

2015 Pacific Conference for Development Economics

March 21, 2015 | UC San Diego



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* Registration and information table

2015 PacDev Agenda

8 – 9 a.m.

Registration and Breakfast

The Great Hall

9 – 10:15 a.m.

Session 1

Session 1A: Macro Health

IR/PS Room 3202

Moderator: Craig McIntosh, UC San Diego

“What Explains Differences in Child Health Between Rural, Urban, and Slum Areas? Evidence from India”

Claus Portner, Seattle University

Yu-Hsuan Su, National Chengchi University

“Expanding Governance as Development: Evidence on Child Nutrition in the Philippines”

Eli Berman, UC San Diego

Mitch Downey, UC San Diego

Joseph Felter, Stanford University

“Fertilizing Growth: Agricultural Inputs and their Effects in Economic Development”

John McArthur, The Brookings Institution

Gordon McCord, UC San Diego

“‘Safety First’: Climate Variability and the Decision to Enter Sex Work in India”

Kate Pennington, University of San Francisco

Session 1B: Health and Human Development

IR/PS Room 3201

Moderator: Alfredo Burlando, University of Oregon

“Intra-household Allocation of Micro Health Insurance: No Adverse Selection After All?”

Berber Kramer, International Food Policy Research Institute

“Medium-Term Health Impacts of Shocks Experienced in Utero and After Birth:

Evidence from Detailed Geographic Information on War Exposure”

Richard Akresh, University of Illinois

German Daniel Caruso, The World Bank

Harsha Thirumurthy, University of North Carolina

“The Effect of Gold Mining on the Health of Newborns”

Mauricio Romero, UC San Diego

Santiago Saavedra, Stanford University

Session 1C: Governance and Development

IOA Deutz Conference Room

Moderator: Yaniv Stopnitsky, University of San Francisco

“A Matter of Time: An Impact Evaluation of the Brazilian National Land Credit Program”

Vilma Sarshar, UC Riverside

Steven Helfand, UC Riverside

“Choosing Ungoverned Space: Pakistan’s Frontier Crimes Regulation”

Arman Rezaee, UC San Diego

“For Want of a Cup: The Rise of Tea in England and the Impact of Water Quality on Economic Development”

Francisca Antman, University of Colorado

“Food Fights: Global Food Prices, Real Income and Local Conflict in Africa”

Eoin McGuirk, Brown University

Marshall Burke, Stanford University

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9 – 10:15 a.m.

Session 1D: Conflict and its Consequences

IOA Malamud Room

Moderator: Michael Callen, Harvard University

“Election Fraud and Post-Election Conflict: Evidence from the Philippines”

Benjamin Crost, University of Illinois

Joseph Felter, Stanford University

Hani Mansour, University of Colorado Denver

Daniel Rees, University of Colorado Denver

“Lynchings, Labor and Cotton in the US South”

Cornelius Christian, University of Oxford

“Violence, Psychological Stress and Educational Performance in Mexico”

Maren Michaelsen, Ruhr University of Bochum

Paola Salardi, University of Toronto

“The Effects of a Temporary Migration Shock: Evidence from the Arab Spring Migration Towards Italy”

Claudio Labanca, UC San Diego

10:15 –
11:30 a.m.

Session 2

Session 2A: Financial Services

IOA Deutz Conference Room

Moderator: Ketki Sheth, UC Merced

“Self-Control Fatigue, Cognitive Function, and the Expression of Time Preference: Experimental Results from Ethiopia”

John Hoddinott, International Food Policy Institute

Jessica Hoel, International Food Policy Research Institute

Benjamin Schwab, Kansas State University

“The Role of Collateral in Joint Liability Group Lending: Evidence from a Framed Field Experiment in Tanzania”

Jon Einar Flatnes, UC Davis

“Subsidies, Savings, and Information Spillovers: A Randomized Experiment in Mozambique”

Michael Carter, UC Davis

Rachid Laajaj, Paris School of Economics and INRA

Dean Yang, University of Michigan

“Financial Inclusion of Vulnerable Households through Savings and Borrowing Groups”

Alfredo Burlando, University of Oregon

Andrea Canidio, Central European University

Session 2B: Government Performance

IOA Malamud Room

Moderator: Paul Gertler, UC Berkeley

“Tailoring Intertemporal Incentives: An Application to Polio Vaccination Drives in Pakistan”

James Andreoni, UC San Diego

Michael Callen, Harvard University

Karrar Jaffar, USC

Yasir Khan, International Growth Centre

Charles Sprenger, UC San Diego

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10:15 –
11:30 a.m.

