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## **EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy 2008 – 2014  
Department of Sociology  
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
Dissertation “Three essays on the influences of the social environment on behavior: findings from sub-Saharan Africa.”  
Committee: Stephen Morgan (chair), Christopher B. Barrett and Paromita Sanyal

Masters of Science 2002 – 2005  
Department of Applied Economics and Management (AEM)  
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Bachelors of Arts 1994 - 1999  
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.  
Degree in Economics with Distinction in All Subjects

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Assistant Professor Ongoing  
Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin

Assistant Professor of International Relations 2013 - 2014  
Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA.

## **REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

Erin C. Lentz (accepted and forthcoming in 2017) “Keeping up with the neighbors?: Reference groups and relative deprivation in Ghana.” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.

Erin Lentz, Robert Ouma, and Andrew Mude (2016) “Does peer monitoring influence choices between cash and food? Findings from a field experiment.” *Food Policy*. 65:21-31. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.foodpol.2016.10.004>

Erin C. Lentz and Joanna Upton (2016) “Benefits to smallholders? Findings from the World Food Programme’s Purchase for Progress Pilot.” *Global Food Security*. Online first.  
<http://authors.elsevier.com/sd/article/S2211912416300037>

Erin C. Lentz and Christopher B. Barrett (2014) “The negligible effects of the international food aid provisions in the 2014 Farm Bill.” *Choices: Special Issue on Welfare Effects of the 2014 Farm Bill*. 29(3): 1-5.

Erin C. Lentz and Christopher B. Barrett (2013) “The economics and nutritional impacts of food assistance policies and programs.” *Food Policy*. 42: 151-163 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.foodpol.2013.06.011>

Erin C. Lentz, Christopher B. Barrett, Miguel Gomez, and Daniel Maxwell (2013) “On the choice and impacts of innovative international food assistance instruments.” *World Development*. 49: 1-8.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2013.01.016>

Erin C. Lentz, Simone Passarelli, and Christopher B. Barrett (2013) "The timeliness and cost effectiveness of the local and regional procurement of food aid." *World Development*. 49: 9-18.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2013.01.017>

Teevrat Garg, Christopher B. Barrett, Miguel I. Gómez, Erin C. Lentz and William Violette (2013). "Market prices and food aid local and regional procurement and distribution: A multi-country analysis." *World Development*. 49: 19-29. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2013.01.018>

William J. Violette, Aurélie P. Harou, Joanna B. Upton, Samuel D. Bell, Christopher B. Barrett, Miguel I. Gómez and Erin C. Lentz (2013) "Recipients' satisfaction with locally procured food aid rations: Comparative evidence from a three country matched survey." *World Development*. 49: 30-43.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2013.01.019>

Aurélie P. Harou, Joanna B. Upton, Erin C. Lentz, Christopher B. Barrett, and Miguel I. Gómez (2013) "Tradeoffs or Synergies? Assessing local and regional food aid procurement through case studies in Burkina Faso and Guatemala." *World Development*. 49: 44-57. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2013.01.020>

Andrew Mude, Robert Ouma, and Erin C. Lentz (2012). The Market Information and Food Insecurity Response Analysis Framework: An application in northern Kenya. *Journal of Development Studies*. 48(12): 1731-49.  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00220388.2012.685719>

Hope Michelson, Erin C. Lentz, Richard Mulwa, Mitchell Morey, Laura Cramer, Megan McGlinchy, and Christopher B. Barrett (2012) "Cash, food or vouchers in urban and rural Kenya?: An application of the Market Information and Food Insecurity Response Analysis Framework?" *Food Security*. 4(3): 455-69.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s12571-012-0177-0>

Elizabeth Bageant, Christopher B. Barrett and Erin C. Lentz (2010) "Food aid and Agricultural Cargo Preference." *Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy*. 32 (4): 624-41. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/aapp/ppq024>

Christopher B. Barrett, Robert Bell, Erin C. Lentz, and Daniel Maxwell (2009) "Market Information and Food Insecurity Response Analysis." *Food Security* 1 (June): pp. 151-68. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s12571-009-0021-3>

Erin C. Lentz and Christopher B. Barrett (2008) "Improving food aid: What donor and operational agency reforms would yield the highest payoff?" *World Development* 36 (7) (July): pp. 1152-72.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2007.06.018>

#### **CHAPTERS IN BOOKS** (\* indicates peer reviewed)

\*Erin C. Lentz and Christopher B. Barrett (2016) "The negligible effects of the international food aid provisions in the 2014 Farm Bill." In Vince Smith, editor *Welfare Effects of the 2014 Farm Bill*. Emerald Group Press: Somerville.

