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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Primary:** Gender and development • social protection/cash transfers • gender-based violence  
**Secondary:** Women's asset ownership and property rights • adolescent health and wellbeing

My research provides methodological and policy-relevant evidence linking gender and development in resource-poor settings. For example: How are poverty and experience of gender-based violence linked, and what potential do economic programs have in mitigating risk of violence for women and girls? How can methodological improvements help capture gendered-measurement of agency, decisionmaking and empowerment, and what implications does this have for understanding how to increase wellbeing of vulnerable populations? In seeking to answer these questions, I have collected large-scale data in over a dozen countries, in sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and South Asia. I believe in simple analysis to shine a light on complex problems, and aim to continually reevaluate how to use evidence for social progress.

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

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2011 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (Health Economics), Poverty, Health and Nutrition Division, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)  
Mentors: Drs. John Hoddinott and Agnes Quisumbing

2009 Ph.D. Public Policy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
Dissertation: *Essays in maternal health and human rights: Evidence from sub-Saharan Africa*  
Primary adviser: Dr. Sudhanshu Handa

2002 B.A. Economics, Minor: Asian Studies, University of California, San Diego  
2001 University of Pittsburgh, Study abroad: Semester at Sea

## WORK EXPERIENCE (POST GRADUATE)

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2018 – current Adjunct Associate Research Professor • Department of Public Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Social Policy Consultant • UNICEF Office of Research—Innocenti, Florence, Italy.

2015 – 2018 Social Policy Specialist • UNICEF Office of Research—Innocenti, Florence, Italy. Focal point for structural determinants of adolescent wellbeing research program, focusing on cash transfers and safe transition to adulthood under the Transfer Project, a research initiative conducting impact evaluations of 12 government-run cash transfer programs in sub-Saharan Africa

2013 – 2015 Assistant Research Professor • Department of Public Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Transfer Project hosted at the Carolina Population Center

- 2011 – 2013      Research Fellow • Poverty, Health and Nutrition Division, IFPRI, Washington, DC. Work on crosscutting gender portfolio, including the Gender and Agricultural Assets Project (GAAP), women’s land rights projects and evaluation of social protection programs. Out posted to IFPRI-Kampala (11/2011 – 5/2012) and IFPRI-Dakar (10/2012 – 12/2012)
- 2009 – 2011      Postdoctoral Research Fellow • Poverty, Health and Nutrition Division, IFPRI, Washington, DC. Work on crosscutting gender portfolio and social protection evaluations
- 2008 – 2009      Consultant: World Bank (Washington, D.C. and Salima, Malawi);  
Macro International (Washington, D.C.);  
Population Council (Nairobi, Kenya)
- 2005 – 2007      Research and Teaching Assistant • Department of Public Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

\* denotes alphabetical authorship

Google scholar: Citations (2,400+), h-index (22); RePEc: 400 (top 3% of female economists for last 10 years)

1. Palermo T, Pereira A, Neijhoft A, Buluma R, Kaloga IF, Harvey R, Islam A, Kheam T, Kitembe M, Lund-Henriksen B, Maksud N, Maternowska MC, Potts A, Rottanak C, Shawa M & **A Peterman** (2019). Risk factors for childhood violence and polyvictimization: A cross-country analysis from three regions *Child Abuse & Neglect* (in press)
2. Buller AM, **Peterman A**, Ranganathan M, Bleile A, Hidrobo M & L Heise (2018). A mixed-method review of Intimate partner violence and cash transfers in low- and middle-income countries *World Bank Research Observer* 33(2): 218-258
3. Seymour G & **A Peterman** (2018). Context and Measurement: An analysis of the relationship between intrahousehold decision making and autonomy *World Development* 111: 97-112
4. Dake F, Natali L, Angeles G, de Hoop J, Handa S & **A Peterman** on behalf of the Malawi Social Cash Transfer and Zambia Cash Transfer Evaluation Teams (2018). Income transfers, early marriage and fertility in Malawi and Zambia *Studies in Family Planning* (in press)
5. Kilburn K, Principe L, Hjelm L, **Peterman A**, Handa S & T Palermo (2018). Examination of Performance of the Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale Short Form 10 among African Youth in Poor, Rural Households *BMC Psychiatry* 18: 201
6. Handa S, Daidone S, **Peterman A**, Davis B, Pereria A, Palermo T & J Yablonski J on behalf of the Transfer Project (2018). Mythbusting: confronting six common perceptions about cash transfer programs in sub-Saharan Africa *World Bank Research Observer* 33(2): 259-298 [[Innocenti Research Brief 2017-18](#)]
7. Mueller V, **Peterman A**, Billings L & A Wineman (2018). Experimental impacts of community-based legal aid on intra-household gender dynamics in northwestern Tanzania *Feminist Economics* (in press)
8. Natali L, Handa S, **Peterman A**, Seidenfeld D & G Tembo on behalf of the Zambia Child Grant Program Evaluation Team (2018). Does money buy happiness? Evidence form an unconditional cash transfer in Zambia *Social Science & Medicine – Population Health* 4: 225-235