Session 2B: Government Performance (cont.)

IOA Malamud Room

Moderator: Paul Gertler, UC Berkeley

“Community Monitors vs. Leakage: Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan”

Eli Berman, UC San Diego

Michael Callen, Harvard University

Lucas Condra, University of Pittsburgh

Mitchell Downey, UC San Diego

Tarek Ghani, UC Berkeley

Mohammad Isaqzadeh, American University of Afghanistan

“The Political Effects of Resource Booms: Political Outcomes, Clientelism and Public Goods Provision in Peru”

Stanislao Maldonado, UC Berkeley

“Sources of Revenue and Government Performance: Theory and Evidence from Colombia”

Luis Martinez, London School of Economics

Session 2C: Migration

IR/PS Room 3201

Moderator: Francisca Antman, University of Colorado

“Migration Choice under Risk and Liquidity Constraints”

Marieke Kleemans, UC Berkeley

“Do Employers Value Return Migrants? An Experiment on the Returns to Foreign Experience”

Paolo Abarcar, University of Michigan

“Intergenerational Transmission of Gender Attitudes: Evidence from India”

Diva Dhar, Indian Statistical Institute

Tarun Jain, Indian School of Business

Seema Jayachandran, Northwest University

Session 2D: Environmental Externalities

IR/PS Room 3202

Moderator: Jennifer Burney, UC San Diego

“Management and Shocks to Worker Productivity:

Evidence from Air Pollution Exposure in an Indian Garment Factory”

Achyuta Adhvaryu, University of Michigan

Namrata Kala, Yale University

Anant Nyshadham, USC

“The Public Benefits of Private Technology Adoption:

Localized Spatial Externalities of Water-Conserving Technology Adoption in Uttar Pradesh, India”

Anil Bhargava, University of Michigan

Travis Lybbert, UC Davis

David Spielman, International Food Policy Research Institute

“The Effect of a Natural Disaster on the Incidence of Miscarriages, Stillbirths and Pregnancy Outcomes”

Elaine Liu, University of Houston and NBER

Jin-Tan Liu, National Taiwan University

Tzu-Yin Hazel Tseng, University of Houston

“Unintended Consequences of Enforcement in a Cooperative Institution:

Results from an Artefactual Experiment in Tanzania”

Spencer MacColl, University of San Francisco

Paul Onyango, University of Dar es Salaam

Matthew Reimer, University of Alaska Anchorage

Yaniv Stopnitzky, University of San Francisco

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11:30 a.m. –
12 p.m.

Break

12 – 1 p.m.

Plenary Session

IOA Hojel Hall of the Americas Auditorium

“Integrating the Adaptive Design Philosophy into Randomized Controlled Trials: Can We Combine Flexibility and Rigor in Studying Technology for Development?”

Panel discussion led by Paul Gertler, Li Ka Shing Professor at the Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley and scientific director for the UC Center for Effective Global Action

1 – 2 p.m.

Lunch

The Great Hall

2 – 3:15 p.m.