\*Christopher B. Barrett and Erin C. Lentz (2016) "Hunger and food insecurity." David Brady and Linda Burton, editors *Oxford Handbook of Poverty and Society*. Oxford University Press: Oxford.

\*Christopher B. Barrett and Erin C. Lentz (2011) "Food insecurity and food aid in Africa." In Ernest Aryeetey, Shanta Devarajan, Ravi Kanbur and Louis Kasekende, editors *The Oxford Companion to the Economics of Africa*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

\*Joanna Upton and Erin C. Lentz (2011) "Expanding the food assistance toolbox." In Christopher B. Barrett, Andrew Binder, and Julia Steets, editors *United on Food Assistance: The Case for Transatlantic Cooperation*. London: Routledge.

\*Christopher B. Barrett, Andrea Binder, Alex Gaus, Erin C. Lentz, Cynthia Mathys, Julia Steets, Joanna B. Upton and Kira Villa (2011) "Moving food Assistance forward," chapter 7 in Christopher B. Barrett, Andrea Binder and

Julia Steets, editors, *Uniting on Food Assistance: The Case for Transatlantic Cooperation*. London: Routledge.

\*Christopher B. Barrett and Erin C. Lentz (2010) "Food insecurity." In Robert Denemark and Renée Marlin-Bennett editors *The International Studies Compendium Project*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

### **UNDER REVIEW**

Joanna Upton and Erin C. Lentz (2017) "Finding Default? Understanding the drivers of default on contracts with farmers' organizations under the World Food Programme Purchase for Progress Pilot." *Under review*.

Erin C. Lentz, Rachel Bezner-Kerr, Raj Patel, Laifolo Dakishoni, and Esther Lupafya (2017) "The invisible hand that rocks that cradle: On the limits of time use surveys." *Under review*.

Erin C. Lentz, Christopher B. Barrett, and Stephanie Mercier (2017) "International food assistance programs and the next Farm Bill." *Submission for a special issue on upcoming Farm Bill debates*.

### **SELECTED WORKING PAPERS TO BE SUBMITTED IN 2017**

Erin C. Lentz (in progress) "Complicating narratives of women's food and nutrition insecurity: domestic violence in rural Bangladesh."

Erin C. Lentz (in progress) "Community characteristics and well-being: Findings from sub-Saharan Africa."

Erin C. Lentz and Sudha Narayanan (in progress) "Embedding buyer-seller attachments: the case of contract farming in Tamil Nadu."

Kibrom Tafere, Christopher B. Barrett, Erin C. Lentz, and Birhanu Tadesse (in progress) "The subjective wellbeing effects of insurance that doesn't pay out."

### **POLICY RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Erin Lentz and Raj Patel, directors of report (2016) Food for All: Inclusive Neighborhood Food Planning in North Austin. <https://austintexas.gov/food>

### **MAJOR REPORTS AND BRIEFS**

Erin C. Lentz and Joanna Upton (2015) "Preliminary perspectives on Purchase for Progress". Prepared for United Nations World Food Programme.

Erin C. Lentz. (2015) "The future of food assistance: Opportunities and challenges". *Journal of Law and International Affairs*. 3(2): 84-98. Available at: <http://elibrary.law.psu.edu/jlia/vol3/iss2/7>

Erin C. Lentz and Christopher B. Barrett (2013) "The economics and nutritional impacts of food assistance policies and programs." United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization ESA Working Paper No. 13-04 [http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/esa/Papers\\_and\\_documents/WP\\_13-04\\_Lentz\\_Barrett.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/esa/Papers_and_documents/WP_13-04_Lentz_Barrett.pdf)

Christopher B. Barrett, Erin C. Lentz, Cynthia Mathys, Joanna B. Upton and Kira M. Villa (2011) "Misconceptions about food assistance," Cornell/Global Public Policy Institute policy brief no. 2, June.

Alexander Gaus, Julia Steets, Andrea Binder, Christopher B. Barrett and Erin C. Lentz (2011) "How to reform the outdated Food Aid Convention," Cornell/Global Public Policy Institute policy brief no. 1, March.

