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Education

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs New York, NY

- Ph.D. Candidate, Sustainable Development Aug. 2019 – May 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 coursework in the Columbia economics department

Princeton University Princeton, NJ

- A.B., Economics, *cum laude* Sept. 2013 – Jun. 2017
- *Senior Thesis*: “Food For Thought: The Impact of Early Life Undernutrition on Preadolescent Human Capital in Ethiopia.” (Adviser: Benjamin Moll)

Research

Ongoing

- Sink or Swim: Firm Dynamics and Reallocation after Flood Shocks
- The On-campus Recruiting Labor Market (with Laura Caron)
- Appearance and Perception in Academic Settings (with Jeffrey Shrader)

Invited Presentations, Conferences, Workshops

- Eastern Economics Association (EEA) Annual Conference Feb. 2023
- Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (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

Research Grants

- 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)

Fellowships and Awards

- APPAM Entrepreneurship 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

Dissertation Fellow, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago May-Aug. 2023

Teaching Assistant

- *Disasters and Development* (for Profs. John Mutter & Sonali Deraniyagala) Fall 2020, 2021, 2022
- *Challenges of Sustainable Development* (for Prof. Lisa Dale) Spring 2021, 2022

Research Assistant

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

Analyst, Analysis Group (Litigation consulting) Aug. 2017 – May 2019

Clearances

- Special Sworn Status Researcher, U.S. Census Bureau (2023-2028)

Skills

- *Computing*: Stata, Python, ArcGIS, SQL, L^AT_EX₂ ϵ
- *Languages*: English (native/bilingual proficiency); Amharic (native)

References

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