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Research Interests

Population; Health; Labor; Development; Experimental Economics; Applied Microeconomics

Education

University of Copenhagen <i>Ph.D. in Economics</i>	Copenhagen, Denmark 2001
University of Copenhagen <i>M.Sc. in Economics (Cand. Polit.)</i>	Copenhagen, Denmark 1996
University of Sussex <i>MA in Development Economics</i>	Brighton, UK 1995
University of Copenhagen <i>B.Sc. in Economics</i>	Copenhagen, Denmark 1993

Current Academic Positions

Seattle University <i>Associate Professor of Economics</i>	Seattle 2017–current
Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington <i>External Research Affiliate</i>	Seattle 2004–current

Past Academic Positions

Seattle University <i>Howard J. Bosanko Professor of International Economics and Finance</i>	Seattle 2020–2023
<i>Robert D. O'Brien Chair of Business</i>	2018–2020
<i>Assistant Professor of Economics</i>	2011–2017
University of Washington <i>Assistant Professor of Economics</i>	Seattle 2004–2011
Brown University <i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Population Studies and Economics</i>	Providence 2005
Georgetown University <i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics</i>	Washington, D.C. 2002–2003

Refereed Publications

Bijetri Bose, Shamma A. Alam, and Claus C. Pörtner. Impacts of the COVID-19 Lockdown on Healthcare Inaccessibility and Unaffordability in Uganda. *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, 109(3):527–535, September 2023.

Claus C. Pörtner. Birth Spacing and Fertility in the Presence of Son Preference and Sex-Selective Abortions: India's Experience Over Four Decades. *Demography*, 59(1):61–88, 02 2022.

Shamma Adeeb Alam and Claus C. Pörtner. Income shocks, contraceptive use, and timing of fertility. *Journal of Development Economics*, 131:96 – 103, March 2018.

Claus C. Pörtner and Yu-hsuan Su. Differences in child health across rural, urban, and slum areas: Evidence from India. *Demography*, 55(1):223–247, February 2018.

Claus C. Pörtner. Effects of parental absence on child labor and school attendance in the Philippines. *Review of Economics of the Household*, 14(1):103–130, March 2016.

D. Mark Anderson and Claus C. Pörtner. High school dropouts and sexually transmitted infections. *Southern Economic Journal*, 81(1):113–134, July 2014.

Niels-Hugo Blunch and Claus C. Pörtner. Literacy, Skills, and Welfare: Effects of Participation in Adult Literacy Programs. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 60(1):17–66, October 2011.

Mette Ejrnæs and Claus C. Pörtner. Birth Order and the Intrahousehold Allocation of Time and Education. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 86(4):1008–1019, November 2004.

Jens Kovsted, Claus C. Pörtner, and Finn Tarp. Child Health and Mortality: Does Health Knowledge Matter? *Journal of African Economies*, 11(4):542–560, December 2002.

Claus C. Pörtner. Children as Insurance. *Journal of Population Economics*, 14(1):119–136, May 2001.

Top Tier Conference Proceedings

Michael Toomim, Travis Kriplean, Claus C. Pörtner, and James A Landay. Utility of Human-Computer Interactions: Toward a Science of Preference Measurement. In *Proceedings of the 2011 annual conference on Human factors in computing systems*, pages 2275–2284. ACM, 2011.

Book Chapters

Shamma A. Alam, Claus C. Pörtner, and Claire Simpson. Economic shocks and children's education. In Klaus F. Zimmerman, editor, *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics*. Springer Nature, 2022.

Claus C. Pörtner. Fertility issues and policy in developing countries. In Susan L. Averett, Laura Argys, and Saul Hoffman, editors, *Oxford Handbook of Women and the Economy*. Oxford University Press, 2018.

Claus C. Pörtner. Fertility in developing countries. In Esther Redmount, editor, *The Economics of the Family: How the Household Affects Markets and Economic Growth*, chapter 8. Praeger, Santa Barbara, CA, 2015.

Lykke Andersen, John Geary, Claus C. Pörtner, and Dorte Verner. Human Health and Climate Change. In Dorte Verner, editor, *Reducing Poverty, Protecting Livelihoods, and Building Assets in a Changing Climate*, pages 167–194. The World Bank, Washington, DC, 2010.