Session 3

Session 3A: Contracts and Enforcement

IOA Malamud Room

Moderator: Michael Carter, UC Davis

“Interlinking Product and Insurance Markets: Experimental Evidence from Contract Farming in Kenya”

Lorenzo Casaburi, Stanford University

Jack Willis, Harvard University

“Consumers as Tax Auditors”

Joana Naritomi, London School of Economics

“Conspicuous Consumption and Peer Effects among the Poor: Evidence from a Field Experiment”

Christopher Roth, University of Oxford

“Getting a Leg Up or Pulling it Down? Interpersonal Comparisons and Destructive Actions: Experimental Evidence from Bolivia”

Eliana Zeballos, UC Davis

Session 3B: Enabling Education

IR/PS Room 3201

Moderator: Tahir Andrabi, Pomona College

“What Happens Once the Intervention Ends? The Five-Year Impacts of a Cash Transfer Experiment in Malawi”

Sarah Baird, George Washington University

Ephraim Chirwa, University of Malawi

Craig McIntosh, UC San Diego

Berk Ozler, The World Bank

“Financial Constraints and Girls Post-Primary Education: Evidence from a School Fee Elimination Program in Gambia”

Moussa Blimpo, University of Oklahoma

Ousman Gajigo, The African Development Bank

Todd Pugatch, Oregon State University

“Pay by Design: Teacher Performance Pay Design and the Distribution of Student Achievement”

Chengfang Liu, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Prashant Loyalka, Stanford University

Scott Rozelle, Stanford University

Yaojiang Shi, Shaanxi Normal University

Sean Sylvia, Renmin University of China

2 – 3:15 p.m.

Session 3B: Enabling Education (cont.)

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Moderator: Tahir Andrabi, Pomona College

"Schooling, Learning, and Earnings:

Effects of a Three-Year Conditional Cash Transfer Program in Nicaragua After 10 Years"

Tania Barham, University of Colorado

Karen Macours, Paris School of Economics and INRA

John Maluccio, Middlebury College

Session 3C: Early Childhood Interventions

IR/PS Gardner Room

Moderator: Richard Akresh, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

"Early-Life Conditions, Parental Investments, and Child Development: Evidence from a Violent Conflict"

Valentina Duque, Columbia University

"Intra-Household Allocation of Educational Expenses:

Gender Discrimination versus Investment for the Future"

Tara Kaul, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation

"Recovering from Early Life Trauma:

Dynamic Substitution between Child Endowments and Investments"

Achyuta Adhvaryu, University of Michigan

Teresa Molina, USC

Anant Nyshadham, USC

Jorge Tamayo, USC

"The Persistent Power of Behavioral Change:

Long-Run Impacts of Temporary Savings Subsidies for the Poor"

Simone Schaner, Dartmouth College

Session 3D: Violence

IOA Deutz Conference Room

Moderator: Eli Berman, UC San Diego

"The Effect of Violent Conflict on the Human Capital Accumulation of Young Adults"

Ryan Brown, University of Colorado Denver

Andrea Velasquez, University of Colorado Denver

"Conflict, Institution, and the Economic Behavior: Legacies of the Cambodian Genocide"

Katsuo Kogure, Hitotsubashi University

Yoshito Takasaki, University of Tsukuba

"Economic and Non-economic Factors in Violence:

Evidence from Organized Crime, Suicides and Climate in Mexico"

Ceren Baysan, UC Berkeley

Marshall Burke, Stanford University

Felipe Gonzalez, UC Berkeley

Solomon Hsiang, UC Berkeley

Edward Miguel, UC Berkeley

"Historical Traumas and the Root of Political Distrust: Political Inference from the Great Chinese Famine"

Yuyu Chen, Peking University

David Yang, Stanford University

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2 – 3:15 p.m.

Session 3E: Female Empowerment and Gender Equity

IR/PS Room 3202

Moderator: Manisha Shah, UCLA

"Effect of Trade Liberalization in Gender Inequality: The Case of India"

Ashmita Gupta, University of Houston

"Intrahousehold Productive Inefficiency in Burkina Faso:

Can Experimental Inefficiency Measures Explain Differences in Household Income?"

Weibo Zou, UC Davis

"Does War Empower Women? Evidence from Timor Leste"

Patricia Justino, University of Sussex

Marinella Leone, University of Sussex

Paola Salardi, University of Toronto

"The Effects of Social Identity on Aspirations and Learning Outcomes:

A Field Experiment in Rural India"

Priya Mukherjee, Cornell University

3:15 –
3:45 p.m.