Christopher B. Barrett and Erin C. Lentz, (2009) “U.S. monetization policy: Recommendations for improvement,” *Chicago Council on Global Affairs Policy Development Study Series*, December 2009.

Erin C. Lentz (2008) “Making markets work for the hungry poor.” Background paper prepared for the United Nations World Food Programme’s 2008 *World Hunger Series: Markets and Hunger*. Rome: United Nations World Food Programme.

M. Iqbal Ahmed and Erin Lentz (2007) “Enhancing the livelihoods of the rural poor: The role of information and communication technologies.” Prepared for the Overseas Development Institute. February.

Erin C. Lentz and Christopher B. Barrett (2005) “Food aid targeting, shocks and private transfers among East African pastoralists,” Working paper.

Erin C. Lentz, Christopher B. Barrett, and John Hoddinott (2005) “Food aid and dependency: Implications for Emergency Food Security Assessments.” Prepared for the UN World Food Programme’s *Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessments Capabilities*. December.

Erin Lentz and Christopher B. Barrett (2004) “Food aid among East African pastoralists.” *USAID Global Livestock CRSP Research Brief 04-01-PARIMA*. July.

### **MINOR WORKS**

Erin Lentz (2014). “Book Review: *Poor Numbers: How we are misled by African Development Statistics* by Morten Jerven.” *African Studies Review*. 57(1):216-218.

### **OP-EDS AND BLOGS**

Erin Lentz (2016). “In the fight against hunger, why don’t we prioritize women?” *The Hill*. November 21. <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/healthcare/307055-in-the-fight-against-hunger-why-dont-we-prioritize-women>

Erin Lentz and Raj Patel (2016). “Serving Austin’s hungry residents requires listening to them.” *American-Statesman*. July 10. <http://www.mystatesman.com/news/news/opinion/patel-serving-austins-hungry-residents-requires-li/nrtT9/>

Erin Lentz and Raj Patel (2016). “A word to FLOTUS: Let’s all move” *American-Statesman*. March 15. <http://www.mystatesman.com/news/news/opinion/commentary-a-word-to-flotus-lets-all-move/nqkcS/>

Christopher B. Barrett and Erin C. Lentz (2014) “Op-ed: Highway robbery on the high seas.” May 29, 2014. *The Hill*. <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/transportation/207565-highway-robbery-on-the-high-seas>

Christopher B. Barrett, Elizabeth R. Bageant and Erin C. Lentz (2011) “Op-ed: When “Buy American” harms America and the World’s Hungry.” *Washington Post*. December 3. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/12/02/AR2010120205208.html>

### **SELECTED INSTRUCTIONAL AND TRAINING MATERIALS**

Erin Lentz and Christopher Barrett (2012) Market Information and Food Insecurity Response Analysis (MIFIRA) Instructional materials including 13 lectures and associated powerpoints, a syllabus, and accompanying sample spreadsheets for data analysis. [http://dyson.cornell.edu/faculty\\_sites/cbb2/MIFIRA/course/](http://dyson.cornell.edu/faculty_sites/cbb2/MIFIRA/course/)

Erin Lentz (2011) Local and Regional Procurement Technical Guidance: Price Monitoring and Analysis. Drafted for the Local and Regional Procurement Learning Alliance. March.

[http://dyson.cornell.edu/faculty\\_sites/cbb2/MIFIRA/price\\_analysis/](http://dyson.cornell.edu/faculty_sites/cbb2/MIFIRA/price_analysis/)

Erin Lentz (2010) Local and Regional Procurement Learning Alliance Technical Guidance Sheet: Collecting Price Data: Drafted for the Local and Regional Procurement Learning Alliance. December.

[http://dyson.cornell.edu/faculty\\_sites/cbb2/MIFIRA/price\\_analysis/](http://dyson.cornell.edu/faculty_sites/cbb2/MIFIRA/price_analysis/)

## **FUNDING**

### **Submitted:**

- National Science Foundation. “CNH-L Cultivating crops and community: Influences of ecological and social networks associated with urban gardens on ecosystem services, human well-being, and broader urban sustainability” with Shalene Jha of UT Austin, and Stacy Philpott UC Santa Cruz. Funding amount: \$1.8 Million (submitted in November 2016). Listed as senior personnel.
- “The Women’s Empowerment in Nutrition Index (WENI): Measuring nutritional empowerment to better link agriculture to nutrition” with Sudha Narayanan at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, India. Submitted application for \$20,000 from LBJ Policy Research Institute, UT Austin (February 2017).

