

# Jeffrey R. Bloem

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied development microeconomics with applications in agricultural economics, poverty alleviation, conflict, labor, and education. Special emphasis on causal inference and applied econometrics. Interdisciplinary interests in psychology and political science.

## EDUCATION

**University of Minnesota**, Twin Cities, Minnesota Expected: **May 2020**

Ph.D. Candidate, *Department of Applied Economics*

- Dissertation Topic: “Three Essays in Development Economics”
- Committee: Marc Bellemare (Chair), Paul Glewwe, Jason Kerwin, Jane Sumner (UMN Political Science), and Bruce Wydick (University of San Francisco)

**Michigan State University**, East Lansing, Michigan **May 2016**

M.S., *Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics*

**Calvin College**, Grand Rapids, Michigan **May 2013**

B.S., *Economics*

## RESEARCH OUTPUT

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Marc F. Bellemare and Jeffrey R. Bloem (2018) “[Does Contract Farming Improve Welfare? A Review](#),” *World Development*, vol. 112, pp. 259-271.

Jeffrey R. Bloem, Duncan Boughton, Kyan Htoo, Aung Hein, and Ellen Payongayong (2018) “[Measuring Hope: A Quantitative Approach with Validation in Rural Myanmar](#),” *Journal of Development Studies*, vol. 54, issue 11, pp. 2078-2094.

Jeffrey R. Bloem and Scott Loveridge (2018) “[The Costs of Secondary Migration: Perspectives From Local Voluntary Agencies in the U.S.](#),” *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, vol. 19, issue 2, pp. 233-251.

Jeffrey R. Bloem (2017) “[Learning toward Transformation: Evaluating Material, Social, and Spiritual Impacts in Western Kenya](#),” *Faith & Economics*, no. 69, pp. 25-61.

### WORKING PAPERS

Jeffrey R. Bloem “Good Intentions Gone Bad? The Dodd-Frank Act and Conflict in Africa’s Great Lakes Region,” *working paper available on my website*

Jeffrey R. Bloem “How Much Does the Cardinal Treatment of Ordinal Variables Matter? An Empirical Investigation,” *working paper available on my website*

Jeffrey R. Bloem “Aspirations and Real Estate Investment in Rural Myanmar,” *working paper available on my website*

Jeffrey R. Bloem and Bruce Wydick “All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten? Evidence from the Philippines” [working paper available on my website](#)

Marc F. Bellemare and Jeffrey R. Bloem “The Paper of How: Estimating Treatment Effects Using the Front-Door Criterion” [working paper available on my website](#)

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Harrison Mitchell, Amy Damon, and [Jeffrey R. Bloem](#) “The Effects of Conflict on Household Agricultural Investment in Nigeria”

Mo Alloush and [Jeffrey R. Bloem](#) “Neighborhood Violence and Psychological Well-Being: Evidence from South Africa”

Jeffrey R. Bloem and Rashmita Gandhe “Does Psychological Well-Being Mediate Economic Well-Being? Short-Run Evidence from a Multifaceted Program in the Philippines”

Jeffrey R. Bloem and Andrew Oswald “Robustness Tests for Ordinal Scales, with Applications to Data on Human Well-Being and Beyond”

## POLICY BRIEFS

Jeffrey R. Bloem and Scott Loveridge (2017) “[The Secondary Migration of Refugees Resettled in the US](#),” *Forced Migration Review*, issue 54, pp. 26-28.

Jeffrey R. Bloem (2014) “[Refugees in Rural Communities: A Win-Win?](#),” *National Agriculture and Rural Development Policy Center*, brief no. 34.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Jeffrey R. Bloem (2018) “[Book Review of ‘Cents and Sensibility: What Economists Can Learn from the Humanities’](#) by Gary Saul Morson and Morton Schapiro,” *Faith & Economics*, issue no. 71.

Marc F. Bellemare and Jeffrey R. Bloem (2018) “[Book Review of ‘Experimental Conversations: Perspectives on Randomized Trials in Developing Countries’](#) (ed.) Timothy Ogden,” *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, vol. 100, issue 2, pp. 642-643.

Jeffrey R. Bloem (2016) “[Book Review of ‘Economics Rules: The Rights and Wrongs of the Dismal Science’](#) by Dani Rodrik,” *Faith & Economics*, issue no. 68, pp. 121-126.

Jeffrey R. Bloem (2015) “[Book Review of ‘Misbehaving: The Making of Behavioral Economics’](#) by Richard H. Thaler,” *Faith & Economics*, issue no. 66, pp. 169-174.

## PRESENTATIONS

### 2020

- Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference, University of Oxford, UK
- Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meetings, San Diego, CA

### 2019

- Economics Seminar, Dept. of Economics, Towson University, Towson, MD
- Sustainability and Development Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MidDev), Madison, WI
- Economics Seminar, Dept. of Economics, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
- Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference, University of Oxford, UK

## 2018

- North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- Development Economics Seminar, Dept. of Economics, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN
- Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Meeting, Washington DC

## 2017

- Midwest Group in African Political Economy (MGAPE), Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

## 2016

- Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Meeting, Boston, MA
- Economics Seminar, Dept. of Economics, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
- Global Agriculture Summit, Dordt College, Sioux Center, IA

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### **University of Minnesota**, Twin Cities, MN

#### *Ph.D. Student*

Includes ongoing graduate-level coursework, dissertation research, and collaboration with other researchers on additional research projects.

