

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Information

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Academic Positions

2017 - Associate Professor of Economics, College of William and Mary, USA

2011 - 2017: Assistant Professor of Economics and Africana Studies, College of William and Mary, USA

2008-2011: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Courant Research Centre-PEG, University of Goettingen, Germany

2007-2008: Lecturer in Development Economics, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands

Education:

Ph.D. in Development Economics, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands (03/2007)

M.A. in Development Economics (Distinction), International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands (12/2001).

B.Sc. in Agricultural Economics, Alemaya University, Ethiopia (06/1990)

Other Training (short courses)

Macroeconomic Policy and Management, Harvard Institute for International Development of Harvard University, MA, USA (07/ 1999)

Courses Taught (William & Mary)

- ECON 483: Development Economics
- ECON 344: African Economic Development
- ECON 384: Labor Markets and Entrepreneurship
- ECON 300: Cities, Migration and Informality

Published Research

- “Social Insurance Reform and Workers’ Compensation,” (2022). With Arjun Bedi, Måns Söderbom and Getnet Alemu Zewdu. *Labor Economics*.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2022.102214>
- “Worker Turnover and Job Reallocation: Evidence from Matched Employer-Employee Data”, (2021). With Måns Söderbom. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.
<https://doi.org/10.1086/718686>
- “Structural Transformation and Economic Policy in Ethiopia” (2019). In Cheru et al. (Eds), *The Oxford Handbook of the Ethiopian Economy* (with Mekonnen Manyazewal)
- “The Ethiopian Manufacturing Sector: Productivity, Export Orientation and Competitiveness,” (2019). In Cheru et al. (Eds), *The Oxford Handbook of the Ethiopian Economy* (with Måns Söderbom)
- “Determinants of ‘Exit’ from High Aid-Dependence.” (2016). With Degol Hailu. *Journal of African Economies* 25,5, 670-698
- “Job Creation and Trade in Manufactures: Industry Level Analysis Across Countries.” (2016). With Degol Hailu. *IZA Journal of Labor and Development* 5, 1, 1-36.
- “Road Infrastructure and Enterprise Dynamics in Ethiopia,” (2015). With Måns Söderbom, Eyerusalem Siba & Getnet Alemu. *Journal of Development Studies* 51,11, 1541-58.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2015.1056785>
- “The Dynamic of Job Creation and Job Destruction in Sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Ethiopia” (2013). With Arjun Bedi. *Journal of African Economies* 22, 5, 651-692.
- “Economic Growth without Structural Transformation: The Case of Ethiopia,” (2012). With Paul Dorosh and Emily Schimdt. *Journal of African Development* 14, 2, 7-40.
- “Survival of Private Sector Manufacturing Firms in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Role of Productivity and Ownership,” *World Development* 37,3 (2009), 572-584
- “Firm Heterogeneity and Market Selection in Sub-Saharan Africa: Does It Spur Industrial Progress?” *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 55, 2 (2007), 393-423.

- “Competitive Selection and Technological Capabilities in Ethiopian Manufacturing,” *European Journal of Development Research* 19,1(2007), 118-135.

Working Papers

- “Job Flows and Worker Turnover in Ethiopia’s Industrial Parks,”
- “Resource dependence and industrialization in Africa ” (with Degol Hailu)
- “Social Insurance Reform and Labor Market Outcomes in Sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Ethiopia,” (2017) (with Arjun Bedi, Måns Söderbom, and Getnet Alemu Zewdu)
- “Constraints to Private Investment in a High-growth Environment: Firm-level Evidence from Ethiopia,”

Policy Reports

- “Analytical Framework for Industrial Policy and Development in Resource-rich African Countries,” (2018) UNDP Regional Service Center for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- “Productive Capacity and Economic Growth in Ethiopia,” (2017) CDP Background Paper No. 34, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, New York.
- “Assessing the UN Program of Action and the Allocation of ODA for Least Developed Countries (LDCs),” UN-DESA (2010)
- “Assessing the UN Program of Action for Small Island Developing States (SIDS),” UN-DESA (2010)