### **Current and completed:**

- “The Women’s Empowerment in Nutrition Index (WENI): Measuring nutritional empowerment to better link agriculture to nutrition” with Sudha Narayanan at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, India.
  - June 2015: awarded \$388,000 for a three year DfID-funded Innovative Metrics and Methods for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions grant.
- “Mapping agriculture and nutrition: The case for a spatial perspective” with Hope Michelson and Kathy Baylis, both of the Agricultural and Consumer Economics department at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
  - October 2015: Awarded \$10,000 from University of Illinois Department of Nutritional Sciences 20/20 start-up funds.
  - March 2016: Awarded \$15,000 from LBJ Policy Research Institute, UT Austin.

## **HONORS, AWARDS and DISTINCTIONS**

- 2016-2017 Faculty Development Program Participant, Center for Women and Gender Studies, UT Austin, nominated by LBJ, UT Austin. \$2000 award.
- 2016-2017 Public Voice Fellowship, Op-Ed Project, nominated by LBJ, UT Austin.
- Selected for Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality, University of Chicago, hosted by Steven Durlauf and James Heckman, July 9-15, 2012.
- Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Outstanding Masters Thesis Award for “Targeting Food Aid to Improve Food Security.” Awarded June 2006.
- Fulbright Junior Grantee for Bangladesh for the project, “The Specter of Dependency in Recurrent Crises.” Awarded May 2006.
- Warren Award 2005 for outstanding research publication by an Applied Economics and Management graduate student at Cornell for the paper “Food Aid Targeting, Shocks and Private Transfers Among East African Pastoralists.”
- Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship. Fully funded by the US Department of Education in conjunction with the Cornell University South Asia program to learn Bengali, 2003-04 and 2004-05.
- Aplin Teaching Excellence Funds. Award for summer research. Summers 2003 and 2004.

## **SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE**

- Views and Brews, Cactus Café, Austin. “Food Insecurity in Austin” September 6, 2016.
- Davis, John. 2016. “Food Fight” *Austin Monthly*. July.
- International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development. 2015. “US Lawmakers Debate Reform to Global Food Aid Schemes” *Bridges* 19(14). April 23. <http://www.ictsd.org/bridges-news/bridges/news/us-lawmakers-debate-reform-to-global-food-aid-schemes>
- The Food Aid Reform proposal in the FY 2014 President’s Budget utilized findings from the Lentz et al. (2013) “The Timeliness and Cost Effectiveness of the Local and Regional Procurement of Food Aid” (listed as “Cornell Study”) to estimate efficiency increases and savings underpinning the proposed reforms: [http://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1869/FoodAidReform\\_BehindtheNumbers.pdf](http://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1869/FoodAidReform_BehindtheNumbers.pdf)
- Center for Technology and Economic Development: “Studying Local Markets to Improve Emergency Response” (July 2012) <http://ctednyu.wordpress.com/2012/07/09/studying-local-markets-to-improve-emergency-response/>
- Cornell Chronicle Online: “Researchers develop food aid decision-making tool” (May 2012) <http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/May12/FoodAidTool.html>
- Oxfam America: “Saving Money and Lives: The Human Side of U.S. Food Aid Reform” (March 2012) <http://www.oxfamamerica.org/files/saving-money-and-lives-human-side-of-us-food-aid-reform.pdf>
- Oxfam America: “Tell Congress: Stop playing with food aid” (March 2012) <http://www.oxfamamerica.org/landing-pages/food-aid>
- National Public Radio: “When Food Aid Goes Local, Some Say It Works Better” (March 2012) <http://www.npr.org/blogs/thesalt/2012/03/07/148127942/when-food-aid-goes-local-some-say-it-works-better>
- The New York Times: “Feed the World’s Hungry, for Less” (February 2012) <http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2012/02/21/the-farm-bill-beyond-the-farm/the-farm-bill-can-feed-the-worlds-hungry-for-less>

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

“Complicating narratives of undernutrition: Domestic violence and ‘empowerment’ in rural Bangladesh.” Center for Women and Gender Studies, UT Austin. October 18, 2016; LBJ School PhD colloquium, UT Austin. March 23, 2017; Population Research Center, UT Austin. March 24, 2017.

“Food for All: Piloting inclusive food planning in North Central Austin.” Sustainable Food Center, Austin, TX. September 1, 2016.

