Berkeley, School of Information**, Berkeley  
2014 - 2016 **University of Washington, Information School**, Seattle  
PhD Student in INFORMATION MANAGEMENT & SYSTEMS  
Advisor: Joshua BLUMENSTOCK
- 2004 - 2006 **Harvard Kennedy School**, Cambridge  
Master in Public Administration in INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
Thesis: "Achievable Food Security: How market failures lead to poor economic conditions and what can be done about them." with Paula SAVANTI,  
Advisor: Alberto ABADIE
- 1999 - 2003 **The Johns Hopkins University**, Baltimore  
Bachelor of Arts in ECONOMICS and INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (Double Major)  
Advisor: Daniel DUEDNEY
- 2001 - 2002 **SAIS-Bologna Center**, Bologna  
Diploma in INTERNATIONAL STUDIES & ECONOMICS

## WRITINGS

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### JOURNAL ARTICLES

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*Forthcoming* "Do Job Networks Disadvantage Women? Evidence from a Recruitment Experiment in Malawi."  
with Lori BEAMAN and Jeremy MAGRUDER  
*Journal of Labor Economics*, Accepted September 2016

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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- Jun 2016* "The Premise of Local Information: Building Reliable Economic Indicators from a Decentralized Network of Contributors."  
with Joshua E. BLUMENSTOCK and Joseph REISINGER, *The Eighth International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development Notes Track (ICTD2016)*, Ann Arbor, MI.
- Dec 2015* "The Price Is Right? Statistical evaluation of a crowdsourced market information system in Liberia."  
with Joshua E. BLUMENSTOCK, *The 5th Annual ACM Symposium on Computing for Development (DEV '15)*, London, U.K.

### BOOKS

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*Conditional Cash Transfers: Reducing Present and Future Poverty.*  
edited by Ariel FISZBEIN and Norbert SCHADY with Francisco H.G. FERREIRA, Margaret GROSH, Pedro OLINTO, and Emmanuel SKOUFIAS, (2008), World Bank.

### WORKING PAPERS AND REPORTS

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- Mar 2016* "PROSPECTS Youth Psychosocial Support Program: Impact Evaluation Report."
- Jan 2011* "Are Rural Road Investments Alone Sufficient to Generate Transport Flows? Lessons from a Randomized Experiment in Rural Malawi and Policy Implications."  
with Gaël RABALLAND, Rebecca THORNTON, Dean YANG, Jessica GOLDBERG and Annika MÜLLER

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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### Evaluating the impacts of psychosocial support and cash for work on employment and propensity towards violence among Liberian youth

This project is designed to measure how exogenous variation in social networks and cash incentives affect recycling in urban communities, cooperative behavior in recycling and the psychosocial outcomes of young adults.  
Principal Investigator with Lori BEAMAN and Jeremy MAGRUDER

- Jun 2015-  
Dec 2015* | International Growth Centre, (£20,000)  
THROUGH INNOVATIONS FOR POVERTY ACTION
- Jul 2013-  
Dec 2014* | International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, (\$425,502)  
SUBGRANT THROUGH MERCY CORPS US
- Jul 2013-  
Dec 2014* | Swedish International Development Agency, (\$100,000)  
SUBGRANT THROUGH MERCY CORPS UK

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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### FELLOWSHIPS

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JUN 2003- Institute of International Education  
JUL 2004 *J. William Fulbright Grantee*

JAN 2001- Woodrow Wilson Undergraduate Research Program  
JUN 2003 *Undergraduate Research Fellow*

### AWARDS

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2014 University of Washington, Information School  
*Top Scholar Award*

2006 Harvard Kennedy School  
*Merit Scholarship*

## TEACHING AND TRAINING EXPERIENCE

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### TEACHING ASSISTANCESHIPS

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SPRING 2016 Teaching Assistant, Core Methods in Data Science, University of Washington Information School  
Instructor: Joshua BLUMENSTOCK

SPRING 2006 Course Assistant, Econometrics, Harvard Kennedy School  
Instructor: Robert JENSEN

FALL 2005 Course Assistant, Development Economics, Harvard Kennedy School  
Instructors: Dani RODRIK and Mark ROSENZWEIG

FALL 2001 Course Assistant, Microeconomics, SAIS-Bologna  
Instructor: Charles PEARSON

### PRESENTATIONS AND TRAINING

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MAY 2016 “Opportunities and Challenges of Digital Data Collection”  
Yale/IPA Measurement Workshop

SEP 2013 “Statistics & Power Calculations”  
IPA/J-PAL Research Staff Training, New Hampshire

AUG 2013 “Research Protocols” and “High-Intermediate Stata”  
IPA/J-PAL Research Staff Training, India

