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EDUCATION

Yale University , School of the Environment Ph.D. in Environmental Economics & Politics, Advisor: Dr. Luke Sanford	New Haven, CT Expected: May 2027
University of Notre Dame , Keough School of Global Affairs Master of Global Affairs, Concentration: Sustainable Development (GPA: 3.95)	Notre Dame, IN May 2022
Santa Clara University , Honors Program Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Emphasis in Water Resources (GPA: 3.38)	Santa Clara, CA June 2018

PUBLICATIONS

Oliver, L., D'Errico, M., & Winters, P. (2024). Economic Integration between Refugee Settlements and Host Communities. **The Journal of Development Studies**, 60(3), 360–379.

D'Errico, M., Jumbe, E., Oliver, L., Pietrelli, R., Staffieri, I., Winters, P. (2024). Transfers as a means to mitigate COVID-19 impacts on food security: Evidence from refugee and host communities Uganda. **The Journal of Development Studies**, 60(3), 432-456.

EXPERIENCE

Center for Business and Environment at Yale (CBEY) <i>Online Learning Associate, Financing and Deploying Clean Energy Certificate</i>	New Haven, CT <i>June 2024-Present</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spearheaded the first major content overhaul of the program's four 8-week modules (<i>Clean Energy Policy, Technology Transitions, Renewable Energy Project Finance, and Innovation</i>), ensuring material is accurate, accessible, and relevant for 120 mid-career professionalsCompletely reimaged <i>Innovation</i> module: proposed a new content arc, identified current trends and emerging technologies, developed 10 original instructional pages, and curated a fresh suite of 30+ real-world resourcesRegularly review and refine course content to align with rapid industry developments, working closely with faculty, experts, and CBEY leadership to maintain rigor and relevance	
<i>Teaching Assistant, Financing and Deploying Clean Energy Certificate</i>	<i>Aug 2023-Present</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support learners and professors by offering weekly office hours and grading assistance	
Yale School of the Environment <i>Teaching Fellow</i>	New Haven, CT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Energy Economics (ENV 800; Spring 2024, 2026); Disruptive Technology and Responsible Innovation (ENAS 2170; Fall 2025) Financing Climate Adaptation in Developing Countries (ENV 857; Fall 2023); Ministry for the Future: Imagining the Potential for Global Climate Cooperation (ENV 621; Spring 2023)	
United Nations Development Programme <i>Evaluation Consultant, Vertical Funds Hub, Program on Nature, Climate and Energy</i>	Remote <i>Aug 2023-Jan 2024</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Led the 2024 revamp of the Results-Based Management (RBM) framework for projects funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and Green Climate Fund (GCF).Examined the role that indicator selection and subsequent monitoring plays in adaptive project management for improved social and environmental performance	

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**Rome, Italy (Remote)***Graduate Student Researcher, Agrifood Economics Division**Oct 2021-Oct 2022*

- Developed model of economic integration between refugees and host communities in Northern Uganda
- Used model to identify and test the role of refugee-host distance as a causal mechanism of integration
- Cleaned, organized, and analyzed four sets of panel data from quantitative surveys of refugee and host communities using STATA.
- Summarized the results of qualitative and quantitative analysis in two papers for academic publication.

University of Notre Dame**Notre Dame, IN***Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Paul Winters, Keough School of Global Affairs**Feb 2021-Oct 2022*

- Mapped and analyzed the institutional architecture of the Food and Agriculture sector to identify points of overlap and fragmentation in the delivery of aid to small-scale producers on behalf of the Innovation Commission for Climate Change, Food Security, and Agriculture at the University of Chicago
- Co-authored white paper describing high-potential technologies, identifying possible institutional and market failures that could act as barriers to adoption and scale, and proposing existing solutions that could be adapted to address these failures.

*Co-Investigator, Integration Lab, Keough School of Global Affairs**Jan-Dec 2021*

- Acted as Research Lead on a long-term follow-up evaluation for Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) watershed management project in southern Malawi designed to improve farmers' resilience to climate change.

Peace Corps Benin**Coussi, Benin***Sustainable Agricultural Systems Volunteer**June 2019-Mar 2020*

- Designed and facilitated curriculum on climate change, environmental stewardship and entrepreneurship for 5 student clubs of 35+ students.
- Wrote grant and coordinated volunteer activities for Camp LEAD, a summer camp for students interested in sustainable agriculture, natural resource management and food security.

Santa Clara University**Santa Clara, CA***Global Social Benefit Fellow, Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship**Mar 2017-Dec 2017*

- Conducted market research for the scaling of NGO Teach a Man to Fish's (TAMTF) school-based entrepreneurship and empowerment programs in Uganda.
- Recommended that TAMTF expand its current product line by selling solar lanterns and sanitary pads to participating schools and described ways that it could establish partnerships with local social enterprises to facilitate this transition.

PRESENTATIONS

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Global Humanitarian Technology Conference, October 2018: Co-Presenter of "Climate-Smart Farming for Women in East Africa."

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Professional Proficiency: R/RStudio, STATA
- Working Proficiency: GIS
- French, Professional Working Proficiency/Intermediate High