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## **Current Employment:**

2012–present **University of Michigan**, Program in the Environment and School of Natural Resources and Environment, Assistant Professor

## **Education:**

**Harvard University**, PhD in Public Policy, 2012

Dissertation Title: “Essays on the Economics of Household Water Access in Developing Countries”

**Yale University**, Masters in Environmental Management, 2005

Thesis Title: “International Development and Integrated Water Resources Management”

**Brown University**, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 2000

## **Research Interests:**

Environmental and natural resource economics and policy; development economics and policy

## **Research**

### **Peer-Reviewed Publications:**

“Hydroclimatic risk to economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa” (with C. Brown, K. Hunu, and W. Yu). *Climatic Change*, 2011, 106(4): 621-647.

“Willingness to Pay for Cleaner Water in Less Developed Countries: Systematic Review of Experimental Evidence” (with J.G. Hombrados, M. Kremer, E. Miguel, C. Null and A. P. Zwane) *International Initiative for Impact Evaluation Systematic Review* 006, May 2012.

“Is Water Security Necessary? An Empirical Analysis of the Effects of Climate Hazards on National Level Economic Growth” (with C.Brown and Y.B. Ghile). *Water Security Special Issue of Philosophical Transactions A*. Accepted.

### **Working Papers:**

“Water Works: The Economic Impact of Water Infrastructure”, under revision.

“Culture and the Persistence of Gender Roles”, under revision.

“Property Rights and Access to Water Sources: Evidence from a Land Titling Program in Rural Peru”, revised April 2012.

### **Research in Progress:**

“Economics of a Lightbulb: Experimental Evidence on CFLs and End-User Behavior” joint with E. Carranza

### **Select Reports:**

“An Empirical Analysis of the Effects of Climate Variables on National Level Economic Growth” (with C. Brown, Y. Ghile, and K. Hunu). 2009. Background paper: World Bank World Development Report.

“Overview Report on the Experience of International Financial Institutions and International Funds in Investing in Climate Change Mitigation in Developing Countries” (with B. Gentry, G. Walker, S. Wallander). November 2005. Background paper for the report of the Secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), FCCC/SBI/2005/INF.7.

### **Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:**

2012	Weiser Center Faculty Grant
2012	Harvard Environmental Economics Program Enel Endowment Prize, Best Doctoral Paper in Environmental Economics
2011 - 2012	National Science Foundation (NSF) Social, Behavioral, and Economics Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (SES-1061989)
2011 - 2012	Harvard University Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2011	David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Research Grant (declined)
2010	Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies Graduate Research Grant
2009 - 2010	Taubman Center for State and Local Government Dissertation Fellowship
2009	Center for International Development Research Grant
2009 - 2012	Sustainability Science Program, Doctoral Fellow
2008 - 2009	Harvard Sustainability Science Program Giorgio Ruffolo Fellowship
2007 - 2008	Crump Fellowship for Environment and Natural Resource Management
2007	Norberg-Bohm Fellowship for Science, Technology and Public Policy
2006 - 2012	Harvard Environmental Economics Program, Doctoral Fellow
2006 - 2008	Harvard Kennedy School Pre-doctoral Fellowship
2005 - 2006	Fulbright U.S. Student Fellowship, Kyrgyz Republic
2004 - 2005	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Scholarship, Russian language
2005	Hixon Center Research Fellowship
2004	Carpenter-Sperry Mellon Award

### **Professional Activities:**

Referee:	Review of Economics and Statistics; Politics and Policy
Member:	American Economic Association (AEA); Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE)

### **Invited Presentations:**

- 2013 American Economic Association Annual Meetings (discussant for session on environment and health); Michigan State University, Dept. of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics; Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC) at University of Wisconsin - Madison;
- 2012 New England Universities Development Conference (NEUDC) at Dartmouth College (chair of session on institutions); Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM) Annual Research Conference (discussant for session on water and development); CU Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop; University of Michigan, School of Natural Resources and Environment; RAND; International Water Management Institute (Delhi); University of South Carolina; University of Hawaii; Analysis Group; IMPAQ
- 2011 Harvard Development Economics Seminar; NEUDC at Yale University
- 2009 Campbell Collaboration Colloquium (Norway)

### **Previous Experience:**

- 2007-2009 Innovations for Poverty Action and Harvard University, Research Assistant for Professors Michael Kremer and Rema Hanna
- 2006 Fulbright Program, U.S. Student Fellow in Kyrgyz Republic
- 2005-2006 UN Development Programme (UNDP) Energy and Environment Group, Consultant
- 2005 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Consultant
- 2004 Resources for the Future (RFF), Research Intern
- 2003-2005 UNDP Public-Private Partnerships for the Urban Environment, Newsletter editor
- 2000-2002 Peace Corps Kazakhstan, Volunteer