Technical Reports/Policy Briefs

“Returns after Failure to Appear” prepared for King County Superior Court, King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, and King County Jail. Used for deciding on rate of case scheduling after COVID.

“Sex-Selective Abortions, Fertility, and Birth Spacing.” World Bank Policy Research Working Paper, no. WPS 7189, 2015. Washington, DC: World Bank Group. <https://doi.org/10.1596/1813-9450-7189> Heavily revised version published in *Demography* in 2022.

“Family Planning and Fertility: Estimating Program Effects using Cross-sectional Data” (with Kathleen Beegle and Luc Christiaensen). World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. WPS 5812 (2011). Washington, DC: World Bank Group. <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/Delivery.cfm?abstractid=1934673>

“Evolution of Poverty and Welfare in Ghana in the 1990s: Achievements and Challenges” (with Sudharshan Canagarajah). World Bank Africa Region Working Paper Series No. 61 (2003).

Working Papers

“Impact of Twin Lockdowns on Hunger, Labor Market Outcomes, and Household Coping Mechanisms: Evidence from Uganda” (with Shamma Adeeb Alam and Ishraq Ahmed). Revise and resubmit invited from *World Bank Economic Review*.

“How is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?” Revise and resubmit invited from *Demography*.

“Navigating Food Price Shocks in a Pandemic: Food Insecurity and Coping Mechanisms in Burkina Faso” (with Shamma Adeeb Alam and Shi Xi Liu). Revise and resubmit invited from *World Development*.

“The Effects of Expanding Female Economic Opportunities on Fertility: Causal Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial in Bangladesh” (with Shamma Alam).

“Does Expanding Female Economic Opportunities Improve Children’s Human Capital? Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial in Bangladesh” (with Shamma Alam).

“What Labor Supply Elasticities do Employers Face? Evidence from Field Experiments” (with Nail Hassairi).

“Only if You Pay Me More: Field Experiments Support Compensating Wage Differentials Theory” (with Nail Hassairi and Michael Toomim).

“Gone With the Wind? Hurricane Risk, Fertility and Education.” Financed by the World Bank’s Human Development Network, Social Protection and IFPRI.

Work in Progress

“Long-Run Effects of Domestic Violence: Does Domestic Violence Increase Later Likelihood of Prosecution?” (with David Martin and David Baker, King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office)

“Does Reducing Required Number of Court Attendance Reduce Failure to Appear? Evidence from Washington State Supreme Court Policy Changes” (with David Baker, King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office)

“Do Economic Shocks Increase Domestic Violence: Panel Data Evidence from Bangladesh” (with Shamma Alam).

Grants and Awards

Seattle University	USD 7,100
<i>Summer Faculty Fellowship</i>	2018
Albers School of Business and Economics, Seattle University	USD 7,100
<i>Albers Summer Research Grant</i>	2017
Albers School of Business and Economics, Seattle University	USD 7,100
<i>Albers Summer Research Grant</i>	2016
National Science Foundation	USD 750,000
<i>Interaction Economics: Instruments that Measure Social-Computational Systems</i>	2011–2016
Co-PI with James Landay (PI), Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Washington	
Albers School of Business and Economics, Seattle University	USD 7,100
<i>Albers Summer Research Grant</i>	2014
International Growth Centre	USD 9,500
<i>Pre-proposal grant for evaluating adult non-formal education programs in Ghana</i>	2010
Joint with Niels-Hugo Blunch, Washington and Lee University, and Robert Darko Osei, ISSER, University of Ghana	
International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)	USD 5,000
<i>Pre-proposal grant for evaluating adult non-formal education programs in Ghana</i>	2010
Joint with Niels-Hugo Blunch, Washington and Lee University	
University of Washington’s Royalty Research Fund	USD 26,635
<i>Determinants of sex-selective abortion in India</i>	2005
Royalty Research Scholar (course buy-out) for Spring 2005.	
University of Copenhagen, Denmark	North/South PhD scholarship
<i>Children and Household Behaviour in Developing Countries</i>	1996–1999

Computer/programming/software Skills

Git, L^AT_EX, Linux, macOS, Python, R, Stata

Refereeing

Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health, B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Inquiry, Economics and Human Biology, Economics Letters, Economics of Education Review, European Economic Review, Demographic Research, Demography, Health Economics, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3IE), International Migration Review, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Biosocial Science, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Population Economics, Pan American Journal of Public Health, Population and Environment, Population Studies, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics of the Household, Risk Management and Insurance Review, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Southern Economic Journal, Studies in Family Planning, World Development

Other Professional Service

Abstract/paper reviewer for the 29th IUSSP International Population Conference.