9. **Peterman A**, Palermo T, Handa S & D Seidenfeld on behalf of the CGP Evaluation Team (2018). List randomization for soliciting experience of intimate partner violence: Application to the evaluation of Zambia's unconditional Child Grant Program. *Health Economics* 27(3): 622-628
10. Rumble L, **Peterman A**, Idriana N, Triyana M & E Minnick (2018). An empirical exploration of female child marriage determinants in Indonesia *BMC Public Health* 18: 407
11. Devries K, Knight L, Petzold M, Gannett K, Maxwell L, Williams A, Cappa C, Chan E, Garcia-Moreno C, Hollis H, Kress H, **Peterman A**, Walsh SD, Kishor S, Guedes A, Bott S, Butron B, Watts C & N Abrahams (2017). Who perpetrates violence against children? A systematic analysis of age- and sex-specific data. *BMJ Paediatrics Open* 2: e000180
12. Mueller V, Billings L, Mogues T, **Peterman A** & A Wineman (2017). Filling the Legal Void? Impacts of a Community-Based Legal Aid Program on Women's Land-Related Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices. *Oxford Development Studies* :1-17 [[IFPRI Discussion Paper #1434](#)]
13. **Peterman A**, Neijhoft A, Cook S & T Palermo (2017). Understanding the linkages between social safety nets and childhood violence: A review of the evidence from low- and middle-income countries. *Health Policy & Planning* 32(7): 1049-1071 [[Innocenti Research Brief 2016-11](#)]
14. Bonilla J, Castro R, Handa S, Nowlin C, **Peterman A**, Ring H, & D Seidenfeld on behalf of the CGP Evaluation Team (2017).\* Cash for women's empowerment? A mixed methods evaluation of the Zambian Child Grant Program. *World Development* 95: 55-72 [[Innocenti Research Brief 2016-08](#)]
15. **Peterman A**, Pereira AL, Bleck J, Palermo T & KYM Yount (2017). Women's individual asset ownership and experience of intimate partner violence: Evidence from 28 international surveys. *American Journal of Public Health* 107(5): 747-755 [[Innocenti Research Brief 2017-22](#)]
16. de Groot R, Palermo T, Handa S, Ragno LP & **A Peterman** (2017). Cash transfers and child nutrition: Pathways and Impacts. *Development Policy Review* 35(5): 599-720
17. Behrman J, **Peterman A** & T Palermo (2017). Does keeping adolescent girls in school protect against sexual violence? Quasi-experimental evidence from East and Southern Africa. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 60(2): 184-190 [[Innocenti Research Brief 2017-01](#)]
18. Hidrobo M, **Peterman A** & L Heise (2016). The effect of cash, vouchers and food transfers on intimate partner violence: Evidence from a randomized experiment in Northern Ecuador. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 8(3): 284-303
19. Buller AM, Hidrobo M, **Peterman A** & L Heise (2016). The way to a man's heart is through his stomach?: A mixed methods study on the causal mechanisms through which cash and in-kind food transfers decreased intimate partner violence. *BMC Public Health*, 16(488): 1-13
20. Palermo T, Handa S, **Peterman A**, Principe L, Seidenfeld D on behalf of the Zambia CGP Evaluation Team (2016). Unconditional government social cash transfer in Africa does not increase fertility. *Journal of Population Economics*: 1-29 [[Innocenti Working Paper 2015-09](#)]
21. Handa S, **Peterman A**, Seidenfeld D & G Tembo (2016).\* Income transfers and maternal health: Evidence from a national randomized social cash transfer program in Zambia. *Health Economics*, 25(2): 225-236

22. **Peterman A**, Bleck, J & T Palermo (2015). Age and intimate partner violence: An analysis of global trends among women experiencing victimization in 30 developing countries. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 57(6): 624-630 [[Animation](#)]
23. Handa S & **A Peterman** (2015). Is there catch-up growth? Evidence from three continents. *Oxford Bulletin of Economics & Statistics*, 78(4): 470-500
24. Handa S, **Peterman A**, Huang C, Halpern C, Pettifor A & H Thirumurthy (2015). Impact of the Kenya Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children on early pregnancy and marriage of adolescent girls. *Social Science & Medicine*, 141: 36-45 [[Innocenti Research Brief 2015-05](#)]
25. **Peterman A** & Johnson K (2015). Facility-level services for repair of gynecological fistula: Snap shots from Service Facility Assessment data. *International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics*, 128(1): 77-79
26. Doss C, Kovarik C, **Peterman A**, Quisumbing A & M van den Bold (2015).\* Gender inequalities in ownership and control of land in Africa: Myth and reality. *Agricultural Economics*, Special issue on gender and agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa, 46: 1-25 [[IFPRI Discussion Paper #1308](#)]
27. Palermo T, Bleck J & **A Peterman** (2014). Tip of the iceberg: Reporting and gender-based violence in developing countries. *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 179(5): 602-612 [[SUNY Stony Brook Research Brief](#)]
28. Santos F, Fletschner D, Savath V & **Peterman A** (2014). Can government allocated land contribute to food security? Intrahousehold analysis of West Bengal's micro plot allocation program. *World Development*, 64: 860-872 [[IFPRI Discussion Paper #1310](#)]
29. Adelman S & **Peterman A** (2014). Resettlement and gender dimensions of land rights in post-conflict Northern Uganda. *World Development*, 64: 583-596
30. Hidrobo M, Hoddinott J, **Peterman A**, Margolies A & V Moreira (2014). Cash, food, or vouchers?: Evidence from a randomized experiment in Northern Ecuador. *Journal of Development Economics*, 107: 144-156
31. **Peterman A**, Ng S-W, Palermo T & E I-Heng Lee (2013). Managing the double burden: Pregnancy and labor-intensive time use in rural China, Mexico and Tanzania. *Studies in Family Planning*, 44(4): 411-430
32. Alkire S, Meinzen-Dick R, **Peterman A**, Quisumbing A, Seymour G & A Vaz (2013).\* The Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index. *World Development*, 52: 71-91 [[IFPRI Discussion Paper #01240](#)]
33. **Peterman A** (2012). Widowhood and asset inheritance in sub-Saharan Africa: Empirical evidence from 15 countries. *Development Policy Review*, Special issue: Inheritance and the Intergenerational Transmission of Poverty 30(5): 543-571 [[ODI Working paper 183](#)]
34. **Peterman A**, Palermo T & C Bredenkamp (2011). Estimates and determinants of sexual violence against women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. *American Journal of Public Health*, 101(6): 1060-1067 [[SUNY Stony Brook Research Brief](#)]
35. Opuni-Akuamo M, **Peterman A** & D Bishai (2011). Inequality in prime-age adult deaths in a high AIDS mortality setting: does the measure of economic status matter? *Health Economics*, 20(11): 1298-1311
36. Palermo T & **A Peterman** (2011). Undercounting, overcounting, and the longevity of flawed estimates: Statistics on sexual violence in conflict. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 89(853): 924-926