“What role does empowerment play in linking agriculture to nutrition?” *Webinar hosted by IMMANA*. June 7, 2016. Posted here: <http://immana.lcirah.ac.uk/events/webinar-video-available-womens-nutrition-through-empowerment-lens>

“Women’s Empowerment in Nutrition” *University of Texas Summer Institute for K-12 Educators*. UT Austin. June 6, 2016.

“Feminism and Food (In)security.” With Raj Patel. Feminist Policy Alliance. UT Austin. April 14, 2016.

“Data Gaps in Measuring Food Security and Nutrition.” *Using Big Data to Improve International Food Security Symposium*. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. April 8, 2016.

“The role of gender in agriculture to nutrition linkages.” *Innovations for Peace and Development UT-Austin*, Austin TX. February 19, 2016.

“Food Security and Measurement Challenges.” *University of Texas International Affairs Society*. March 25, 2015.

“The wellbeing effects of insurance that does not pay-out: Evidence from southern Ethiopia.” University of Texas LBJ School Colloquium. March 12, 2015.

“The Future of Food Assistance: Opportunities and Challenges” Conference on International Law hosted by Dickinson Law School at the Pennsylvania State University. Carlisle PA. February 7, 2014.

“Hungry for Change: The Opportunities and Challenges of New Food Assistance Tools” Speaker at the Focus Program, the Borderwork(s) Lab and the Duke Human Rights Center at the Franklin Humanities Institute, and the Nicholas School at Duke University, November 5, 2012.

### **SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, AND INVITED PARTICIPATIONS**

LBJ PhD Student Nuts and Bolts series. November 11, 2016.

“Finding Default? Understanding the drivers of default on contracts with farmers’ organizations under the World Food Programme Purchase for Progress Pilot.” American Agricultural Economics Association annual meetings. Boston, MA. August 2, 2016.

“Food for All: A policy research project for the City of Austin’s Food Policy Manager.” With Edwin Marty. *Results for America*. UT Austin. March 10, 2016.

“Benefits to smallholders? Findings from the World Food Programme’s Purchase for Progress Pilot.” 2nd International Conference on Global Food Security. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. October 14, 2015; Center for Health and Social Policy, University of Texas, Austin. December 2, 2015.

“Does Peer Monitoring Influence Individual Choice?: Evidence from Northern Kenya.” Presented at conference on Mobile pastoralism, Index insurance, Computational Sustainability and Policy Innovations for the Arid and Semi-arid Lands of East Africa. International Livestock Research Institute, Nairobi, Kenya. June 11, 2015.

“Community Inequality and Subjective Wellbeing: Findings from sub-Saharan Africa.” Presented at the Inclusive Growth in Africa Growth in Africa: Measurement, Causes and Consequences” conference hosted by United Nations World Institute for Development Economic Research. Helsinki, September 21, 2013 and at the Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility section session at American Sociological Association Annual Meetings. New York, August 12, 2013.

Invited participant with US Government Accountability Office “Roundtable on Food Assistance Targeting.” Washington DC. May 31, 2012.

“The Timeliness and Cost Effectiveness of the Local and Regional Procurement of Food Aid.” Presented at the Food and Agricultural Organization International Scientific Symposium on Food Security and Nutrition. Rome. January 17 – 19, 2012.

“Local and Regional Procurement Analysis and Findings.” Presented at Local and Regional Procurement Learning and Knowledge Sharing Workshop, hosted by the LRP Learning Alliance and funded by USAID TOPS. Arlington, VA. November 14, 2011.

Invited participant with UN Special Rapporteur on Food Aid and the Right to Food. Ottawa. November 6, 2008.

Invited participant with Fintrac on the BEST Project to Revise Bellmon Analysis for Food Aid Monetization and Distribution. Washington DC. August 2008.

Invited participant with UN World Food Programme Price Impacts / Analysis Meeting. Rome. July 29 - 31, 2008.

“A Market Analysis and Decision Tree Tool for Response Analysis: Resource Transfers - Cash, Local Purchase, and/or Imported Food Aid?” Presented to: CARE-Ethiopia. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. September 18, 2007; USAID Office of Food for Peace. Washington, DC. October 16, 2007; Malawi Food and Nutrition Security Joint Task

Force: Technical Secretariat, Lilongwe, Malawi. November 20, 2007; SADC Regional Vulnerability Assessment Committee Annual Meetings, Johannesburg, South Africa. December 3, 2007; with Robert Bell at Workshop in Partnerships on Market Analysis for Food Security hosted by UN WFP, Johannesburg, South Africa. December 11, 2007; Global Environmental Change and Food Security Conference, Oxford England. April 1-5, 2008; with Robert Bell at International Food Aid Conference. Kansas City, MO. April 14-16, 2008.

