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Profile:

Highly competent economist and econometrician with focus on panel and cross-sectional microeconometrics applied to the field of Economic Development. Undertaken several short consultancies analysing development projects. Currently working as an Economist in the Macroeconomic Department of the Ministry of Finance in Lesotho, Southern Africa, as an ODI Fellow. Submitted thesis for PhD to the Department of Economics and International Development at the University of Bath, UK. Thesis title: "Essays on Remittances in Rural Malawi". Research interests include the impact of remittances and money transfers; behavioural economics; intra-household bargaining; subjective wellbeing; firm investment in Africa.

Education:

2008. Completing a PhD at the University of Bath. Use cross-sectional and panel data to analyse the extent to which remittances can help insure household and community shocks in developing countries. Also draw on psychological theory to study the behaviour changing nature of remittances with respect to consumption/savings/investment decisions in Malawi. Hold full university scholarship. Awarded full university scholarship.

2005. Completed a Masters (MSc) in Economics at CORIPE, Piedmont, Italy with a final grade of A (24.7/30)

2004. Masters (MA) in International, Development and Transition Economics, University of Paris 1 (The Sorbonne), France with *mention*.

2003. First class Hons. in Economics with French, University of Dundee, Scotland.

2002. 'Licence' (BA) with *mention* in Political Economy, University of Grenoble 2, France.

Published and Forthcoming: *(Updated versions of papers available from website.)*

"Do Shocks have a Persistent Impact on Consumption? The Case of Rural Malawi", forthcoming, *Progress in Development Studies*.

"A Regional Multiplier Approach to Estimating the Impact of Cash Transfers on the Market", forthcoming, *Development Policy Review*, 26(1): 91-111 (with James Davey).

"Subjective Wellbeing in Malawi: The Importance of Gender, Polygamy and Religion", forthcoming, *Journal of International Development* (with Tim Hinks).

"Income, Gender and Consumption in Urban Malawian Households", forthcoming, *Journal of Developing Areas*.

Working Papers: *(Updated versions of papers available from website.)*

"Remittances as Insurance for Household and Community Shocks in an Agricultural Economy: The Case of Rural Malawi", 2007, *Research Paper*.

"Determinants and Impact of Private Sector Investment in Malawi: Evidence from the 2006 Investment Climate Survey", 2007, *Research Paper* (with Richard Record).

"Mental Accounting and Remittances: A Study of Malawian Households", 2006, *Research Paper*, (with Joshy Easaw and Atanu Ghoshray).

Employment:

2005-2008. Part-time tutor, University of Bath. Courses taught on: Second Year Econometrics; Second Year Development Economics; Introductory Macroeconomics; Introductory Microeconomics; Introductory Statistics.

March to May 2008: Various work through Metroeconomica for the Environment Agency on "Household and economy-wide impacts of changing environmental behaviours".

February 2008: Updated DfID database regarding recommendation of export licences to developing countries (Criterion 8).

January to April 2007: "Making the Most of It: A Regional Multiplier Approach to Estimating the Impact of Cash Transfers on the Market". Conducted for Concern Worldwide (Malawi) as part of evaluation of DfID-funded emergency cash aid programme.

October 2006 to January 2007: "Future Economic Activity in the South West's Rural Areas and Smaller Settlements". Project for South West of England Regional Development Agency coordinated by Professor John Hudson, University of Bath.

Summer 2004. Business Vision Market Research, Cranfield, England. Conducting market research for corporate clients regarding customer satisfaction of Business-to-Business services. Roles included data analysis of results and completion of reports for corporate clients.

Teaching:

Economics: 2005-2008. Part-time tutor, University of Bath. Courses taught on: Second Year Econometrics; Second Year Development Economics; Introductory Macroeconomics; Introductory Microeconomics; Introductory Statistics. Grading and invigilation also undertaken.

Languages: French to adults, RAF Henlow, England, Bedford, Summer 2002 and English to adults at teacher training college, Saint Germain-en-Laye, France, September 2003-April 2004.

Teacher Training: Includes completing courses from Bath University's "Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education" programme and several "Teaching English as a Foreign Language" courses completed in Glasgow, Scotland and Paris, France.

Languages and Software:

Data Analysis: Highly proficient data analyst using descriptive and modern econometric methods. Use STATA for cross-sectional and longitudinal data. Also familiar with E-views, Excel and, to a lesser extent, SPSS.

English: Native speaker.

French: Near-native written, spoken, reading, understanding.

Italian: Very good conversational spoken, reading, understanding. Average written.