37. **Peterman A**, Quisumbing AR, Behrman J & E Nkonya (2011). Understanding the complexities surrounding gender differences in agricultural productivity in Nigeria and Uganda. *Journal of Development Studies*, Special Issue on Agriculture 47(10): 1482-1509
38. Judge S, **Peterman A** & J Keesbury (2011). Provider determinants of emergency contraceptive counseling and distribution in Kenya and Ethiopia. *Contraception*, 83(5): 486-490
39. **Peterman A** (2011). Women's property rights and gendered policies: Implications for women's long-term welfare in rural Tanzania. *Journal of Development Studies*, Special Section on Gender and Assets 47(1): 1-30 [[Poppov Research Network Brief](#)]
40. **Peterman A** & K Johnson (2009). Incontinence and trauma: sexual violence, female genital cutting and proxy measures of gynecological fistula. *Social Science & Medicine*, 68: 971- 979
41. Handa S, **Peterman A**, Davis B & M Stampini (2009). Opening up Pandora's box: The effect of gender targeting and conditionality on household spending behavior in Mexico's Progresa program. *World Development*, 37(6): 1129 - 1142
42. Palermo T & **A Peterman** (2009). Are female orphans at risk for early marriage, sexual debut and teen pregnancy? Evidence from sub-Saharan Africa. *Studies in Family Planning*, 40(2): 101-112
43. Handa S & **A Peterman** (2007). Child Health and School Enrollment: A Replication. *The Journal of Human Resources*, 42(4): 863-880

#### **PUBLISHED EDITORIALS, COMMENTARY & ABSTRACTS**

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1. **Peterman A**, Palermo T & Ferrari J (2019). Still a leap of faith: Microfinance for prevention of violence against women and girls in low- and middle-income settings *BMJ Global Health* (in press)
2. Yount KM, **Peterman A**, Cheong YF (2018). Measuring women's empowerment: a need for context and caution. *The Lancet Global Health*, 6(1): e29
3. Palermo T, Bleck J & **A Peterman** (2014). Response to: Disclosure of Gender-Based Violence in Developing Countries. *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 179(5): 619-620
4. **Peterman A**, Handa S, Seidenfeld D & G Tembo (2013). Income shocks and maternal health: Evidence from a large-scale randomized cash transfer experiment in Zambia. *The Lancet*, 381: S109
5. **Peterman A**, Palermo T & C Bredenkamp (2012). Response to: Community Social Norms as Social Determinants of Violence Against Women by Linos and Kawachi. *American Journal of Public Health*, 102(2): 200
6. **Peterman A**, Palermo T & C Bredenkamp (2011). Response to: Problems in Reporting Sexual Violence Prevalence. Letter to the Editor, *American Journal of Public Health*, 101(11): 2005
7. **Peterman A**, Cohen D.K., Palermo T and A.H. Green (2011). War time rape: Why the Numbers Don't Mean What You Think They Do. *Foreign Affairs*, published online 8/1: [Snapshot](#)

1. **Peterman A**, Roy S, Schwab B, Hidrobo M & DO Gilligan (2015). Measuring women's decision making: Indicator choice and survey design experiments from transfer evaluations in Ecuador, Uganda and Yemen [[IFPRI Discussion Paper #01453](#)] (*under review*)
2. Natali L, Handa S, **Peterman A**, Seidenfeld D, Tembo G on behalf of the Zambia Cash Transfer Evaluation Team (2016). Making money work: Unconditional cash transfers allow women to save and re-invest in rural Zambia [[Innocenti Working Paper 2016-02](#)] (*under review*)
3. de Brauw A & **A Peterman** (2011). Can conditional cash transfers improve maternal health care?: Evidence from El Salvador's *Comunidades Solidarias Rurales* [[IFPRI Discussion Paper #01080](#)] (*under review*)
4. Valli E, **Peterman A** & M Hidrobo (2018). Economic transfers and social cohesion in a refugee hosting setting [[Innocenti Working Paper 2018-10](#)] (*under review*)
5. Pereira A, **Peterman A**, Neijhoft A, Buluma R, Kaloga IF, Harvey R, Islam A, Kheam T, Kitembe M, Lund-Henriksen B, Maksud N, Maternowska MC, Potts A, Rottanak C, Shawa M, T Palermo (2018). Disclosure and help-seeking behavior among child victims of physical and sexual violence: A cross-country analysis from six countries (*under review*)
6. Angeles G, de Hoop J, Handa S, Kilburn K, Milazzo A & **A Peterman** on behalf of the Malawi Social Cash Transfer Evaluation Team (2017). \* Government of Malawi's Social Cash Transfer program increases youth mental health (*under review*)
7. Tallis H, Kreis K, Olander L, Ringler C, Ameyaw D, Borsuk M. . . **Peterman A**. . . & S Zobrist. (2017). Aligning Evidence Generation and Use Across Health, Development and Environment (*under review*)
8. **Peterman A**, Valli E & Palermo T on behalf of the LEAP 1000 Evaluation Team (2018). Government Anti-Poverty Programs and Intimate Partner Violence (*under review*)
9. **Peterman A**, Nguyen PH, Roy S, Tran LM, Hidrobo M, & P Menon (2018). Effects of early marriage on experience of intimate partner violence among young women in India (*working paper*).
10. Ouili I, Ferrone L, **Peterman A**, Handa S, Angeles A on behalf of the Malawi Social Cash Transfer Evaluation Team (2017). Can Unconditional Cash Transfers Improve Child Multidimensional Poverty in Malawi? (*in progress*)
11. Gilligan D, Kumar N, Pereira A & **A Peterman** (2018). Social Safety Nets in Africa: A gendered evidence perspective (*in progress*)

