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- Education** **University of Utah**, Salt Lake City, Utah
PhD, Economics, Fall 2018
Dissertation (defended 6/22/2018): *Food Dependency in Sub Saharan Africa: Investigations into Sources and Policy Debates*
Specialized Fields:
 Development Economics
 History of Economic Thought
MS, Economics, August 2010
B.S. Chemical Engineering, May 1996
B.S. Economics, May 1976
- Research Interests** Development Economics; Institutional Constraints to Development;
Food Security/Food Dependency; Gender and Development
- Works in Progress** “Food Dependency in Sub Saharan Africa: Simply a Matter of
‘Vulnerability,’ or Missed Development Opportunity?” Dissertation
Paper 1. Submitted, March 2018, to *Development and Change*.
- “Grain Import Accelerations in SSA: A Search for Correlates and
Causality.” Dissertation Paper 2.
- “The Political Economy of Food Security vs. Food Dependency.”
Dissertation Paper 3.
- “Wishful Thinking as Economic Theory: A Commentary on the
Worldview of Alfred Marshall, the Spitalfields Weavers, and the
Possibilities of Economic Chivalry.” Paper submitted for completion
of specialized field in the History of Economic Thought.
- “The Relevance and the Viability of “The Commons” in the 21st
Century.”
- “A Preliminary Investigation into the Economic Implications of
Institutional Frameworks on Water Rights for Rural Livelihoods in
Developing Countries, Focusing on Evidence from Post-NAFTA

Cross-Border Migration Trends.” A work-in-progress based on empirical data collected by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the PEW Hispanic center, and a collection of surveys conducted in a number of Mexican ejidos in the years following the passage of NAFTA.

Conference Presentations

2017 Western Social Science Association/Association for Institutional Thought Conference, San Francisco, CA. “Sub Saharan Africa’s Food Dependency: Simply a Question of ‘Vulnerability’ or Missed Development Opportunity?”

2016 Western Social Science Association/Association for Institutional Thought Conference, Reno, NV. “Wishful Thinking as Economic Theory: The Legacy of Alfred Marshall, the Role of Institutions, and the Possibilities of Economic Chivalry.”

2016 Western States Graduate Workshop in Economics, Salt Lake City, UT. “Food Insecurity and Food Dependency in Sub Saharan Africa.”

2015 Western Social Science Association/Association for Institutional Thought Conference, Portland, OR. “Grain Imports, Grain Production, and Implications for Food Security in Sub Saharan Africa.”

2014 Western States Graduate Workshop in Economics, Fort Collins, CO. “Grain Imports, Grain Production, and Implications for Food Security in Sub Saharan Africa.”

2012 Eastern Economics Association Conference, Boston, MA. “Grain Imports and Grain Production in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1960-2010: A Structural Break Analysis.”

Awards

2015 *Jewel J. Rasmussen Research Grant*, Dept. of Economics, Univ. of Utah, for research on early independence era Sub Saharan Africa documents, African Studies Centre Library, Leiden, The Netherlands.

2014 *E.K. Hunt Award, Best Short Paper in Political Economy* for “Wishful Thinking as Economic Theory: A Commentary on the Worldview of Alfred Marshall, the Employment Problem, and the Possibilities of Economic Chivalry.”

2013 *Jewel J. Rasmussen Research Grant*, Dept. of Economics, Univ. of Utah for research on 1960s-1970s era World Bank documents pertaining to Sub Saharan Africa at the US Government Documents Repository, Utah State University, Logan, Utah.

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT.

2018 Economic History of the United States

2017 Gender and Development

2015-2016 Economic History of the United States

2014-2015 Introduction to Econometrics

2011-2013 Economics as a Social Science

2011 Macroeconomics

Academic Activities *Participant*, Judging Panel, Annual Paper Contest, Association for Institutional Thought.

Professional Memberships International Association for Feminist Economics; Heterodox Economics Student Association, University of Utah; American Economic Association, Association for Institutional Thought.

Prior Professional Experience **Environmental Engineering**
Licensed Professional Engineer, Utah and Wyoming, 1996-2010
2004 – 2009 Western GeoLogic, SLC, UT
2001 – 2004 Sage Environmental, SLC, UT. Project manager and report supervisor for variety of environmental projects.
1996 – 2001 URS Corporation, SLC, UT. Project manager and report supervisor for Superfund-site remediation.

Economics
1976 – 1978 Economic Analyst, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Washington, D.C.

Journalism
1975 – 1992 Employed at various times in a variety of writing/ editing occupations. 1975 – 1980 Book Review contributor to *Deseret News*, Salt Lake City, UT; 1981-82 Editorial Editor and columnist, *Daily Utah Chronicle*, University of Utah; 1984-86 Assistant Editor and contributor, *Parent Express Magazine*, Salt Lake City, UT; 1982-1992 Freelance writer for Utah-based periodicals; technical writer for private Utah oil and gas and chemical companies. **Writing Awards: 1982 Award, Editorial Writing**, Society of Professional Journalists; **1989 Second Place, Personal Essay**, Utah Arts Council Creative Writing Competition; **1991 Second Place, Investigative Reporting**, Excellence in Journalism Award, Utah Headliners Chapter, Society of Professional Journalists.

Languages Native English; Reading ability in Spanish.

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