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Academic Positions

University of Michigan, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, 2008-present

University of Michigan, Research Affiliate, Population Studies Center, 2008-present

University of Michigan Population Research Center, NIA Post-doctoral Fellow 2006-2008

Education

Harvard University, Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government, May 2006 (“Incentives and Information in Developing Countries”)

Harvard University, M.A. in Political Economy and Government, March 2005

University of Michigan Institute in Survey Research, 2003 Summer Program in Survey Methodology

University of Michigan, B.S. with High Distinction, 1994-1998, Applied Mathematics, German

Albert Ludwig Universität Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany, 1997

Research

Publications:

Thornton, Rebecca L. 2008. "The Demand for, and Impact of, Learning HIV Status." *American Economic Review*, 98(5): 1829–63.

Michael Kremer, Edward Miguel, and Rebecca Thornton. “Incentives to Learn”. *Review of Economics and Statistics* (Forthcoming).

Publications in other disciplines:

Francis Obare, Peter Fleming, Philip Anglewicz, Rebecca Thornton, Francis Martinson, Agatha Kapatuka, Michelle Poulin, Susan Watkins, Hans-Peter Kohler. 2009. “Acceptance of repeat population-based voluntary counseling and testing for HIV in rural Malawi.” *Sexually Transmitted Infections* 85;139-144; originally published online 16 Oct 2008; doi:10.1136/sti.2008.030320.

Angotti N, Bula A, Gaydosh L, Kimchi E, Thornton R, and Yeatman S. 2009. “Increasing the Acceptability of HIV Counseling and Testing with Three C's: Convenience, Confidentiality and Credibility”, *Social Science & Medicine* (2009), doi:10.1016/j.socscimed.2009.02.041

Robert Jensen and Rebecca Thornton “The Consequences of Early Marriage in the Developing World.” *Oxfam Journal of Gender and Development*, June, 2003

Non-peer reviewed publications:

Michael Kremer, Edward Miguel, and Rebecca Thornton. “Incentives to Learn”. *Education Next*, Spring, 2005.

Working papers:

Oster, Emily and Rebecca Thornton. 2009. “Determinants of Technology Adoption: Private Value and Peer Effects in Menstrual Cup Take-Up”. NBER Working Paper Series No. 14828; Cambridge: National Bureau of Economic Research, 2009.

Oster, Emily and Rebecca Thornton. 2009. “Menstruation and Education in Nepal”. NBER Working Paper Series no: 14853; Cambridge: National Bureau of Economic Research, 2009.

- Burns, Justine, Malcolm Keswell, and Rebecca Thornton. 2009. "Evaluating the Impact of Health Programmes".
- Thornton, Rebecca, Laurel Hatt, Mursaleena Islam, Erica Field, Freddy Solís, Martha Azuzena González Moncada. 2009. "Health Insurance in Nicaragua: A Randomized Evaluation". Working Paper.
- Field, Erica and Rebecca Thornton. 2009. "Barriers to Enrolling in Health Insurance: The Value of Time" Working Paper.
- Susan Godlonton and Rebecca Thornton. 2007. "Social Interactions and Learning HIV Results in Rural Malawi". Working Paper.
- Lam, David and Rebecca Thornton. 2007. "Measuring Subjective Life Expectancy in Developing Countries: The Case of Malawi and South Africa". Working Paper.
- Thornton, Rebecca. 2007. "Save for the Future? HIV Testing and Economic Behavior". Working Paper.
- Kohler, Hans-Peter and Rebecca Thornton. 2009. "Financial Incentives and HIV Prevention: a Field Experiment in Rural Malawi". Working paper.