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**EDITED BOOKS, CHAPTERS & TERMINAL WORKING PAPERS/TECHNICAL REPORTS**


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1. Quisumbing AR, Meinzen-Dick R, Behrman J, Rainey T, Croppenstadt A & **A Peterman**. Eds. (2014). *Gender in Agriculture: Closing the Knowledge Gap*, Springer published with Food and Agriculture Organization
2. **Peterman A**, Behrman J & AR Quisumbing (2014). A review of empirical evidence on gender differences in non-land agricultural inputs, technology and services in developing countries [[IFPRI Discussion Paper #00975](#)] In *Gender and Agriculture: Closing the Knowledge Gap*

3. Meinzen-Dick R, Johnson N, Quisumbing A, Njuki J, Behrman J, Rubin D, **Peterman A** & E Waithanji (2014). Gender, Assets, and Agricultural Development Programs: A Conceptual Framework [[CAPRI Working Paper No. 99](#)] In *Gender and Agriculture: Closing the Knowledge Gap*
4. Meinzen-Dick R, Behrman JA, Pandolfelli L, **Peterman A** & Quisumbing A (2014). Gender and social capital for agricultural development, In *Gender and Agriculture: Closing the Knowledge Gap*
5. Santos F, Savath V, Fletschner D & **A Peterman** (2014). Land, assets and livelihoods: Gendered analysis of evidence from Odisha State in India [[IFPRI Discussion Paper #1323](#)]
6. Behrman J, Karelina Z, **Peterman A**, Roy S & A Goh. (2012). A Toolkit on Collecting Gender & Assets Data in Qualitative & Quantitative Program Evaluations. Gender, Agriculture & Assets Project (GAAP), [Technical Report](#): IFPRI & ILRI
7. Johnson K & **A Peterman** (2008). Incontinence Data from the Demographic and Health Surveys: Comparative Analysis of a Proxy Measurement of Vaginal Fistula and Recommendations for Future Population-based Data Collection. [DHS Analytical Study #17](#): Washington, D.C.

\* Contribution to 30+ joint evaluation project technical reports and policy briefs of various length, not listed

## **FUNDED RESEARCH, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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Cash Transfer and Intimate Partner Violence Research Collaborative. Co-Principal Investigator (with Shalini Roy). Anonymous donor. 2019-2020 (740k)

Evaluation of C'est la Vie – TV series in West Africa for impact on intimate partner violence. Co-Principal Investigator (with Melissa Hidrobo and Agnes Le Port). Anonymous donor. 2019-2021 (\$1.2 million)

Impact evaluation of gender and violence component of the Government of Mozambique's Child Grant "Cash + Care" program. Co-Principal Investigator (with David Seidenfeld, Juan Bonilla and Zlata Brukauf). Matching funds from UNICEF Mozambique. Co-Principal Investigator. 2018-2019 (\$100,000)

Social cash transfers, economic empowerment and structural determinants of women's and girls' experience of gender-based violence. American World Jewish Service and Anonymous donor. Co-Principal Investigator (with Tia Palermo). 2015-2017 (\$250,000)

Identifying the causal effect of education on adult women's experience of intimate partner violence and forced sex in Malawi and Uganda: Building evidence for the primary prevention of intimate partner and sexual violence in low and middle income countries. Sexual Violence Research Institute (SVRI). Co-Principal Investigator (with Tia Palermo and Julia Behrman). 2014-2016 (\$50,000)

Social protection and childhood violence: Sectoral Roundtable. Oak Foundation via the Network for European Foundations. 2016 (\$50,000)

Income Shocks and Reproductive Health: Evidence from Large-scale Randomized Cash Transfer Experiments in Zambia. The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Institute of International Education (IIE). Principal Investigator. 2013-2015 (\$50,000)

Experimental evidence and validation of measures on gender-based violence. NICHD R03, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institutes of Health (NIH). Collaborator (Principal Investigator: Tia Palermo). 2013-2015 (\$157,000)

Expanding Lessons from a Randomized Impact Evaluation of Cash and Food Transfers in Ecuador, Timor-Leste, Uganda and Yemen. The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie). Co-Principal Investigator (with Dan Gilligan, John Hoddinott, Melissa Hidrobo, Ben Schwab and Shalini Roy). 2012-2014 (\$265,000)

Evaluation of Grassroots Paralegal Activities in Tanzania and Uganda: Strengthening Women's Land Rights, Legal Knowledge and Key Assets. Anonymous Donor. Principal Investigator. 2011-2013 (\$200,000)

Resettlement, Investment and Gender Dimensions of Land Rights: Research on Challenges and Opportunities in Uganda. Anonymous Donor. Co-Principal Investigator (with Dan Gilligan, Sarah Adelman and Kim Lehrer). 2010-2012 (\$350,000)

