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Curriculum Vitae, May 6, 2025. [Most recent version.](#)

Employment **Michigan State University** (starting 2025)  
Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics  
and the Department of Media and Information

**University of Pennsylvania** (2022-2025)  
Postdoctoral Researcher, Center for Social Norms and Behavioral Dynamics

**Innovations for Poverty Action** (2020-2022)  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Consumer Protection Research Initiative

Education **University of California, Davis**  
Ph.D., Agricultural and Resource Economics (2020)  
M.S., Agricultural and Resource Economics (2014)

**University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire**  
B.A., Economics, Mathematics (2013)

Peer-Reviewed Publications Putman, D.S. 2025. [Social Network Structure and the Radius of Risk Sharing](#). *Social Network Analysis and Mining*.

Barriga-Cabanillas, O., J. Blumenstock, T.J. Lybbert, D.S. Putman. 2025. [Probing the Limits of Mobile Phone Metadata for Poverty Prediction and Impact Evaluation](#). *Journal of Development Economics*.

Under Review Putman, D.S. [Sharing Covariate Risk in Networks: Theory and Evidence from Ghana](#).

Byrne, S.<sup>†</sup>, D.S. Putman, M. King, C. Jang. [Navigating the Rise in Non-Institutional Digital Fraud: An Experiment with Micro Enterprises in Nigeria](#).

Putman, D.S. and T.N. Tolhurst. [Tackling Endogeneity: Estimating Optimal Pass Rate in the NFL Using Instrumental Variables](#).

Working  
Papers

Putman, D.S. and T.J. Lybbert **Port-Au-Prince Calling: Social Network Response to Social Unrest using Mobile Phone Metadata in Haiti.**

Putman, D.S. **Digital Credit Market Monitoring with Administrative Data: Evidence from a Collaboration with the Competition Authority of Kenya.**

Huntington-Klein, N., C. Pörtner, and 148 others. **The Sources of Researcher Variation in Economics.**

Bicchieri, C., K. Vallier, M. Movahed, D.S. Putman, S. Lahiri, N. Ghosh<sup>†</sup>. **Trust, Norms, and Poverty in America.**

In Progress

Putman, D.S., C. Bicchieri, K. Vallier, M. Movahed, S. Lahiri, I. Davis<sup>†</sup>, N. Ghosh<sup>†</sup>. **Subjective Income Expectations Elicitation: Evidence from a Survey Experiment.**

Bicchieri, C., K. Vallier, D.S. Putman, M. Movahed, S. Lahiri **Social Norms of Educational Attainment**

Deshpande, A.<sup>†</sup>, M. King, and D. Putman. **Strategies for Reducing Fraud Susceptibility and Building Trust in Digital Market Platforms: Evidence from Nigeria.**

Feng, N., L. Liang<sup>†</sup>, D.S. Putman, and J. Guo<sup>†</sup>. **Decomposing Effects of Social Capital in Occupational Mobility: a Network Approach.**

Rudder, J., D.S. Putman, and P. Chawla<sup>†</sup>. **Supply Chain Networks and Diffusion of Shocks in Rural Markets.**

Putman, D.S. **Robust Inference for Audit Studies.**

Underline indicates a graduate student at Michigan State University and <sup>†</sup> indicates a research assistant at the University of Pennsylvania or a graduate student at another university.

Policy  
Publications

Putman, D.S. 2022. **Translating Digital Credit Transaction Data into Consumer Protection Supervision: A Toolkit.** *Innovations for Poverty Action.*

Putman, D.S., R.K. Mazer, W. Blackmon. 2021. **Report on the Competition Authority of Kenya Digital Credit Market Inquiry.** *Innovations for Poverty Action.*

Lew, D.K, D.S. Putman, and D.M. Larson. 2016. **Attitudes and Preferences Toward Pacific Halibut Management Alternatives in the Saltwater Sport Fishing Charter Sector in Alaska: Results from a Survey.** *NOAA Technical Memorandum.* No. NMFS-AFSC-326.

Teaching  
Experience

Michigan State University Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics

*Instructor*, Microeconomic Analysis (Master's): Fall 2025

University of Pennsylvania Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Department

*Instructor*, Center for Social Norms and Behavioral Dynamics Research Seminar  
(Undergraduate Research Mentoring): 2023 Fall, 2024 Spring

University of California, Davis Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

*Instructor*, Microeconomics of Development: 2019 Summer Session 1

*Teaching Assistant*, Microeconomics of Development: 2014 Fall, 2016 Spring,  
2016 Summer Session 1, 2018 Fall, 2019 Winter, 2019 Spring, 2019 Fall, 2020  
Winter

