

# Tarikua Erda

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## Education

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- Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs** New York, NY
- Ph.D. Candidate, Sustainable Development 2019 – 2025 (expected)
  - *en route*: M.A. (Oct. 2021) and M.Phil. (May 2022)
  - *Fields and interests*: Applied micro & labor; Entrepreneurship and innovation
  - Core microeconomics and econometrics PhD sequences in the Columbia economics department
- Princeton University** Princeton, NJ
- A.B., Economics, *cum laude* 2013 – 2017
  - *Senior Thesis*: “Food For Thought: The Impact of Early Life Undernutrition on Preadolescent Human Capital in Ethiopia.” (Adviser: Benjamin Moll)

## Research

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### Working papers

- Spillovers that Pay Dividends: The Indirect Impact of Federal Disaster Loans on Firm Entry [[Paper](#)] (*Under review*)

### Ongoing

- Disasters, Machine Upgrading, and Productivity
- The On-campus Recruiting Labor Market (joint with Laura Caron)
- Appearance and Perception in Academic Settings (joint with Jeff Shrader)

## Research Grants

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- Washington Center for Equitable Growth, Doctoral Research Grant, 2022 (\$15,000)
- National Science Foundation, Dissertation Research Grant in Economics, 2022 (\$25,000)
- Russell Sage Foundation, Dissertation Research Grant, 2022 (\$10,000)
- Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Seed Grant (PI: Jeff Shrader), 2022 (\$30,550)
- Columbia Experimental Laboratory for Social Sciences, Seed Grant (PI: Jeff Shrader), 2021 (\$4,000)

## Invited Presentations, Conferences, Workshops

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- Society of Labor Economists May 2024 (scheduled)
- Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Conference Nov. 2023
- Eastern Economics Association (EEA) Annual Conference Feb. 2023
- APPAM Annual Conference Nov. 2022
- Sustainable Development Research Symposium at Columbia University May 2022
- Interdisciplinary PhD Workshop on Sustainable Development at Columbia University Apr. 2022
- Workshop on Entrepreneurial Finance and Innovation, PhD Student Workshop Nov. 2021
- NBER Entrepreneurship Research Boot Camp Aug. 2021

## Fellowships and Awards

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- Beijer Institute of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Beijer Young Scholar 2024-2027
- APPAM, Entrepreneurship and Policy PhD Fellow 2022-2023

- Workshop on Entrepreneurial Finance and Innovation (WEFI), PhD Fellow 2022-present
- Columbia Population Research Center, Fellow 2021-present
- Columbia University, Dean's Fellow 2019-2025
- Princeton University Economics Departmental Honors, Distinction 2017

## Relevant Positions

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**CSWEP Dissertation Fellow**, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Summer 2023

### Teaching Assistant

- *Disasters and Development* (for Profs. John Mutter & Sonali Deraniyagala) Fall '20, '21, '22, '23
- *Challenges of Sustainable Development* (for Prof. Lisa Dale) Spring '21, '22

### Research Assistant

- for Prof. Jeff Shrader Summer 2021
- for Prof. Elizabeth Ananat Summer, Fall 2020
- for Prof. Belinda Archibong Summer 2020

**Analyst**, Analysis Group 2017 – 2019

## Other

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- *Clearances*: Special Sworn Status Researcher, U.S. Census Bureau (2023-2028)
- *Referee Service*: Journal of Banking and Finance

## Skills

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- *Computing*: Stata, Python, ArcGIS, SQL, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X<sub>2</sub>e
- *Languages*: English (native/bilingual proficiency); Amharic (native)

## References

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