Evaluating the Impacts of Agricultural Development Programming on Gender Inequalities, Asset Disparities, and Rural Livelihoods. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Co-Investigator (Principal Investigators: Agnes Quisumbing, Ruth Meinzen-Dick, Jemimah Njuki and Nancy Johnson). 2010-2013 (\$3 million)

Widowhood and asset inheritance in sub-Saharan Africa. Chronic Poverty Research Center (CPRC) and the Overseas Development Institute (ODI). Principal Investigator. 2010 (£8,500)

Dissertation Fellowship in Reproductive Health and Economic Development. Population Reference Bureau and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. 2007-2009 (\$40,000)

International Internship Award, Center for Global Initiatives. UNC-CH. 2007: For summer internship at the Population Council, Nairobi, Kenya (\$1,000)

Doctoral Research Travel Grant: University Center for International Studies, Graduate Student Opportunity Fund Grant. UNC-CH. 2006: For pilot research in Durban, South Africa (\$2,000)

UNC Tuition Scholarship and Assistantship, Department of Public Policy. UNC-CH, 2004-2007 (\$12,000)

Scholar of Tomorrow, Global Studies Fellowship and Graduate Tuition Incentive Scholarship: Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. UNC-CH. 2004-2005 (\$5,000); 2008-2009 (\$2,400)

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## **ACADEMIC CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & INVITED TALKS** (excludes co-author presentations)

- 2018** CPC Learning Network and World Bank Gender webinar *“Effects of Cash Transfers on Protection and Wellbeing Outcome for Women and Children: New Evidence from UNICEF”* • Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada *“Government Anti-Poverty Programming and Intimate Partner Violence in Ghana”* • Workshop on Social Protection in Settings of Fragility and Displacement, invited presentation, Florence, Italy *“Economic transfers and social cohesion in a refugee hosting setting”* • EU/EFTA Coordination, Social Protection in Development Cooperation, invited presentations, Stockholm, Sweden *“Results for Poverty Reduction through Social Protection in Africa”* and *“Research on Gender-Effects of Social Protection”* • Sida seminar, invited presentation, Stockholm, Sweden *“Social Protection: Reducing Poverty to Leave no one behind, an evidence view.”*
- 2017** International Conference on Social Protection in Contexts of Fragility and Forced Displacement, invited presentation, Brussels, Belgium: *“Impact evaluation in an urban setting: Cash, food and vouchers among Colombian refugees in Northern Ecuador”* • Sexual Violence Research Initiative's Bi-Annual Forum 2017: Rio, Brazil: *“A mixed-methods review of cash transfers and intimate partner violence in low- and middle-income countries”* • Launch of the UNICEF Child Friendly Communities /Real Time Monitoring Program, invited presentation, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo: *“Monitoring & Evaluation options for the Real Time Monitoring Initiative to increase availability and*



- quality of services for children in West and Central Africa.*” • Association of Public Policy and Management International, Annual Conference, Brussels, Belgium: *“Experimental impacts of unconditional cash transfers in East and Southern Africa on youth mental health, aspirations and wellbeing”* • Community of Practice for Cash Transfers in Africa, invited webinar series: *“Cash Transfer Programs, Gender and Social Inclusion in Sub-Saharan Africa: Lessons from the Transfer Project.”*
- 2016** African Economic Research Consortium Annual Conference, invited 2-day workshop, Dakar, Senegal: *“Impact Evaluation in Practice: Theory and Application from the Transfer Project”* • UNICEF Learning and Engagement Workshop on Social Protection and Humanitarian Action Linkages, invited presentation, Kiev, Ukraine: *“(Impact) Evaluation of Social Protection in Emergency Settings”* • Children and HIV: Equity Now! International AIDS Conference pre-conference symposium, Durban, South Africa: *“Cash transfers and HIV risk: The impact of large-scale programs on structural determinants among youth in sub-Saharan Africa”* • Social Protection.org, invited webinar series on Gender and Social Protection: *“Gender and Unconditional Cash Transfers in Africa: Case Studies from the Transfer Project”* • UNICEF Office of Research—Innocenti expert roundtable on Social Protection and Childhood Violence, invited presentation, Florence, Italy: *“Understanding the linkages between social protection & childhood violence”* • University of Zurich, Conference on Gender Discrimination in Developing Countries: Causes and Remedies, invited presentation, Zurich, Switzerland: *“What a little cash can do: Gender in the Transfer Project”* • Transfer Project 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop, invited presentation, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: *“Can cash transfers reduce violence?: Evidence from cash, food and vouchers pilot in Ecuador and Transfer Project implications”* • LSHTM invited presentation, Building cross-disciplinary understanding between economics and public health on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), London UK: *“Natural Experiments in the Search for Casual Effects (of & on Intimate Partner Violence).”*
- 2015** UNICEF Tanzania, invited research seminar, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: *“Cash Transfers and Safe Transitions to Adulthood: Overview and Evidence from the Transfer Project”* • The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and Population Reference Bureau (PRB) conference on Population Impacts on Economic Development: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: *“The Effect of Cash, Vouchers and Food Transfers on Intimate Partner Violence: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Northern Ecuador”*; Pre-conference workshop, Women’s Economic Empowerment and Development: Issues in Measurement and Defining Causal Impact: *“Women’s Economic Empowerment: Indicators and survey design”* • DfID, invited research seminar, London, UK: *“Cash Transfers and Safe Transitions to Adulthood: Evidence from the Transfer Project”* • Università degli studi Firenze (DISEI), invited research seminar, Florence, Italy: *“Impact of the Kenya Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children on safe transitions to adulthood”* • Population Association of America (PAA) annual conference, San Diego, CA: *“The Effect of Cash, Vouchers and Food Transfers on Intimate Partner Violence: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Northern Ecuador”* and *“Effect of Education on Women’s Experience of Intimate Partner Violence: Universal Primary Education as a Natural Experiment in Malawi and Uganda”* • 59<sup>th</sup> UN Commission on the Status of Women side event, “Might makes Right”: New York, NY. Invited presentation: *“Economic development and reproductive health as mutually reinforcing cycles: Evidence from cash transfer evaluations”* • UNICEF Office of Research seminar, Florence, Italy. Invited presentation: *“Research, policy and program insights to improve adolescent health and promote freedom from violence in Africa.”*
- 2014** Gender and Nutrition Methods Workshop, Bioersivity: Rome, Italy. Invited presentation: *“Measuring women’s decisionmaking: Indicator choice and survey design experiments from cash and food transfer evaluations in Ecuador, Uganda and Yemen”* • FAO seminar series: Rome, Italy. Invited presentation: *“Measuring women’s decisionmaking: Indicator choice and survey design experiments from cash and food transfer evaluations in Ecuador, Uganda and Yemen”* • Dissemination workshop of transfer and intimate partner violence project, IFPRI, WFP and Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Sede Ecuador (FLASCO): Quito, Ecuador. Invited presentation: *“Teorias Globales y*

