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Education

University of California, Davis
Ph.D., Agricultural & Resource Economics, 2021.
University of Mary Washington
B.S., Anthropology and Economics, 2013.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Meinen-Dick, L., and Zavale, H. (2025). "Gender and tenure insecurity in a matrilineal customary system." *Land Use Policy*, 157.
- Iacocca, K., Vallen, B., Strandberg, A., and Meinen-Dick, L. (2025). "A descriptive investigation of the impact of statewide distribution policies and consumer vulnerabilities on COVID-19 vaccination in the United States." *Health Care Management Science*.
- Boonabaana, B., Kyoheirwe, F., Sanya, L., Meinen-Dick, L., Kavuma, S., Bantebya, G., Ludgate, N., and Okello, P. (2025). The influence of sociocultural factors on women smallholder farmers' empowerment in Uganda. Chapter in *Women and Smallholder Farming: Addressing Global Inequities in Agriculture*, Sachs, C., and Castellanos, P. (eds), Burleigh Dodds Science Publishers.
- Muhanguzi, F.K., Boonabaana, B., Sanya, L.N., Kavuma, S.N., Kyomuhendo, G.B., Ludgate, N. and Meinen-Dick, L. (2023). The meanings of resilience in climate justice: women smallholder farmers' responses to agricultural shocks in Uganda under the spotlight. *Agenda*.
- Engle-Stone, R., Kumordzie, S.M., Meinen-Dick, L. and Vosti, S.A. (2019). Replacing iron-folic acid with multiple micronutrient supplements among pregnant women in Bangladesh and Burkina Faso: costs, impacts, and cost-effectiveness. *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, 1444: 35-51.
- Engle-Stone, R., Vosti, S.A., Meinen-Dick, L. and Kumordzie, S.M. (2019). Transitioning from distribution of iron-folic acid supplements to multiple micronutrient supplements for pregnant women. *Current Developments in Nutrition*, 3 (Supplement 1).

Under Review

- Meinen-Dick, L. "Decentralization of land governance and elections in Burkina Faso."
- Meinen-Dick, L. "Customary tenure and agricultural investment in Uganda." (Revision requested at *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*)
- Bird, S., Carter, M., and Meinen-Dick, L. "Material and Informational Constraints to the Adoption of Digital Farm Input Subsidies." (Revision requested at *Journal of Development Economics*)
- Meinen-Dick, L., Doss, C., and Meinen-Dick, R. "Conceptualizing and measuring dimensions of tenure security: Gendered analysis from Malawi, Bangladesh, and Nepal"