*Teaching Assistant*, Intermediate Microeconomics: 2014 Summer Session 1

Honors, Grants  
& Fellowships

2021 IPA Consumer Protection Research Initiative Grant (\$345,000)

2017 Erika C. Meng Award Scholarship for Development Policy (\$5000)  
Henry A. Jastro Research Award (\$3000)

2015 Departmental Fellowship, UC Davis Agricultural and Resource Economics

2012 Travel Award, Southern Economics Association Conference

2011 Kappa Mu Epsilon

2010 Gerald and Mary Jacobson Economics Scholarship, UW-Eau Claire  
Omicron Delta Epsilon

Presentations

2025 Midwest International Economic Development Conference (Champaign, IL)

2024 Midwest International Economic Development Conference (Chicago, IL), Federal  
Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA), Swarthmore College (Swarthmore,  
PA), International Conference on Computational Social Science (two posters,  
Philadelphia, PA), IPA & Northwestern GPRL Researcher Gathering (Evanston,  
IL), IPA Consumer Protection Innovation Exchange (Nairobi, Kenya), Philosophy,  
Politics, and Economics Society (New Orleans, LA), Michigan State University  
(East Lansing, MI), University of Pennsylvania PDRI-DevLab Seminar (Philadelphia,  
PA)

2023 NoBeC Talks Early Career Researcher (virtual), SICSS Penn (Philadelphia,  
PA), IPA & Northwestern GPRL Researcher Gathering (Evanston, IL), University  
of Pennsylvania PDRI-DevLab Seminar (Philadelphia, PA), North East Universities  
Development Consortium (Cambridge, MA)

- 2022 IPA Consumer Protection Practitioner’s Forum (virtual), World Bank and Center for Effective Global Action Measuring Development Conference (Washington, DC)
- 2021 Conference on Network Science and Economics (poster, virtual), Competition Authority of Kenya (virtual), Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation FAIR Working Group (virtual), IPA & Northwestern GPRL Researcher Gathering (virtual), Center for Financial Inclusion Financial Inclusion Week (virtual), University of California, Davis Development Workshop (virtual)
- 2020 Pacific Conference for Development Economics (virtual, planned for Berkeley, CA), International Conference on Computational Social Science (declined due to move to virtual pre-recorded), Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (virtual)
- 2018 Annual Giannini Agricultural & Resource Economics Student Conference (Berkeley, CA)
- 2013 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (La Crosse, WI)
- 2012 Wisconsin Economics Association (Stevens Point, WI), University of Wisconsin System Symposium on Undergraduate Research (Whitewater, WI)
- 2011 Wisconsin Economics Association (Stevens Point, WI)

Popular Press  
& Blogs

- Blackmon, W., R.K. Mazer, N. Mwarania, and D.S. Putman. 2021. “New Consumer Protection and Competition Policies Are Needed for Kenya’s Digital Credit Market.” *IPA Blog*
- Blackmon, W., F. Cuccaro, A.Holzinger, R.K. Mazer, W. Ngwabe, and D.S. Putman. 2021. “From the Field to Policy Formulation – How Research is Informing Consumer Protection in Sierra Leone.” *IPA Blog*

Research  
Experience

- Replicator*, Many Economists Project
- Research Fellow*, University of Pennsylvania Center for Social Norms and Behavioral Dynamics: Examining Poverty’s Roots within U.S. Communities
- Co-Principal Investigator*. A Digital Bridge Over Troubled Waters: Strategies for Reducing Non-Institutional Fraud and Building Trust in a Digital Market Platform
- Co-Principal Investigator*: Measuring Phishing Fraud Prevalence in IPA Countries
- Principal Investigator*: Analysis of Transaction Data to Monitor Consumer Risks in Digital Credit (in collaboration with the Competition Authority of Kenya). 2020-2021.
- Consultant*, the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association: research assistance on “American Journal of Agricultural Economics Volume 100: A Century of Publishing the Frontiers of the Profession,” Summer 2018

*Graduate Student Researcher*, University of California, Davis Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

2016-2018: Evaluating the Impact of World Food Program's Emergency Operation Cash Transfer on Haitian Households (with Travis Lybbert):

Summer 2016: Lotto Linked Savings Accounts in Haiti (with Travis Lybbert):

2015-2016: NOAA Halibut Catch Sharing Project Survey (with Doug Larson and Daniel Lew)

Affiliations	<p><i>Affiliate</i>, Center for Social Norms and Behavioral Dynamics (2025-present)</p> <p><i>Affiliate</i>, Penn Development Research Initiative-DevLab (2022-2025)</p> <p><i>Postdoctoral Affiliate</i>, IPA Applied Research &amp; Methods Group (2022)</p>
Professional Service	<p>Referee: <i>American Journal of Agricultural Economics</i>, <i>Applied Economics Letters</i>, <i>Cities</i>, <i>Current Opinion in Psychology</i>, <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i></p> <p>Conference planner: 2021 Consumer Protection Research Gathering, 2017 Annual Giannini Agricultural &amp; Resource Economics Student Conference</p> <p>Conference reviewer: International Conference on Computational Social Science (2024, 2025), Agricultural &amp; Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (2024, 2025), Pacific Conference for Development Economics (2018)</p>
Associations	American Economics Association, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association
Summer School	2023 Summer Institute for Computational Social Science at Penn
Skills	R, $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Stata, SurveyCTO, Python, GitHub
Languages	English (Native), Spanish (Basic), French (Basic)