*Estudios Clave sobre el Empoderamiento Economico, las Transferencias y la Violencia Domestica [Global overview of theories and key studies of economic empowerment, transfers and intimate partner violence]* • The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and Population Reference Bureau (PRB) conference on Population Impacts on Economic Development: Nairobi, Kenya. Peer reviewed paper presentation: *“Impact of the Kenya Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children on Early Pregnancy”* • IFPRI and IITA Seminar series: Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda. Invited paper presentation: *“Gender inequalities in ownership and control of land in Africa: Myth versus reality”* • Grassroots Organizations Operating Together In Sisterhood (GROOTS) Seminar series: Nairobi, Kenya. Invited paper presentation: *“Gender inequalities in ownership and control of land in Africa: Myth versus reality”* and *“Evaluation of Grassroots Community-based Legal Aid Activities in Uganda and Tanzania: Strengthening Women’s Legal Knowledge and Land Rights.”*

- 2013** Expert Meeting: Economic strengthening to reduce risk of gender-based violence for adolescent girls in humanitarian settings: New York, N.Y. Invited paper presentation: *“Investments In Adolescent Girls’ Physical and Financial Assets, A review of evidence”* • Sexual Violence Research Institute Bi-Annual Forum 2013: Bangkok, Thailand: *“The effect of cash, vouchers and food transfers on intimate partner violence: Evidence from a randomized experiment in Northern Ecuador”* and poster presentation *“Tip of the iceberg: Reporting and gender based violence in developing countries”* • Concern International learning event on the role of gender in improving nutrition through agriculture: Lusaka, Zambia. Invited presentation *“Global overview of gender roles in agriculture and nutrition and Women’s Empowerment Agriculture Index (WEAI)”* • Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) 2013 Gender and Agriculture Special Issue Workshop: Rome, Italy. Invited paper presentation: *“Gender inequalities in ownership and control of land in Africa: Myth and reality”* • Global Health Metrics and Evaluation Conference (GHME), Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME): Seattle, US: *“Income shocks and maternal health: Evidence from a large-scale randomized cash transfer experiment in Zambia”* • Third annual Transfer Project workshop on evaluating the impacts of cash transfer programs in sub-Saharan Africa: Lusaka, Zambia. Invited presentation: *“The impact of the Zambian Child Grant Program on maternal and child health and women’s empowerment”* • Missing Peace Symposium, Sexual Violence in Conflict and Post Conflict Settings: Washington D.C. Invited poster presentation: *“Tip of the iceberg: Reporting and gender based violence in developing countries”* • Adoption Pathways Project workshop, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT): Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Invited presentation: *“Gender integration and analytical tools in agricultural research.”*
- 2012** USAID Agriculture and Nutrition Global Learning Exchange: Kampala, Uganda. Invited presentation: *“Gender sensitive programming for nutritional impact”* • IFPRI research seminar: Dakar, Senegal. Invited paper presentation: *“Cash, Food or Vouchers? Evaluating Alternative Modalities in World Food Programme Transfer Programs – Evidence from Northern Ecuador”* • Consultative Group for International Agriculture Research (CGIAR) seminar: Kampala, Uganda. Invited paper presentation: *“Resettlement and gender dimensions of land rights in post-conflict Northern Uganda”* • Stakeholder workshop of Community-based legal aid project: Kampala, Uganda and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Workshop organizer: *“Evaluation of Grassroots Community-based Legal Aid Activities in Uganda and Tanzania: Strengthening Women’s Legal Knowledge and Land Rights”* • Dissemination workshop of cash, voucher and food transfer project: Quito, Ecuador. Invited presentation: *“Cash, Food or Vouchers?: Introduction to the study”* • Congressional Hunger Centre seminar: Washington D.C. Invited paper presentation: *“Piloting and Development of the Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index”* • IFPRI research seminar: Washington, D.C. Invited paper presentation: *“Resettlement and gender dimensions of land rights in post-conflict Northern Uganda.”*
- 2011** Landesa research seminar: Seattle, WA. Invited presentation: *“The Gender and Agriculture Assets Project (GAAP): Overview of the initiative.”*