MAY 2013 “Psychosocial Support and Cash For Work: Evaluation Design.”  
Interaction Forum, Washington, DC

FEB 2013 “Statistics & Power Calculations”  
IPA/J-PAL Research Staff Training, Kenya

AUG 2012 “Research Protocols” and “Computer Assisted Interviewing”  
IPA/J-PAL Research Staff Training, India

AUG 2012 “Power Calculations”  
IPA Impact Evaluation Workshop, Sri Lanka

JUL 2012 “Statistics & Power Calculations” and “Computer Assisted Interviewing”  
IPA/J-PAL Research Staff Training, South Africa

JUN 2012 “Research Protocols”  
IPA/J-PAL Research Staff Training, New Hampshire

FEB 2012 “Designing and Managing Randomized Control Trials for Policy Evaluation.”  
2nd Consultation on the Economics and Financing of Febrile Illness RDTs, *CDDDEP*, Washington, DC

MAY 2012 “Research Oversight”  
Workshop to Use Data Sharing to Improve Coordination in Peacebuilding, Washington, DC

FEB 2012 “Research Protocols”  
IPA/J-PAL Research Staff Training, Kenya

2008-2011 “Beginner & Intermediate Stata”  
Invest in Knowledge Initiative, Blantyre, Malawi

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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JAN 2012 | Director at INNOVATIONS FOR POVERTY ACTION  
AUG 2014 | *Research Methods & Knowledge Management*, New Haven

- Directed global research management and oversight at IPA, a non-profit research organization with \$40M annual budget and more than 200 active research projects in 15 countries
- Managed and mentored research staff to ensure high-quality field research
- Advised researchers and staff on power calculations, data collection, measurement, research design and data analysis
- Led trainings in experimental methods for field research to staff, external researchers and policymakers
- Spearheaded IPA’s effort to effectively adopt computer assisted interviewing methods
- Motivated and built information systems for research project documentation
- Provided advice and guidance to IPA’s Institutional Review Board

- Managed IPA's efforts to promote transparent research practices through publication of primary datasets

JAN 2010- | Country Director at INNOVATIONS FOR POVERTY ACTION  
 DEC 2011 | *IPA-Malawi*, Lilongwe

JAN 2009- | Project Coordinator at INNOVATIONS FOR POVERTY ACTION  
 DEC 2009 | *IPA-Malawi*, Lilongwe

- Collaborated with international researchers to design and conduct policy-relevant studies in a high-poverty context
- Expanded operations from office opening in 2009 to \$750,000 annual project expenses in 2011
- Facilitated design and implementation of fourteen randomized control trials with longitudinal surveys
- Established local policy and research partnerships with government agencies, businesses and organizations
- Prepared proposals, budgets, and technical reports for donors, including the World Bank and Gates Foundation
- Directed team of 25 office staff, Malawian and International, and field staff of 50-100 in 18 of Malawi's 28 districts
- Designed database management system for data entry, coding, programming, cleaning and dataset maintenance
- Integrated computer-assisted personal interviews into data collection in rural areas of Malawi

SEP 2008 | Project Manager at INVEST IN KNOWLEDGE INITIATIVE  
 DEC 2008 | *Conditional Cash Transfers Project*, Zomba

- Managed implementation of conditional cash transfer program as a part of a World Bank-funded randomized evaluation
- Conducted courses on research methods and statistical methods for Malawian social science research

JUL 2006- | Junior Professional Associate at THE WORLD BANK GROUP  
 AUG 2008 | *Office of the Chief Economist*, Washington, DC

- Coordinated CAPI household survey with the Lagos Office of Statistics as a part of an urban upgrading project
- Collaborated with World Bank staff to foster impact evaluations of development programs in 11 thematic disciplines
- Contributing team member of policy research report on conditional cash transfers
- Prepared policy briefs for the Chief Economist and other World Bank management
- Managed database of ongoing World Bank impact evaluations through regular communication with project and research teams
- Facilitated the publication, including review and editing, of working papers for Impact Evaluation Working Paper Series
- Prepared trust fund proposals for research in critical areas in which the World Bank works

## AFFILIATIONS

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- *Institutional Review Board*, Board Member, Innovations for Poverty Action, 2012 - Present
- *American Economic Association*, 2013 - Present
- *Research Committee*, Ph.D. Student Representative, University of Washington, Information School, 2016
- *DataLab*, Ph.D. Student Affiliate, University of Washington, Information School, 2014 - 2016

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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Analysis & Programming: Stata, R, PYTHON,  
 Data Capture: CSPro, Open Data Kit  
 Other: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

Last updated: January 4, 2017