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Personal Profile

I am a University of Wisconsin - Madison doctoral student in applied economics in the field of development, working on topics at the intersection of development, trade and structural change. My primary regions of focus are the Caribbean and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Education

University of Wisconsin - Madison

PhD. in Agricultural and Applied Economics

Madison, WI

Sept 2020 - Expected May 2026

- Primary Field: Development
- Secondary Fields: International Trade, Structural Change

University of Wisconsin - Madison

M.S. Agricultural and Applied Economics

Madison, WI

Sept 2020 - May 2022

Ecole d'Ingénieurs de Purpan

Purpan Agriculture Summer Study and Internship Program

Toulouse, France

June 2018 - July 2018

University of Florida

B.A. Economics, Minor French and Francophone Studies

Gainesville, Florida

August 2015-May 2019

- Graduated Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Research Experience

International Monetary Fund

Strategy, Policy, and Review External Policy (SPRXP) Intern - Fund Internship Program (2024)

Washington, DC

6/3/2024 - 8/23/2024

- Worked on the IMF PortWatch trade platform which provides real-time estimates of global trade flows utilizing satellite data on ship movements.
- Planned and constructed a data cleaning and analysis system to enable evaluation and refining of platform estimates.
- Employed statistical tools in implementing updates to the platform.
- Participated in the planning and writing of an IMF working paper on the PortWatch platform methodology.

University of Wisconsin - Madison

Research Assistant - Mali Climate and Household Well-Being Study

Madison, Wisconsin

9/1/2021 - 8/31/2024

- Primary research assistant on a study investigating the relationship between changes in climate and changes in household well-being in Mali, using remotely sensed vegetation indices as a proxy for agricultural yields.
- Conducted data cleaning and statistical analysis on an expansive Malian household dataset, the Enquête Modulaire et Permanente auprès des Ménages 2020, spanning the previous decade.
- Carried out analysis of crop health across Mali measured by remote-sensed vegetation indices calculated using the geospatial system Google Earth Engine, which uses a version of Javascript.
- Conducted regressions of outcome variables from the household dataset, on vegetation index data with outcome variable data at the household level, and vegetation data at the commune level.

Teaching Experience

University of Wisconsin - Madison

Teaching Assistant- Communication B Research Writing Course (Undegraduate)

Madison, Wisconsin

September 2025 - December 2025

- Assisted in grading and administration of 200 students class, with responsibility for 94 students
- Designed and taught lessons on academic writing for discussion sections.

University of Wisconsin - Madison

Teaching Assistant-Introduction to Agricultural and Applied Economics (Undegraduate)

Madison, Wisconsin

Jan 2023 - May 2023

- Prepared materials for and taught weekly discussion sections to 50+ undergraduate students reviewing and expanding upon class material.
- Held consultation hours, graded most class assignments, and assisted with many of the administrative aspects of the class.

Prior Work Experience

- Worked on projects for the team tasked with utilizing academic data to produce actionable recommendations for different campus offices at the University of Florida.
- Worked in SQL and Python in order to assist the business school in building out a system to allow them to better analyze and track the success of their graduates.
- Played a leading role in the interview, hiring and on-boarding process for the new set of interns joining UF Information Technology to replace my internship cohort.

Working Papers

Nowcasting Global Trade from Space

Serkan Arslanalp, Seung Mo Choi, Parisa Kamali, Robin Koepke, Matthew McKetty, Michele Ruta, Mario Saraiva, Alessandra Sozzi, Jasper Verschuur

IMF Working Papers 2025.093 (May 2025) p. 1. International Monetary Fund (IMF), 2025

Selected Works in Progress

- **Climate and Consumption: Evidence From Mali** *Jeremy Foltz and Matthew McKetty*
- **Tourism and Household Welfare: Evidence from Jamaica (Job Market Paper)**

Skills

Programming R (Advanced), STATA (Advanced), Julia(Advanced)

Miscellaneous ArcGIS Pro, Git, Google Earth Engine

Fellowships

2024	Awarded 2nd Year of SciMed Graduate Research Scholars Doctoral Fellowship- Dissertator , University of Wisconsin - Madison	Madison, WI
2020	Awarded SciMed Graduate Research Scholars Doctoral Fellowship , University of Wisconsin - Madison	Madison, WI

Grants and Awards

2025	Research Presentation Travel Award (\$1000) , UW - Madison Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics	Madison, WI
2025	Research Presentation Travel Grant (\$1400) , UW-Madison Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies Program	Madison, WI
2024	Research Presentation Travel Grant (\$1300) , UW-Madison Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies Program	Madison, WI
2024	Research Presentation Travel Award (\$1000) , UW - Madison Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics	Madison, WI
2023	Awarded Short-term Research Grant for dissertation research in Jamaica (\$1500) , UW-Madison Graduate School	Madison, WI

Achievements

2026	Accepted to Poster Present at Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) Annual Conference (Upcoming) , Allied Social Sciences Associations	Philadelphia, PA
2025	Accepted to Present at the Center for the Study of African Economies Annual Conference (2025) , St. Catherine's College, University of Oxford	Oxford, UK
2024	Accepted to Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Conference , Agricultural and Applied Economics Association	New Orleans, LA
2024	Presented at West Indies Economic Conference , Department of Economics, University of The West Indies	Kingston, JM
2024	Presented at the Center for the Study of African Economies Annual Conference , St. Catherine's College, University of Oxford	Oxford, UK
2021	Achieved B2 Level of Proficiency in French Language , Diplome d'etudes en Langue Francaise (DELF)	Chicago, IL
2018	Awarded \$2000 Sones Scholarship for Summer Study in Toulouse, France , University of Florida	Gainesville, FL

Languages

English Native
French Advanced Proficiency, DELF B2

References

Jeremy Foltz (Advisor) Professor, Agricultural and Applied Economics	University of Wisconsin - Madison jdfoltz@wisc.edu
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Christopher Timmins (Committee Member) Professor and Chair, Real Estate and Urban Economics	University of Wisconsin - Madison ctimmins@wisc.edu