Post-doctoral proposal evaluation for Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - FNRS (Belgium NFS), 2021.

Review Panel for Hewlett Foundation Dissertation Fellowship in Population, Reproductive Health, and Economic Development, 2013.

Session organizer for “Methods and Measurement in Population-Development-Environment Research” and “Environment, Food, and Health,” Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2012.

Ph.D. Students

Chair

Momoe Makino (2011, Institute of Developing Economies, Tokyo)

D. Mark Anderson (2011, Montana State University)

Edwin Wong (2010, VA Health Services Research and Development Service)

Committee member

Nail Hassairi (2017, University of Washington)

Chasya J Hoagland (2015, Washington State Institute for Public Policy)

Shamma A Alam (2014, Dickinson College)

Yu-hsuan Su (2014, National Chengchi University, Taiwan)

Yu-i Peng (2010, National Taipei University)

Nalina Varanasi (2010, IHME, University of Washington)

Christina Panagiotis Tapia (2009, KPMG)

Jin Sung Yoo (2009, SK Research Institute)

Giedrius Blazys (2009, Uppsala University)

Meherun Ahmed (2006, Carleton College)

Arif Al Mamun (2005, Mathematica)

Conference, Seminar, and Workshop Presentations – Last 4 Years

Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 2023: “The Effects of Expanding Female Economic Opportunities on Fertility: Causal Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial in Bangladesh”.

European Society for Population Economics, Belgrade, Serbia, Jun. 2023: “How is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?”

Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA, Apr. 2023: “How is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?”

Fordham University, New York City, NY, Mar. 2023: “How is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?”

Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), Seattle, WA, Mar. 2023: “How is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?”

Southern Economic Association, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Nov. 2022: “Is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?”

Graduate Institute of Development Studies (GIDS), NCCU, Taiwan, Virtual, Oct. 2022: “Is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?”

Pacific Northwest Labor Day Workshop, Oregon State University Portland Center, Portland, OR, Sep. 2022: “What Labor Supply Elasticities do Employers Face? Evidence from Field Experiments”

Howard University, Washington, D.C., Aug. 2022: “Impact of COVID-19 Lockdowns on Hunger, Labor Market Outcomes, and Household Coping Mechanisms: Evidence from Uganda”

Population Association of America, Atlanta, GA, April 2022: “Is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?”

Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, Mar. 2022: “Is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?”

2021 IUSSP International Population Conference, Virtual, Dec. 2021: “Is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?”

Southern Economic Association, Houston, TX, Nov. 2021: “Only if You Pay Me More: Using Field Experiments to Derive Willingness-to-pay for Job Characteristics”

Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meeting, virtual, May 2021: “What Labor Supply Elasticities do Employers Face? Evidence from Field Experiments”

Population Association of America, virtual, May 2021: “Is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?”

Department of Economics, Portland State University, Portland, OR, Apr. 2021: “Is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?”

Teaching Experience

Seattle University, 2011–current: “Intermediate Microeconomics” (undergraduate), “Policy Analysis in International Development” (undergraduate), “Quantitative Methods and Applications” (undergraduate and face-to-face and online graduate), “Microeconomics of Development” (undergraduate), “Development Economics” (undergraduate), “Principles of Microeconomics” (undergraduate).

University of Washington, 2004–2011: “Population Economics” (graduate and undergraduate), “Microeconomics of Development” (graduate) “Development Economics” for (undergraduate).

Brown University, 2005: “Development Economics” (undergraduate)

Georgetown University, 2002–2003: “Introduction to Econometrics” (undergraduate), “Topics in Economic Development” (undergraduate).

Professional Memberships

American Economic Association, American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, European Society for Population Economics, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Population Association of America, Royal Economic Society

References

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