- 2010** Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC) and Overseas Development Institute (ODI) Roundtable on intergenerational transmission of poverty: London, UK. Invited paper presentation: *“Widowhood and asset inheritance in sub-Saharan Africa: Empirical evidence from 15 countries”* • Repositioning Participatory Research and Gender Analysis workshop: Cali, Columbia. Invited presentation: *“Gender research at IFPRI: Reflections and strategic directions.”*
- 2009** Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) State of Food and Agriculture 2010 Writers Workshop: Rome, Italy. Invited paper presentation: *“A review of empirical evidence on gender differences in non-land agricultural inputs, technology and services in developing countries”* • UNC-Chapel Hill 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Women’s Health Research Day (WHRD): Chapel Hill, NC. Poster presentation: *“Are female orphans at risk for early marriage, sexual debut and teen pregnancy? Evidence from sub-Saharan Africa”* and *“Incontinence and trauma: sexual violence, female genital cutting and proxy measures of gynecological fistula”* • IFPRI research seminar: Washington, D.C. Invited paper presentation: *“Women’s property rights and gendered policies: Implications for women’s long-term welfare in rural Tanzania.”*
- 2008** American Public Health Association (APHA) annual conference. San Diego, US: *“Incontinence and trauma: sexual violence, female genital cutting and proxy measures of gynecological fistula”* • UNC-Chapel Hill 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Women’s Health Research Day (WHRD): Chapel Hill, NC. Poster presentation: *“Provider determinants of emergency contraceptive counseling and distribution in Kenya and Ethiopia.”*
- 2007** The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and Population Reference Bureau (PRB) conference on Population Impacts on Economic Development: Arusha, Tanzania. Invited paper presentation: *“Women’s property rights and gendered policies: Implications for women’s long-term welfare in rural Tanzania”* • Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) conference: Arusha, Tanzania: *“Women’s property rights and gendered policies: Implications for women’s long-term welfare in rural Tanzania”* • Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM): Washington, D.C. Presentation and session organizer for ‘Policies for Human Development in sub-Saharan Africa’: *“Women’s property rights and gendered policies: Implications for women’s long-term welfare in rural Tanzania”* • Population Association of America (PAA) annual conference: New York, US: *“Is there catch-up growth? Evidence from three continents.”*

## **SERVICE, VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES & PUBLIC GOOD CREATION (SELECTED)**

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- Referee  
(peer review) *Agricultural Economics, AIDS & Behavior, BMC International Health & Human Rights, BMC Pregnancy & Childbirth, BMC Public Health, BMJ Global Health, Demography, Disasters Journal, Economics & Human Biology, Economic Development & Cultural Change, Economics e-Journal, Feminist Economics, Food Policy, Health Economics, International Health, International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Journal of Adolescent Health, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the European Economics Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Peace Research, Oxford Development Studies, PLoS ONE, Population Studies, Reproductive Health, Social Science & Medicine, Studies in Family Planning, The Lancet Global Health, Tropical Medicine & International Health, World Development*
- Referee  
(general) 3ie: International Initiative for Impact Evaluation grant proposals  
UNICEF Innocenti Working Papers; Best of UNICEF Research  
Gender Innovation Lab, World Bank research proposals  
IFPRI and ILRI discussion paper series; ATOR publication  
Medical Research Council South Africa, What Works To Prevent Violence Technical reports

Population and Poverty Network, conference submission/abstracts  
Overseas Development Institute (ODI), working paper series

#### Professional service activities

- Co-Founder, NetGirls: Netball sports league for adolescent girls and young women, Katete district, Zambia: 2014 – present
- Invited discussant (academic conferences and policy workshops, various 10+, not listed)
- Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, Parallel session organizer for “Economic Interventions and Effects on Intra-household Dynamics and IPV”: 2017; Plenary session organizer for “Economic empowerment interventions for the prevention of violence against women and children”: 2015
- Population Association of America, Session organizer for “Causes and Consequences of Gender-based Violence”: 2016
- Volunteer expert affidavit for legal asylum cases of gender-based violence victims in DRC, various US law clinics: 2012 - present
- Expert Advisory Group member for the OECD Social Institutions and Gender Index: 2011 – present
- Gender Task Force, IFPRI institutional and Consultative Group on Agricultural Research: 2009 - 2013
- Acting signatory and administrator for IFPRI-Kampala office, Uganda. IFPRI: 2012 – 2012
- School of Public Health IFC Soup Kitchen: Coordinator. UNC-CH: 2006-2008
- HIV and Public Health Intern: Child Family Health International: Durban, South Africa: 2006
- Women for Health, Progress and Development (WHEPD). Grassroots Health Educator. Douala, Cameroon: 2004
- Micro-finance Intern. Initiative Development (ID). Grant Manager. Accra, Ghana: 2003
- Rotary Group Volunteer. Translator/Dental Assistant. Rio Dulce, Guatemala: 2003

#### Student advising

- Sarah Treves-Kagan, Dissertation committee, Ph.D. Health Behavior, UNC-CH: expected 2019
- Adria Molotsky, Dissertation committee, Ph.D. Public Policy, UNC-CH: Graduated 2018
- Lily Shoup, Honors thesis BA Public Policy, UNC-CH: Graduated 2007