“Research Findings: The Specter of Dependency in Food Aid Programming in Rural Bangladesh.” Presented at Conference for Fulbright recipients, interested parties, and the media, hosted by American Cultural Center. Dhaka. May 23, 2007.

“Enhancing the Livelihoods of the Rural Poor: The Role of Information and Communication Technologies.” Presented at Joint Overseas Development Institute and Unnayan Onneshan conference on ICTs and Poverty Alleviation. Dhaka. February 1, 2007.

“Food Aid and Dependency: Implications for Emergency Food Security Assessments” Presented at UN World Food Programme’s SENAC (Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessment Capabilities) Conference. Rome. November 2, 2005.

“Food Aid Targeting, Shocks and Private Transfers Among East African Pastoralists” Presented at Annual meetings of the American Agricultural Economics Association. Denver. July 2004.

### **TRAININGS GIVEN**

- Designed and led a 2-day training of trainers workshop “Collecting and Monitoring Price Data” for the Local and Regional Procurement Learning Alliance, a consortium of US non-governmental organizations in Istanbul, Turkey. November 9 – November 10, 2010.
- Designed and led a 3-day workshop “Market Information and Food Insecurity Response Analysis (MIFIRA) Workshop” in Nairobi, Kenya. June 30 – July 2, 2010.
- Co-led a week-long enumerator training and survey pre-test in Marsabit Kenya with Andrew Mude and Robert Ouma. April 9-14, 2009.
- Designed and led a 4-day workshop “Research using oral testimony” that taught members of Nijera Kori, a landless laborer movement in Bangladesh, ethical practices in research and interview techniques. Kushtia, Bangladesh. July 2007.

### **TEACHING and TRAINING EXPERIENCE**

#### *Assistant Professor at LBJ School, UT Austin*

- Spring 2017 Public Affairs 388K: Gender and Development
- Fall 2016 Public Affairs 397G: Analytical Methods for Global Policy Studies
- Fall 2016 Public Affairs 388K: International Development
- Spring 2016 Public Affairs 680: Policy Research Project *Food for All*
- Fall 2015 Public Affairs 680: Policy Research Project *Food for All*
- Fall 2015 Public Affairs 397G: Analytical Methods for Global Policy Studies
- Spring 2015 Advanced Empirical Methods 397C: Food Security and Food Policy
- Fall 2014 Public Affairs 397G: Analytical Methods for Global Policy Studies

#### *Assistant Professor at Bucknell University*

- Spring 2014 International Relations 251: International Inequality and Poverty
- Spring 2014 International Relations 253: Contemporary Controversies in International Development
- Fall 2013 International Relations 350: Globalization

#### *Instructor at Cornell University*



- Spring 2010 Applied Economics and Management 6940: Special Topics *Market Information and Food Insecurity Response Analysis*.

*Teaching Assistant at Cornell University*

- Fall 2005: Applied Economics and Management 200: Contemporary Controversies in the Global Economy.
- Spring 2003: Applied Economics and Management 424: Management Strategy.
  - Nominated for College Excellence in Teaching Assistance award.
- Fall 2002: Applied Economics and Management: 432: Business and Government in the Global Economy.

*Trainings attended:*

- Diversity Training. UT Austin. November 1, 2016.
- LGBTQA+ Identities, Ally Toolkit Part 1. Gender and Sexuality Center. UT Austin. September 6, 2016.
- Incoming Faculty Teaching Orientation, UT Austin. August 2014.
- Incoming Assistant Professor weekly workshop. Bucknell University. September 2013 – May 2014.
- Writing in the Majors training for graduate teaching assistants. Cornell University. Fall 2005.

**SELECTED SERVICE**

*University*

- University of Texas Faculty Panel on Social Inequality, Health and Policy Bridging Disciplines Program: 2016 – ongoing.

*College / Department*

- LBJ Global Policy Studies curriculum sub-committee: 2017.
- LBJ Skills and Subject Expertise Committee: 2016.
- LBJ Global Policy Studies Admissions Committee: 2015 – 2016.
- LBJ in DC Academic Program Committee: 2015 – ongoing.
- Member of Bucknell University’s International Relations course approval sub-committee: 2013-2014.
- Cornell University graduate student liaison with faculty: 2003-05.

