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## **Research Interests**

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Agricultural Economics, Environmental Economics, and Education Economics ([Google Scholar](#))

## **Current Employment**

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Graduate Research Assistant: Minnesota Population Centre (MPC), University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA

## **Previous Employment**

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Graduate Teaching Assistant: Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (Spring 2023). Working under Prof. Rodney Smith in Undergraduate course (APEC 3002 – Managerial Economics)

Graduate Teaching Assistant: Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (Fall 2022). Working under Prof. Tade Okediji in Undergraduate course (APEC 1101 - Principles of Microeconomics)

Graduate Research Assistant: School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (Summer 2022). Working under Prof. JP Leider's Lab.

Graduate Teaching Assistant: School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (Summer 2022). Working under Prof. JP Leider's in master's course (PubH 6755: Planning and Budgeting for Public Health)

Research Assistant: Economic and Social Research Foundation (2018 – 2021)

Teaching Assistant: Department of Economics, University of Dar es Salaam (2017 – 2018)  
Undergraduate Courses: Microeconomics (Year 1), Agricultural Economics (Year 2), and Econometrics (Year 3)

Postgraduate Researcher: Economic Modelling Unit, Department of Economics, University of Dar es Salaam (2016 – 2018)

## **Research Affiliations**

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- Becker Friedman Institute for Economics in the Kenneth C. Griffin Department of Economics at UChicago: 2023 - Present
- Minnesota Population Center (MPC), University of Minnesota: 2021 – Present
- Bellemare Research Group (BeRG), University of Minnesota: 2021 - Present
- The Johnson-Polasky Research Lab, University of Minnesota: 2021 - Present
- Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy, University of Minnesota: 2021 – Present

- Division of Health Policy and Management, University of Minnesota: 2021 - Present
- Economic and Social Research Foundation: 2018 - Present
- The Center for Behavioral Studies (CBS), University of Dar es Salaam: 2018 - Present
- Environment for Development Tanzania (EfDT), University of Dar es Salaam: 2017 - Present

## **Education**

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| 2021 - Present | Ph.D. in Applied Economics, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA   |
| 2016 - 2018    | Master's in economics, University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), Tanzania<br>Thesis Title: Economic Analysis of the Adoption of Inorganic Fertilizer and Improved Maize Seeds in Tanzania<br>Advisor: Dr. Onesmo Selejio |
| 2013 - 2016    | Bachelor's in economics, Ardhi University, Tanzania<br>Thesis Title: Effect of Government Expenditure on Inflation in Tanzania: Evidence from 1980 to 2015<br>Advisors: Linus Lugaiyamu and Dr. Arnold Kihale      |

## **Publications – Peer Reviewed**

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- **Lasway, J.A.**, Selejio, O. and Temba, G.R., 2021. Modeling Multiple Adoption Decisions on Agricultural Technologies in Tanzania: A Multinomial Probit Analysis. *Tanzania Economic Review*, 10(2)
- **Lasway, J.A.** and Selejio, O., 2021. An Econometric Analysis of Maize Farmer's Choice of Land Ownership Systems: Evidence Using Panel Data from Tanzania. *The African Review*, 1(aop), pp.1-24.
- **Lasway, J.A.**, Temba, G.R. and Ruhinduka, R.D., 2020. Determinants of soil conservation technologies among small-scale farmers in Tanzania; evidence from national panel survey. *African Journal of Economic Review*, 8(1), pp.89-105.
- Selejio, O. and **Lasway, J.A.**, 2019. Economic analysis of the adoption of inorganic fertilisers and improved maize seeds in Tanzania. *African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 14(4), pp.310-330.

## **Published Policy Brief**

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- Lunogelo, B. H., Kihenzile, P. T, & **Lasway, A. J** (2021). Citrus in Tanzania: Prospects for increased participation of small and medium-sized enterprises. *ILAP Policy Brief*.

## **Working Papers**

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- Lunogelo, H.B., Makene, F.S., Kihenzile, P., and **Lasway, A. J** (2021). Innovation and Inclusive Industrialisation in agro-processing: Tanzania Citrus Value Chain. *ILAP*
- Lunogelo, B. H., Makene, F. S., & **Lasway, A. J** (2021). Innovation and Inclusive Industrialisation in agro-processing: Tanzania Dairy Value Chain. *ILAP*

## **Works in Progress**

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- Fertilizer price volatility and deforestation: Evidence from Uganda. *My Ph.D. second-year paper: Advised by Profs. Charlotte Ambrozek, Stephen Polasky, and Elizabeth Davis.*
- Give me a break: The effect of in-class breaks in teaching quality (*Paul Glenne and Francis Fang*)

## **Blog post**

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- **Lasway, A. J** & Lunogelo, B. H. (2020). On-going Research on SME Inclusion in the Dairy Industry in Tanzania. *ILAP Blog-post*