#### Publicly available household micro-economic datasets

- International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI); United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF); World Food Program (WFP) (2016). *Impact Evaluation of Cash and Food Transfers at Early Childhood Development Centers in Karamoja, Uganda: Baseline Survey*, [Harvard Dataverse](#), V1
- International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI); Centro de Estudios de Poblacion y Desarrollo Social(CEPAR); World Food Program (WFP) (2015). *Impact Evaluation of Cash, Food Vouchers, and Food Transfers among Colombian Refugees and Poor Ecuadorians in Carchi and Sucumbios: Baseline Survey*, [Harvard Dataverse](#), V1
- International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI); Centro de Estudios de Poblacion y Desarrollo Social (CEPAR); World Food Program (WFP) (2015). *Impact Evaluation of Cash, Food Vouchers, and Food Transfers among Colombian Refugees and Poor Ecuadorians in Carchi and Sucumbios: Endline Survey*, [Harvard Dataverse](#), V1
- Peterman A; Quisumbing A; Meinzen-Dick R; Dardón M; Hassan Md. Z; Kamusime H; Malapit H (2012). *Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI) Pilot for Bangladesh*, [Harvard Dataverse](#), V3

- Peterman A; Quisumbing A; Meinzen-Dick R; Dardón M; Hassan Md. Z; Kamusime H; Malapit H (2012). *Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI) Pilot for Uganda*, [Harvard Dataverse](#), V3
- Peterman A; Quisumbing A; Meinzen-Dick R; Dardón M; Hassan Md. Z; Kamusime H; Malapit H (2012). *Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI) Pilot for Guatemala*, [Harvard Dataverse](#), V4

#### Research and Policy Op-Eds

1. [Where is the standardized measure of women's empowerment?](#) (with Greg Seymour) *Devex Opinion* (published 11/2018)
2. [Cash support: A new tool to decrease Intimate Partner Violence](#) (with Ana maria Buller & Meghna Ranganathan) *LSHTM Expert Opinion* (published 9/2018, reposted on *Health Policy & Planning Debated*, *Transfer Project blog* and *Socialprotection.org*)
3. [Yes, money can buy you happiness. Here's why](#) (with Luisa Natali & Kelly Kilburn) *Devex Opinion* (published 3/2018)
4. [Who perpetrates violence against children? Five findings from a global review](#) (with Karen Devries & Claudia Cappa) *UNICEF Connect: Evidence for Action Blog* (published 2/2018, reposted on *Sexual Violence Research Initiative Blog*)
5. [Measuring taboo topics: List randomization for gender-based violence](#) (with Tia Palermo) *UNICEF Connect: Evidence for Action Blog* (published 1/2018)
6. [Seven strategies for Government Cash Transfer from Marketing-Savvy NGOs](#) (with Pamela Dale) *UNICEF Connect: Evidence for Action Blog* (published 12/2017)
7. [When over 500 minds converge to prevent gender-based violence](#) (with Alina Potts) *UNICEF Connect: Evidence for Action Blog* (published 9/2017, reposted on *Sexual Violence Research Initiative Blog*)
8. [Evidence over Ideology: Giving Unconditional Cash in Africa](#) (with Silvio Daidone & Jennifer Yablonski) *UNICEF Connect: Evidence for Action Blog* (published 8/2017, reposted on *Socialprotection.org*)
9. [Interrogating the evidence: The potential for social safety nets to reduce childhood violence](#) (with Naomi Neijhoft) *Health Policy and Planning Debated, LSHTM* (published 5/2017)
10. [Making research count: Lessons on turning Evidence to Action from the Transfer Project](#) (with Nikola Balvin) *UNICEF Connect: Evidence for Action Blog* (published 11/2016, reposted on *Better Evaluation*)
11. [Cash for free: Who's in the drivers seat?](#) (with Sudhanshu Handa) *Forbes* (published 9/2016): ~6,000 views
12. [Our not-so-dirty little secret—and what cash has to do with it](#) (with Melissa Hidrobo & Lori Heise) *Thomson Reuters Foundation* (published 8/2016)
13. [Cash transfers: What's gender got to do with it?](#) (with Luisa Natali & Jennifer Yablonski) *UNICEF Connect Blog* (published 5/2016, reposted *Zimbabwe Herald*)
14. [Can cash transfers prevent intimate partner violence?](#) (with Melissa Hidrobo & Shalini Roy) *Policies, Institutions and Markets Research Blog, led by IFPRI* (published 5/2016)
15. [Much ado about decision-making: Musings on collecting gender and empowerment measures in program evaluations](#) (with Deanna Olney & Ana Paola de la'O Campos) *Agriculture for Nutrition and Health Research Blog, led by IFPRI* (published 12/2014)

#### MEMBERSHIPS

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BRIDGE Collaborative, for evidence-based impact across environment, health and development communities, Member: 2016 -- present.

Population and Poverty Research Network, Member: 2007 – present

Missing Peace Symposium 2012 Young Scholar Network: 2012 – present

Population Association of America: 2006-2009, 2015-2016  
Global Health Council, Associate Professional Member: 2006-2009  
Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, Student Member: 2007-2009  
American Public Health Association, Student Member: 2008-2009

## **OTHER**

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Media mentions  
(selected)                    *ABC, The Atlantic, BBC, Christian Science Monitor, CNN, The Economist, Forbes, Foreign Policy, Huffington Post, Jezebel, Newsweek (the Daily Beast), New York Times, NPR Here and Now, NPR Goats and Soda, PRI's the World, Thomas Reuters Foundation, Voices Of America News, Wall Street Journal online, Washington Post*

Field research                    Ecuador\*, El Salvador\*, Guyana, Kenya, India\*, Malawi\*, Mozambique, Tanzania\*, Uganda\*, Yemen\*, Zambia\*, Zimbabwe (\* led or co-led two plus large-scale household surveys)

Languages:                    English (native); Italian (intermediate); Spanish (intermediate); French (beginner)  
Ethnicity:                      Japanese-American  
Citizenship:                    United States

\*References available upon request.