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Citizenship: Kenyan

Employment:

July 2007: Mitsubishi Career Development Assistant Professor of International Management
MIT Sloan School of Management
July 2006: Assistant Professor of Applied Economics
MIT Sloan School of Management

Professional Affiliations:

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2007
Member, American Economic Association
Member, Econometric Society

Education:

Ph.D., Economics, Yale University, May 2006 (with Distinction)
Dissertation: Empirical Essays in the Microeconomics of Development in Sub-Saharan Africa
M.Phil., Economics, Yale University, December 2003
M.A., Economics, Yale University, December 2003
M.A., International and Development Economics, Yale University, May 2001
B.A. (*Honors*), Economics, Trinity College, Cambridge University, June 1999

Honors and Awards:

George Trimis Prize for Distinction in Dissertation, Yale University, May 2006
Raymond Powell Teaching Prize, Yale University, 2005
Yale University Dissertation Fellowship, Spring 2006
Ryoichi Sasakawa Fellowship, Yale University, 2003-2004
Economic Growth Center Prize, Yale University, 2001-2005
Yale University Doctoral Fellowship, 2001-2005
Scholar of the Oxford and Cambridge Society of Kenya, 1996-1999
Scholar of the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, 1996-1999
Trinity College Overseas Fellowship, 1996-1999

Grants and Fellowships:

Buschbaum Research Support Fund, MIT, 2008
Yale Center for International and Area Studies Dissertation Grant, 2004-2005
Agrarian Studies Fellowship, 2004
Lindsay Fellowship for African Studies, 2004
Yale Center for International and Area Studies Pre-Dissertation Grant, 2003

Publications:

“Growth, Poverty and Human Development”, with Gustav Ranis, in *Globalization and Social Stress*, ed. Grzegorz W. Kolodko, Nova Science Publishing House, 2005.

Working Papers:

“Selection and Comparative Advantage in Technology Adoption”, January 2008. (Submitted)
Earlier version: Yale University *Economic Growth Center Discussion Paper* No. 944, Sept.2006.

“Spillovers in Village Consumption: Testing the Extent of Partial Insurance”, *Working Paper*, MIT Sloan, 2008.

“Child Labor and Schooling Decisions in Ghana”, with Michael Boozer, *Working Paper*, 2007.

“Technological Change and the Evolution of Markets: The Case of Pineapple in Ghana”, *Working Paper*, 2008.

“Paths to Success: The Relationship Between Human Development and Economic Growth” (with Michael Boozer, Gustav Ranis and Frances Stewart), August 2007. (Submitted)

Work In Progress:

“Testing for Insurance and Identification of Risk-Sharing Groups” (with Michael Boozer).

“Poverty Measurement and Dynamics” (with Michael Boozer and Markus Goldstein).

Projects in the Field:

“Using Cell-Phone Technologies to Expand Financial Services in Kenya” (with William Jack)
[Data collection stage]

“Contracting and Multiple Use Water Systems” (with Joost de Laat, William Jack and Michael Kremer) [Pilot Stage, Scale-up Planned for Fall 2008]

Other Relevant Experience:

Consultant, Kenya Poverty and Inequality Assessment, World Bank, May-June 2008

Presentations:

2007-2008: LSE/UCL Joint Seminar, International Research Conference HBS

2006-2007: University of Virginia, Harvard/MIT Joint Seminar in Development, NBER Productivity Group, Duke University, Brandeis University, Global Economics and Management Seminar MIT Sloan

2005-2006: North East Universities Development Consortium, London School of Economics, Oxford University, Princeton University, Graduate School of Business Stanford, Stanford, University of California Berkeley, Haas School of Business, University of California San Diego, MIT Sloan School of Management, Hunter College

2003-2004: North East Universities Development Consortium, University of Chicago

Teaching:

MBA: Applied Macro and International Economics, Spring 2007 and 2008

PhD: Advanced Topics in Economic Development, Spring 2008

Languages:

English (fluent); Punjabi (fluent); Swahili (fair); Hindi (spoken, fair); French (basic)