Working papers in other disciplines:

- Kohler, Hans-Peter, Sayeh Nikpay, and Rebecca Thornton. 2009. "Sexual Diaries in Malawi". Working paper.
- Angotti, Nicole, Agatha Bula, Lauren Gaydosh, Eitan Kimchi, Rebecca Thornton, Susan Cotts Watkins, and Sara Yeatman. "The Fear Factor in HIV Testing: Local Reactions to Door-to-Door Rapid Blood Testing for HIV in Rural Malawi." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York, NY, August 11-14, 2007.
- Bignami-Van Assche, Simona et al. 2004. "Protocol for biomarker testing in the 2004 Malawi Diffusion and Ideational Change Project." SNP Working Paper No.7, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania.

Honors, Grants and Fellowships:

- The World Bank: Rural Transport in Malawi, 2009 (with Dean Yang)
- Institute for Research on Women and Gender Faculty Research Grant: Circumcision, Information, and HIV Prevention, 2009
- OVPR University of Michigan Small scale grant: Circumcision, Information, and HIV Prevention, 2009
- Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies Faculty Research Grant: Circumcision, Information, and HIV Prevention, 2009
- International Labour Organization, 2009, (with Barbara Magnoni (EA Consultants)): Micro-insurance in Nicaragua
- NBER Africa Initiative: Leapfrogging the neighbors: The penetration and socioeconomic effects of information communications technologies in landlocked Malawi, 2008-2010, (with Taryn Dinkelman (Princeton University), Emily Oster (University of Chicago), and Deric Zanera (National Statistics Office, Malawi).
- Michigan Population Studies Center Small Grant (Ford Funds): AIDS, and the Elderly: Data Collection and a Field Intervention in Malawi, 2007 (with Dean Yang)
- Michigan Population Studies Center Small Grant (Mueller and Freedman Funds): Menstruation and Education in Nepal Follow-up Study, 2007
- Michigan Center for Demography of Aging (MiCDA) pilot grant: Subjective Life-Expectancy, Beliefs about HIV Transmission, and Long-term Planning, 2007
- Global Development Network Grant, 2007-2009, (with Barbara Magnoni (EA Consultants), Erica Field (Harvard University), and Martha González (Center for Health Studies, Nicaragua))
- Center for Health and Social Sciences Grant, 2006, University of Chicago (with Emily Oster)

Harvard University Women in Public Policy Grant: Menstruation and Education in Nepal, 2005, (with Emily Oster)

Warburg Foundation Economics of Culture Research Grant: Menstruation and Education in Nepal, 2005, (with Emily Oster)

Harvard Center for International Development Research Grant: Menstruation and Education in Nepal, 2005 (with Emily Oster)

NBER Fellowship in Aging, 2005-2006

Warburg Foundation Economics of Poverty Research Grant, 2005 Data Collection in Malawi

Information, Incentives and HIV/AIDS Prevention. 2004-2006, R21 NIH grant awarded (Hans-Peter Kohler P.I., University of Pennsylvania and Adeline Delavande (RAND Corporation)

Harvard University Term-Time Graduate Student Merit Fellowship, 2004-2005

Harvard Center for International Development Research Grant, 2004

Mortimer Spiegelman Fellow in Demography and Population Studies, 2003-2004

Center for Basic Research in the Social Sciences, Training Grant in Mathematics, 2003

Harvard University Research Fellowship, 2003

Harvard University Graduate Student Fellowship, 2001-2003

Invited Presentations

2009	Mobile Phones in Malawi - Menstruation and Education in Nepal - Education Experiments in Africa - Circumcision, Information, and HIV - Health insurance in Nicaragua - HIV Testing and Economic Behavior -	NBER Meeting on Africa Successes Population Association of America, Detroit; African Population and Health Research Center, Nairobi Kenya; Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan; Michigan State University 3IE Conference, Cairo Egypt Center for Global Development, Washington DC Population Association of America, Detroit (Mursaleena Islam); 3IE, Cairo Egypt; Global Development Network Meetings, York, UK; The World Bank, Washington DC AEA Meetings, San Francisco, CA
2008	Menstruation and Education in Nepal - Circumcision, Information, and HIV - Social Interactions and HIV Results - Health insurance in Nicaragua - HIV Testing and Economic Behavior -	Duke University; Harvard University; ISER, Nepal The World Bank, Washington, DC National AIDS Dissemination Conference, Lilongwe Malawi; Population Association of America, New Orleans (Susan Godlonton) Population Association of Iran, University of Tehran; Population Association of America, New Orleans; Global Development Network Meetings, Brisbane Australia Syracuse University
2007	Social Interactions and HIV Results - Health insurance in Nicaragua - HIV Testing and Economic Behavior -	Women and HIV/AIDS Symposium, Champaign, Illinois USAID, Washington DC Global Development Network Meetings, Cairo Egypt Hewlett Foundation and Population Reference Bureau Research Conference on Population Impacts on Economic Development, Union for African Population Studies, Fifth African Population