External Grants ,

- GRI and Carnegie Corporation grant to hire a postdoctoral research fellow for a research project on “Urbanization and Labor Market Dynamics in Sub-Saharan Africa” (Grant amount \$250,000 ; awarded in 2022)
- GRI seed grant (Grant amount \$15,000; awarded in 2022)
- World Bank grant to scale up the project “Job flow and labor mobility in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Case of Ethiopia” at the national level. Grant awarded in October 2018 (Grant amount \$48,000)
- International Growth Center (IGC) grant for a research project on “Job flows and labor mobility in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Case of Ethiopia.” Grant awarded in August 2017 by the IGC country team in Ethiopia (Grant amount £20,000)
- Institute for Labor Research (IZA) and Department for International Development (DFID) grant for a research project on “*Social Insurance and Labor Market Outcomes in Ethiopia*”. Supported under the 3rd round of the research program on “Growth and Labor Markets in Low Income Countries”. (2014-2017). This project involves researchers from Gothenburg, Erasmus and Addis Ababa Universities. Grant Amount Euro 350,000.
- International Growth Centre (IGC) grant for a research project on “Road Infrastructure and Enterprise Development in Ethiopia” (2010-2012). Joint project with researchers from University of Gothenburg and Addis Ababa University. £ 20,000.00
- NWO-WOTRO grant for a research project on “Impact Evaluation of Community Based Health Insurance Scheme in Ethiopia” (2010-2013). This is a joint project with researchers from Erasmus University Rotterdam, University of Leiden and Addis Ababa University. € 650,000
- German Research Foundation (DFG) grant for a postdoctoral research project on “The Dynamics of Job Flows, Investment and Product Mix in African Firms” (2009-2012). €200,000.00

Fellowships and Awards

- Visiting scholar at Addis Ababa University and the University of Goettingen from September 2017 to June 2018.
- Postdoctoral fellowship at the Courant Research Center-PEG of the University of Goettingen, Germany (2008-2009)
- Netherlands Fellowship Program (NFP) for doctoral research at the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam in The Netherlands (2003-2006)
- Prize for Best MA Research Paper for the 2000/2001 academic year at the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam in The Netherlands (December 2001). Thesis title: “Private Investment and Public Policy in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Empirical Analysis”

Summer Grant

- Faculty Summer Grant from William and Mary, 2014
- Faculty Summer Grant from William and Mary, 2012

Policy Advisory Services

- UNDP Regional Service Center for Africa: Analytical Framework for Industrial Development in Resource-rich African Countries.
- UN-DESA- Building Productive Capacity in Ethiopia: Background Paper on UN meeting on LDCs. (2015)
- UNDP - Manufactured Exports and Employment in Developing Countries: The Role of Institutions and Industrial Policy (2012)
- UNDP- Macroeconomic Determinants of Exit from Aid Dependence (2010)
- World Bank –Industrialization and Product Diversification in Ethiopia (2010)

Services to the Economics Profession

Referee to academic journals:

- *World Development, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of African Economies, Review of Income and Wealth, Review of Development Economics, Labor Economics, Development and Change, European Journal of Development Research, South African Journal of Economics, Journal of International Organizations, Journal of the Ethiopian Economy, Development Policy Review*

Previous posts

1. Short term Research and Teaching Positions

09/2009- 02/2010: Visiting Policy Analyst at UN-DESA (Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

New York, USA.

07/2008 – 09/2008. Visiting Researcher at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Germany.

01/2003-03/2007: PhD Fellow and Teaching and Research Assistant, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands

01/2002-12/2002: Teaching and Research Assistant, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands

2. Policy Related Positions

1995 – 1999: Economist, Macroeconomic Policy Analysis Unit, Ethiopian Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation.

- I was responsible for the publication of monthly, quarterly and annual reports on macroeconomic developments in Ethiopia .These reports were instrumental for the design, implementation and management of the structural adjustment program in Ethiopia.

1991 – 1994: Junior Economist, Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation, Ethiopia