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EDUCATION

- **Ph.D., Applied Economics**, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR Exp. May 2027
 - *Advisor*: Professor Jennifer Alix-Garcia
 - *Fields*: Development Economics, Environmental Economics, Applied Econometrics
- **B.S., Economics**, Weber State University, Ogden, UT May 2023
 - *Minors*: Environmental Studies, Jazz Studies

WORKING PAPERS

- **“The Impact of Refugee Arrivals on Food Security, Income, and Prices in Rural Uganda”**
Under Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change [Draft]
Job Market Paper

Using a shift-share instrumental variable design and RIMA panel data from 11 Ugandan districts (2017–2021), I estimate the effects of large-scale refugee arrivals on host and refugee household food security, agricultural market participation, and crop prices.
- **“Cultivating Self-Reliance? An Analysis of Uganda’s Refugee Land Allocation Policy”**
with Jennifer Alix-Garcia and Jamon Van Den Hoek
Submitted to PNAS

We evaluate the effects of Uganda’s land allocation policy on refugee agricultural productivity and welfare, finding that achieving refugee-host outcome parity would require land exceeding available area in settlements housing roughly 45 percent of Uganda’s refugee population.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- **“Aid Modalities and Land Use Dynamics: Evidence from Refugee Settlements in Uganda”**

Using satellite-derived land cover data, we estimate the effects of large-scale refugee arrivals on agricultural land conversion around Ugandan settlements, examining how aid modalities and proximity to markets and roads mediate these dynamics.
- **“Living Income Differential and Smallholder Welfare in West African Cocoa Markets”**
In Development

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Graduate Research Assistant** — Professor Jennifer Alix-Garcia June 2024–Present
 - Constructed the largest harmonized panel dataset for the Ugandan refugee settlement context across multiple RIMA survey waves.

- Conducted fieldwork in Uganda (September 2025): site visits to refugee settlements and interviews with UNHCR/OPM officials.
- **Graduate Research Assistant** — Professor Suhyun Jung Sept 2024–June 2025
 - Developed land cover classification algorithms in GEE and ArcPy on satellite imagery to quantify forest cover change in Southern Ghana over a decade.
 - Integrated geospatial raster data with household survey data to evaluate long-run reforestation program effectiveness.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Instructor**, Oregon Coast Community College Fall 2025–Present
 - EC 201: Introduction to Microeconomics; EC 202: Introduction to Macroeconomics (online)
 - Independently designed and taught two courses concurrently; developed all materials including lectures, problem sets, and exams for a non-traditional student body.
- **Instructor of Record**, Oregon State University 2024–2025
 - AEC 122: Climate Change Economics and Policy (Fall 2024, Spring 2024)
 - Guest Lecturer, AEC 352: Environmental Economics and Policy (2025)

PRESENTATIONS

- **Land and Property Research Conference**, World Bank 2026
Cultivating Self-Reliance? An Analysis of Uganda's Refugee Land Allocation Policy
- **Pacific Development Conference**, University of California, Davis 2026
The Impact of Refugee Arrivals on Food Security, Income, and Prices in Rural Uganda
- **Development Day Workshop**, Oregon State University 2026
The Impact of Refugee Arrivals on Food Security, Income, and Prices in Rural Uganda

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Emery Castle Graduate Scholarship, Oregon State University 2025
- Outstanding Economics Graduate, Weber State University 2023
- Weber State Honor of Academic Excellence 2020–2023
- Mt. Ogden Scholarship, Weber State University 2019–2023

SKILLS

- **Programming & Software:** Stata, R, Python, LaTeX, ArcGIS, QGIS, GEE, GitHub
- **Interests:** Jazz guitar, Trail Running

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- **Undergraduate Research Mentor** 2026
Advised undergraduate students in econometric techniques for terminal research projects
- **College of Agricultural Sciences Graduate Advisory Committee** 2025–Present
Representative for the Department of Applied Economics.

- **Department of Applied Economics Graduate Representative** 2025–Present
Represented graduate students in interfacing with faculty and the graduate school.
- **Invited Attendee**, White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health 2022
Represented Weber State University and the Food Recovery Network in discussions on national food security strategy.
- **President**, Food Recovery Network, Weber State University Chapter 2022–2023
Coordinated delivery of over 5,000 meals to local shelters; managed student volunteers and chapter logistics.

REFERENCES

- **Dr. Jennifer Alix-Garcia**
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