	Huntington-Klein, N., Portner, C., and many coauthors. “The Sources of Researcher Variation in Economics” (Revision requested at <i>Journal of Economic Literature</i>)
	Lilly, C. and Meinzen-Dick, L. “Examining the distributional effects of school quality on student outcomes.”
Working Papers	Huntington, H., Meinzen-Dick, L., and Hartmann, A. “Making Women’s Rights Visible – And Contested: Salience, Custom, and Backlash in Tenure Reform”
	Herrera-Almanza, C., Meinzen-Dick, L., Pazos Navarro, N., and Reimao, M. “Fertility and Land Rights in Burkina Faso.”
	Meinzen-Dick, L., Vosti, S. and James, J. “Markets and child nutrition in rural Burkina Faso.”
	Meinzen-Dick, L. and Meinzen-Dick, R. “The congregational commons.” (mimeo 2011).
Awards and Fellowships	Swift Family Assistant Professorship , Villanova 2023 - 2025
	Villanova School of Business Research Grant , 2024, 2023
	Moran Center for Global Leadership International Travel Support Grant , 2024
	Villanova Undergraduate Research Fellowship 2024, 2023
	American Agricultural Economics Association Teaching & Learning Section Graduate Student Teaching Award , 2021
	Henry A. Jastro Graduate Research Award , 2020, 2018
	Scott McNiven Community Service Award , 2016
	Graduate Student Association Travel Award , 2019
	Marjorie and Charles Elliot Fellowship , 2014 - 2015
	Irene Piscopo Rodgers Alvey Fellowship , 2009 - 2013
Other Publications	Meinzen-Dick, L. (2026). Sustaining Economic Development, Ten Years Later. Chapter in <i>Sidekick Manifesto II: Power, Proximity, and the Practice of Humility</i> , Humphrey, S. (ed), Shovel & Axe Press
	Jones-Casey, K., Meinzen-Dick, L. and Bizoza, A. (2014). The gendered nature of land and property rights in post-reform Rwanda. USAID Land Project.
Research Experience	Graduate Student Researcher/Short Term Consultant For Michael Carter, UC Davis and World Bank/DIME Team Impact evaluation of the Agriculture Cluster Development Project, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Uganda
	Consultant , USAID Land Project Rwanda (2014) The gendered nature of land rights in post-reform Rwanda
	Research Assistant For Nancy McCarthy, Lead Analytics and Talip Kilic, World Bank (2013) The nexus between gender, collective action for public goods, and agriculture: Evidence from Malawi
Teaching Experience	Instructor , Organizational Economics for the Bioeconomy (AFRE 322, MSU)
	Instructor , World Food, Population, and Poverty (AFRE 206, MSU)
	Instructor , Econometrics (ECO 3137, Villanova)
	Instructor , Political Economy of the Global South (ECO 4200, Senior Seminar, Villanova)
	Instructor , Microeconomics of Development (ARE/ECN 115A, UC Davis)
	Teaching Assistant , Economics of Global Poverty (ARE/ECN 166, UC Davis)
	Teaching Assistant , Economics of Small Farms (IAD 201, UC Davis)

Presentations World Bank Land and Poverty Conference 2019, 2024, 2026
 Midwest International Economic Development Conference, 2026
 EnGendering Data Webinar, 2026
 Pacific Conference for Development Economics, 2026
 University of Pennsylvania Development Research Initiative Seminar 2024
 Southern Economic Association Conference 2025
 International Association for Feminist Economics Conference 2025
 Hamilton College Seminar 2025
 Tufts University Seminar 2025
 Michigan State University Seminar 2025
 University of Nevada Reno Seminar 2024
 International Conference of Agricultural Economists 2024
 Swarthmore Summer Economics Seminar Series 2024
 Seminar at Purdue University Department of Agricultural Economics
 Northeast Agricultural & Resource Economics Association 2023
 Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting 2020, 2023
 Tata-Cornell Institute 10th Anniversary Conference 2023
 Eastern Economics Association 2022, 2023
 Seminar at Bates College Department of Economics 2022
 Centre for the Study of African Economies 2022
 Sustainability and Development Conference 2022
 International Conference in Development Economics 2021
 Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics 2021
 Development Seminar, UC Davis ARE, November 2020
 Working Group on African Political Economy Regional Meeting 2020
 Giannini Agricultural & Resource Economics Student Conference 2020
 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Student Conference 2020
 International Association for the Study of the Commons 2011

Service **Undergraduate Policy Committee** Member, 2025 -
Economics Seminar Series Organizer, 2023 - 2024
Academic Standing Committee Member, 2021 - 2024
Economics Research Opportunities Committee Member, 2024
Adam Smith Prize Committee Member, 2022
PacDev Conference Program Organizer, 2018
Anti-Racism in ARE Working Group Co-organizer, 2020
Summit for Diversity in Economics Participant, 2018
Giananni Ag. & Resource Econ. Student Conference Organizer, 2017, 2018
Development Tea Student coordinator, 2017 - 2018
Development Seminar Series Student coordinator, 2016 - 2017

Professional Activities Refereeing:
Journal of Public Economics, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, World Development, Journal of Land Economics, Agricultural Economics, World Bank Economic Review, Oxford Development Studies, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association