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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Colby College, 2017 – present

EDUCATION

PhD, Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, 2012 – 2017

MS, International Economics, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, 2008 – 2010

BS, Applied Mathematics with minors in Statistics and Economics, Texas A&M University, 2004 – 2008

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Health Economics, Consumer Behavior, Household Economics

PUBLICATIONS

Bellemare, Marc, Metin Cakir, Hikaru Peterson, **Lindsey Novak**, and Jeta Rudi. (2017) "On the Measurement of Food Waste," *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, forthcoming.

Bellemare, Marc F., **Lindsey K. Novak**. (2016) "Contract Farming and Food Security," *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 99 (2): 357 – 378.

Bellemare, Marc F., **Lindsey K. Novak**, and Tara Steinmetz. (2015). "All in the Family: Explaining the Persistence of Female Genital Cutting in West Africa." *Journal of Development Economics*, 116, p. 252-265.

Novak, Lindsey K. (2014). "The Impact of Access to Water on Child Health in Senegal." *Review of Development Economics*. 18 (3) 431-444.

WORKING PAPERS

"Caregiving for Children with Type I Diabetes in Central India: The IDREAM Study" (with Greta Friedemann-Sanchez and Benjamin Capistrant). Revision requested, *Pediatric Diabetes*.

"Persistent Norms and Tipping Points: Female Genital Cutting in Burkina Faso"

"Change of Heart: Explaining Shifting Opinions of Female Genital Cutting" (with Marie Baguet)

“Mirror Image: How Local Obesity Rates Impact Individual Health Perceptions” (with J Michael Oakes)

“Buy Locally? Big-Box Stores and Time-Inconsistent Preferences” (with Marc Bellemare)

“Contract Farming as Partial Insurance” (with Marc Bellemare and Yu Na Lee)

TEACHING

The University of Minnesota

Instructor – Principles of Macroeconomics: Spring 2016

Instructor – PhD Level Course Using MATLAB for Econometrics: Summer 2014

Teaching Assistant – Intermediate Microeconomics: Spring 2015, Fall 2014 (with Marc Bellemare)

Hamline University

Instructor – Macroeconomics Analysis: January 2016

The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

Teaching Assistant – Graduate Level Course International Monetary & Financial Systems: Past, Present, and Future: Spring 2010 (with Cedric Tille and Marc Flandreau)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Evaluation Officer – International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), New Delhi, India: 2010 – 2012

- Served as Principal Investigator for study of a school vouchers program for girls in primary school in North Delhi, with Dr. Thomas de Hoop. Study was a randomized control trial of a two-year school voucher program implemented by The Centre for Civil Society, a Delhi-based NGO; sample size of 800 girls
- Ensure technical rigor of 24 3ie-funded impact evaluation studies amounting to US\$10.3 million
- Conduct impact evaluation trainings for researchers and NGOs; organizations include the World Bank, DfID, Clinton Health Access Initiative, and the Government of India

External Collaborator – United Nations International Labor Office, Geneva, Switzerland: 2009 – 2010

- Provided statistical assistance to Dr. Nomaan Masjid for a paper titled The Global Recession and Developing Countries; working paper published here:

http://www.ilo.org/empelm/pubs/WCM_041819/lang--en/index.htm

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota (2016-2017): \$25,640

Warren Samuels research award from the Association for Social Economics: \$500

Western Economic Association International’s Graduate Student Workshop (2016): \$1,600

Agriculture & Applied Economics Association Travel Grant (2016): \$500
Sam Chung Hsieh and Alice Yen-Hee Hsieh Graduate Fellowship (2015): \$17,565
Center for International Food and Agriculture Policy Travel Grant (2015): \$1,000
Institutional and Behavioral Economics Section of the Agricultural and Applied Economic Association,
Best Paper in the Graduate Student Paper Competition (2015): \$300
Applied Economic Department Graduate Fellowship, University of Minnesota (2012-2013): \$34,146
Travel Grant, Minnesota Population Center (2015): \$1,000
Graduate Fellowship, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (2009): \$9,000
Graduate Fellowship, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (2008): \$18,000

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for *Journal of African Economies*, *Food Policy*, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*,
American Journal of Agricultural Economics, *Journal of Agricultural and Food Economics*, *Journal of
Development Effectiveness*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *SSM – Population Health*, *Agricultural
Economics*
Chair, Graduate Student Research Seminar, Department of Applied Economics: 2014 – 2017

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2017: ASSA Annual Meetings (Chicago, IL)
2016: Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), United Nations Expert Group Meeting
on Gender-Biased Harmful Practices in Brussels, Western Economic Association International,
American Association of Agricultural Economics
2015: Guest Lecture in Michael Oakes' course graduate-level course Practical Methods of Secondary
Data Analysis (PubH 6617), Minnesota, Guest Lecture in Ragui Assaad's course graduate-level
course Economics of Development (PA 5503), Minnesota, Midwest Economic Association