**2016 - present**

#### *Graduate Research Assistant*

Research Assistant for the *Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS)* team. I provided technical support to IPUMS data users.

**2016 - present**

### **Michigan State University**, East Lansing, MN

#### *M.S. Student*

Includes graduate-level coursework and thesis research in collaboration with other researchers.

**2014 - 2016**

#### *Graduate Research Assistant*

Research Assistant for the *Food Security Group*. I led enumerator and data entry training, and developed a household survey in rural Myanmar.

**2015 - 2016**

#### *Graduate Research Assistant*

Research Assistant for the *North Central Regional Center for Rural Development*. I performed qualitative data collection on refugee resettlement in the US.

**2014 - 2015**

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Macalester College**, St. Paul, MN

#### *Department of Economics*

Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Program teaching mentorship placement (with Amy Damon)

**Spring 2019**

#### *Guest Lectures*

- Economics 119: Principles of Economics
- Economics 381: Econometrics

### **University of Minnesota**, Twin Cities, MN

#### *Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Program*

A specialized program designed to assist advanced graduate students become more responsive and reflective teachers.

**2018 - 2019**

#### *Guest Lectures*

- Applied Economics 3071: Microeconomics of International Development

*Research Advising and Mentoring*

- Rashmita Gandhe, Wayzata High School, Minnesota Scholars of Distinction  
“Does Psychological Well-Being Mediate Economic Well-Being? Short-Run Evidence from a Multifaceted Program in the Philippines
- Harrison Mitchell, Macalester College, honors thesis research project  
“The Effects of Conflict on Household Agricultural Investment in Nigeria”

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

**US Agency for International Development (USAID)**, Washington DC  
*Research Associate*  
Provided technical service to the Office of Evaluation and Impact Assessment.

**Summer 2016**

**Africa Theological Seminary and Partners Worldwide**, Kitale, Kenya  
*Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist*  
Designed and implemented a firm-level survey and evaluation methodology.

**2012 - 2014**

**Hopeline Institute**, Accra, Ghana  
*Research Intern*

**Fall 2012**

Performed qualitative ethnographic analysis of microfinance loan clients.

AWARDS,  
FELLOWSHIPS,  
& GRANTS

**University of Minnesota**, Twin Cities, MN  
*Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (2019-2020)*  
The Graduate School, University of Minnesota

**Spring 2019**

*International Conference Travel Grant*

**Spring 2019**

Council of Graduate Students (COGS), University of Minnesota

*Interdisciplinary Dissertation Proposal Development Program*

**Spring 2017**

Institute for Advanced Study and Social Science Research Council, University of Minnesota (declined)

**Michigan State University**, East Lansing, MN

*Higher Education Solutions Network Fellowship*

**Summer 2016**

Global Center for Food Systems Innovation, Michigan State University

*Best “In Progress Research” Presentation*

**Spring 2016**

Graduate Research Symposium, Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Michigan State University

*A. Allen Schmid Fellowship in Institutional Economics*

**Spring 2015**

Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Michigan State University

SERVICE &  
LEADERSHIP

**Referee for:**

*Agribusiness: An International Journal · Agricultural Economics · American Journal of Agricultural Economics · Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics · Business Strategy and Development · East African Agricultural and Forestry Journal · Economics of Transition · Faith & Economics · Food Policy · Journal of Agricultural Science and Technology · Journal of Integrative Agriculture · Journal of International Migration and Integration · World Development · 2019 & 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting · 2019 & 2020 IPUMS Research Award*

**University of Minnesota**, Twin Cities, MN

*Treasurer, Graduate Student Club*

**2018 - 2019**

*Awards Committee Student Representative*

**2017 - 2018**

**Michigan State University**, East Lansing, MN  
*Brown Bag Seminar Chair* **2015 - 2016**  
*Prospective Student Coordinator* **2015 - 2016**

WORKSHOPS  
*Measuring and Tracking Subjective Well-Being for Aging Research* **Summer 2018**  
 NBER Summer Institute, Boston, MA  
*Global Food Security Symposium* **Spring 2016**  
 The Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Chicago, IL  
*Applying Experimental Economics to Food and Agri-Environmental Issues* **Summer 2015**  
 AAEA Post-Conference Meeting, San Francisco, CA

DISSERTATION  
 COMMITTEE

<p>Marc F. Bellemare          Northrop Professor          Department of Applied Economics          University of Minnesota          1994 Buford Ave.          St. Paul, MN 55108          Email: mbellema@umn.edu.</p> <p>Jason Kerwin          Assistant Professor          Department of Applied Economics          University of Minnesota          1994 Buford Ave.          St. Paul, MN 55108          Email: jkerwin@umn.edu</p> <p>Jane L. Sumner          Assistant Professor          Department of Political Science          University of Minnesota          267 19th Ave. S          Minneapolis, MN 55455          Email: jlsumner@umn.edu</p>	<p>Paul Glewwe          Distinguished McKnight University Professor          Department of Applied Economics          University of Minnesota          1994 Buford Ave.          St. Paul, MN 55108          Email: pglewwe@umn.edu</p> <p>Bruce Wydick          Professor          Department of Economics          University of San Francisco          2130 Fulton Street          San Francisco, CA 94117          Email: wydick@usfca.edu</p>
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