## **Refereeing**

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- African Journal of Economic Review; Tanzania Economic Review; The African Review; AAAE Conference (African Association of Agricultural Economists)

## **Selected Research Projects**

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- Quality of causes of death data in Minnesota from 2011 to 2022 – A descriptive analysis of the usage and correlates of garbage codes. Working with Dr. Harshada Karnik and Dr. JP Leider at the School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.
- Research Assistant: Innovation & Inclusive Industrialisation in Agro-Processing Project. Funded by Economic and Social Research Council. Working with Prof. Hazel Gray, Prof. Andrew Bowman, Prof. Fortunata Makene, Dr. Hosea Lunogelo, and Patrick Kihenzile
- Project Coordinator: The Potential Effects of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Tax on Obesity Prevalence in Tanzania. Funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Working with Prof. Fortunata Makene and Dr. Martin Chegere
- Research Assistant: Documenting the Impact of COVID-19 on Food Systems and Trade between Tanzania and East African Community (EAC) Partner States. Funded by IDRC. Working with Prof. Fortunata Makene, Prof. Godwin Mjema and Dr. Hoseana Lunogelo
- I was a team member of the Tanzania Special Task Force on preparing the African Union AGENDA 2063 of the First Ten Year Implementation Plan (2010-2019) that was submitted to the African Union Commission and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD).
- Project Coordinator: End-line Evaluation of the Project on Strengthening Health Systems to Reduce Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in Simiyu Region, Tanzania. Funded by UNFPA. Working with Profs. Fortunata Makene, Lusajo Kajula and Rosemary Mwaipopo
- Research Assistant: Rapid Market Assessment of Key Export Crops in Tanzania. Funded by Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank. Working with Profs. H. Lunogelo and S. Wangwe
- Research Assistant: East Africa Youth Inclusion Programme. Funded by Heifer International and MasterCard Foundation. Working with Prof. Fortunata Makene and Patrick Kihenzile
- Research Assistant: Preparing local economic development strategy for Tanga, Arusha, Mbeya, and Mtwara Regions. Funded by World Bank and Government of Tanzania. Working with Prof. Haidari Amani
- Program Assistant Coordinator: ESRF Impact Evaluation Lab. Funded by Hewlett Foundation.
- Research Assistant: Skills for Employment: Scaling up and skilling of technical and vocational training in Sub Saharan Africa. Commissioned by UDSM. Working with Prof. Vincent Leyaro
- Research Assistant: Undertaking Public Awareness Baseline Survey on East African Community (EAC) Integration Issues and Opportunities among EAC Integration Stakeholders. Commissioned by Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Working with Prof. Haji Semboja

## **Awards**

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- 2023/24 Minnesota Population Centre (MPC) Short-Term RA Program (*with full tuition benefit*)
- 2023 Ph.D. (Economics) Price Theory Summer Camp in the Becker Friedman Institute (BFI), Kenneth. C. Griffin Department of Economics, the Chicago Booth School of Business, University of Chicago. Organized by: Prof. Kevin Murphy, Prof. Steve Levitt, Prof. Dierdre Nansen McCloskey, Prof. Jesse Shapiro, and Prof. Robert H. Topel. Referenced by Distinguished McKnight Professor, Paul W Glewwe

- Minnesota Population Centre (MPC) Travel Grant (\$500), Population of America Association (PAA) 2023 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
- Minnesota Population Centre (MPC) Travel Grant (\$500), Population of America Association (PAA) 2022 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
- Mary A. and Robert B. Litterman Fellowship - 2022, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota
- Jean Kinsey Fellowship - 2021, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota
- Scholarship award on The Graduate Applications International Network (GAIN) under the mentorship of Prof. James Milner, Carleton University, 2020-2021
- Hewlett Foundation Grant (\$250,000) for Setting up The ESRF Impact Evaluation Lab, 2019 – 2021 with Dr. Tausi Kida, Danford Sango, and Dr. Constantine Manda
- Scholarship award on Micro-Master of Data Economics and Development Policy (Online Course Program), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), United States of America. Funded by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. 2019.
- Nominated for master's Internship Programme at the World Bank Tanzania Country Office by the Principal's office of College of Social Science (CoSS) and Department of Economics, University of Dar es Salaam, 2018.

## **Skills**

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R, Stata, Mathpix, and LaTeX

## **Research Conferences**

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- Population of America Association, 2023 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, New Orleans; 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022
- Population of America Association, 2022 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia; 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> National Non-Communicable Diseases Conference, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting under Agricultural Economics Society of Tanzania (AGREST), 13<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Dodoma, Tanzania.
- International Conference on Nurturing Industrial Economy in Africa, University of Dodoma on 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Dodoma, Tanzania.

## **Membership**

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American Agricultural Economics Association; African Agricultural Economics Association; Population American Association

## **Personal**

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- Citizenship: Tanzanian Citizen with United States (US) F-1 Visa
- Marital status: Single (Never Married)

## **References**

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