*Local*

- Austin Food Environment Analysis Stakeholder Advisory Team: 2016 – ongoing.
- Appointed to the City of Austin / Travis County Food Policy Board: 2014 – 2017.

*National and International*

- NASPAA Global Food Security Simulation Site Judge, ASU, Phoenix, AZ. February 25, 2017.
- Peer reviewer for *World Development, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organizations, Food Policy, Disasters, Global Food Security, South Asian Studies*
- Grant reviewer for Round 2 of DfID funded Innovative Metrics and Methods for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions. 2016.
- Nutrition Steering Committee Member (core expertise on Research and Methodology) for DfID funded project “Research on Food Assistance for Nutritional Impact.” 2014 - ongoing.
- Peer reviewer for Oxfam America’s Return on Investment for Food Aid Reform Fight. Summer 2014.
- Technical review panel member / observer for United Nations World Food Programme’s Purchase for Progress program. 2008 (Monitoring and Evaluation Experts Meeting); 2012 (African Economic Research Consortium’s Academic Peer Review Workshop); 2013 (External Technical Review Panel).
- Advisory Group Member for Market Analysis in Humanitarian Emergencies for International Committee of the Red Cross. December 2012 – August 2013.

**THESIS ADVISING** (\* indicates chair or primary reader of professional report)

- Maureen Anway, LBJ School, UT Austin: Professional Report (2016)\*

- Swetha Ayyampalayam LBJ School, UT Austin: Professional Report\*
- Nkechi Charles, LBJ School, UT Austin: Professional Report (2015)
- Geneva Smith, LBJ School, UT Austin: Professional Report (2015)\*
- Sharon Amani, Sustainability Studies, Arizona State University: PhD (2016)
- Nisha Krishnan, LBJ School, UT Austin: PhD candidate
- Esther Reyes, LBJ School, UT Austin: PhD student
- Ariel Schwarz, LBJ School, UT Austin: PhD (2016)
- Megan Deepti Thomas, Economics, UT Austin: PhD (2016)
- Lauren Toppenberg, LBJ School, UT Austin and UT School of Public Health: Masters (2017)

## **SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

*Research Support Specialist*                      *July 2008 – August 2013*

Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University

Researched food security and markets in Professor Christopher B. Barrett's research group with a focus on producing peer-reviewed, empirically-driven, and actionable research in collaboration with and on behalf of governments, non-governmental organizations, and other research organizations. Collaborators include: the Local and Regional Procurement Learning Alliance, a consortium of four US non-governmental organizations; CARE-US, a non-governmental organization; the International Livestock Research Institute, a member of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research; the Chicago Council for Global Affairs; and the USAID-funded Assets and Markets Access Collaborative Research Support Program.

*Technical Advisor for Resource Response Analysis*                      *January 2007 – July 2008*

Food Resource Coordination Team, CARE, USA

Developed with two Senior Researchers the Market Information and Food Insecurity Response Analysis (MIFIRA) framework. MIFIRA is a response analysis tool intended to help CARE country office managers determine the most appropriate form of resource to transfer as part of a social protection program, during an emergency, or to alleviate food insecurity. Tested the framework for technical soundness, usability, and ease of understanding in pilot assessments in Ethiopia, Malawi, and Bangladesh.

*Affiliated Researcher*    *Fall 2006 – Fall 2007*

Unnayan Onneshan (Bangladesh)

As a recipient for a 2006-07 Fulbright, collaborated with Unnayan Onneshan, a Dhaka-based organization committed to research and action on development issues.

*Consultant*    *Fall 2005-Winter 2006*

United Nations World Food Programme

Completed a desk review and synthesis of the potential effects of food aid on households to improve the quality, transparency, and validity of the UN World Food Programme's emergency needs assessments.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Association of Agricultural Economists: 2016 – ongoing

American Sociological Association: 2011 – ongoing

Member of Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Team of AidData, a research consortium that aims to collect and analyze development finance data, funded by USAID. 2013 - 2016

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Faculty, South Asia Institute, UT Austin

Faculty Affiliate, Innovations in Peace and Development, UT Austin

Faculty, Center for Health and Social Policy, UT Austin

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Women and Gender Studies, UT Austin

**LANGUAGES**

Bengali (intermediate)

Nepali (basic)

Spanish (basic)