Conference, Tanzania; National AIDS Dissemination Conference, Lilongwe Malawi; SALDRU seminar, University of Cape Town, South Africa
Measuring Subjective Life Expectancy - Subjective Probabilities and Expectations: Methodological Issues and Empirical Applications to Economic Decision-making, Jackson Hole, Wyoming
Demand/ for Impact of Learning HIV Status - National AIDS Dissemination Conference, Lilongwe Malawi

- 2006 Demand/ for Impact of Learning HIV Status - American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston; Abt Associates, Washington D.C.; World Bank Human Development Forum, Washington D.C.; Experimental Economics Association Annual Meeting, Arizona; Johns Hopkins Economics Department; SALDRU, University of Cape Town, South Africa; Center for Global Development; University of North Carolina; Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; University of Michigan; University of Virginia; University of Toronto; Penn State University; Washington University; MIT/Harvard University Development Seminar; Population Association of America (Los Angeles); AEA Meetings, Boston, MA
- 2005 Demand/ for Impact of Learning HIV Status - University of Pennsylvania Population Center Colloquium; Johns Hopkins Population Center; North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Brown University; Eric M. Mindich Conference on Experimental Social Science: "Action Research in Psychology and Economics", Harvard University

Invited Discussant

- 2009 Population Association of America, Detroit
2008 Population Association of America, New Orleans; AEA Meetings, New Orleans; Global Development Network, Brisbane Australia
2007 Union for African Population Studies, Fifth African Population Conference, Tanzania

Referee for:

American Economic Review, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis Policy, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Development Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Public Economics, Economica, Review of Economic Statistics, Population Reference Bureau, Society for Labor Economists

Professional Affiliations/Memberships:

Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)
American Economic Association
American Public Health Association
Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)
Centre for Social Research, Malawi
Experimental Economics Association
Population Association of America
Union for African Population Studies
University of Michigan Population Research Center
University of Michigan International Policy Center

Teaching:

- April, 2009 Randomized Evaluation; Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) Course – 3IE Conference, Cairo Egypt
Fall, 2008 Economics 462 (Undergraduate Development Economics)

Fall, 2008 Economics 665 (Graduate Development Economics)

Spring, 2006 Health, Education, and Development, Harvard Economics Department, Teaching Fellow for Professor Erica Field.

March 2004, May 2006 Evaluating Social Programs: five day executive education course at the Poverty Action Lab, Teaching Assistant

Fall, 2003 Political Economy of Development, Harvard Government Department, Teaching Fellow for Devesh Kapur.

Consulting/Research Experience:

Abt Associates (Health Insurance in Nicaragua), 2006-2008

EA Consultants (Health Insurance in Nicaragua), 2006-present

Malawi Diffusion and Ideational Change Project, 2004-2005, Malawi, Voluntary Counseling and Testing Research and Field Director

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 2003-2004

Internationaal Christelijk Steunfonds Kenya, 2002

World Bank, Uganda, 2002

Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal, 2001

National Bureau of Economic Research, 2000-2001

Population Ecology Research Laboratory, Nepal, 1999

Languages:

Fluent: German

Conversational: Swahili (Eastern Africa); Chichewa (Malawi); Nepali (Nepal)