Break

3:45 – 5 p.m.

Session 4

Session 4A: Shocks and Human Capital

IR/PS Room 3201

Moderator: Claus Pörtner, Seattle University

"Can Extreme Shocks to Children be Mitigated?

Recovery Deficits in Children after the Pakistan Earthquake of 2005"

Tahir Andrabi, Pomona College

Benjamin Daniels, The World Bank

Jishnu Das, The World Bank

"Impact of Early-Life Shocks on Human Capital Formation: Evidence from el Nino Floods in Ecuador"

Maria Rosales-Rueda, University of Chicago

"Credit Constraints and Excess Female Mortality in India"

Daniel Rosenblum, Dalhousie University

"The Twin Instrument"

Sonia Bhalotra, The University of Essex

Damian Clarke, The University of Oxford

Session 4B: Political Economy

IOA Malamud Room

Moderator: Steven Helfand, UC Riverside

"Local Government Spending and Employment in Brazil"

Breno Braga, University of Michigan

Diogo Guillen, Gavea Investimentos

Ben Thompson, University of Michigan

"How Political Boundaries Shape Village Development: Evidence from India's Employment Guarantee"

Saad Gulzar, New York University

Benjamin Pasquale, USC

"Location-Based Tax Incentives: Evidence from India"

Ritam Chaurey, Binghamton University - SUNY

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3:45 – 5 p.m.

Session 4B: Political Economy (cont.)

IOA Malamud Room

Moderator: Steven Helfand, UC Riverside

"Do Workfare Programs Decrease Educational Investments? Evidence from NREGA in India"

Manisha Shah, UCLA

Bryce Millett Steinberg, Harvard University

Session 4C: Education and Technology Interactions

IOA Deutz Conference Room

Moderator: Prashant Bharadwaj, UC San Diego

"Ordeal Mechanisms and Training in the Provision of Subsidized Products in Developing Countries"

Matthew Boswell, Stanford University

Cynthia Lin, UC Davis

Xiaochen Ma, UC Davis

Scott Rozelle, Stanford University

Sean Sylvia, Renmin University of China

"Debiasing on a Roll: Changing Gambling Behavior through Experiential Learning"

Martin Abel, Harvard University

Shawn Cole, Harvard Business School

Bilal Zia, The World Bank

"Peer Effect Heterogeneity in Computer Assisted Learning: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment"

Marcel Fafchamps, Stanford University and NBER

Di Mo, Stanford University and University of Leuven – KU Leuven

"Are Science Cities Fostering Firm Innovation? Evidence from Russia's Regions"

Helena Schweiger, European Bank of Reconstruction and Development

Paolo Zacchia, UC Berkeley

Session 4D: Health Field Evaluations

IR/PS Gardner Room

Moderator: Gordon McCord, UC San Diego

"The Effects of Mass Vaccination: Evidence from Turkey"

Marcella Alsan, Stanford University

"Barriers to Vaccine Take-Up: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Nigeria"

Ryoko Sato, University of Michigan

"Temporary Incentives and Long Run Productivity: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Medical Care"

Pablo Celhay, University of Chicago

Paul Gertler, UC Berkeley and NBER

Paula Giovagnoli, The World Bank

Christel Vermeersch, The World Bank

"Malaria Eradication and Economic Outcomes in Sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Uganda"

Tobenna Anekwe, USDA Economic Research Service

Jeremy Barofsky, Harvard University

Claire Chase, The World Bank

5 – 7 p.m.

Reception

The Great Hall

2015 PacDev Plenary Speakers



PAUL GERTLER

Li Ka Shing Professor of Economics, UC Berkeley

Paul Gertler is the Li Ka Shing Professor of Economics at UC Berkeley where he holds appointments in the Haas School of Business and the School of Public Health. He is also the director of UC Berkeley's Graduate Program in Health Management and scientific director of the UC Center for Effective Global Action. Gertler is an internationally recognized expert in impact evaluation.

Gertler was chief economist of the Human Development Network of the World Bank and the founding chair of the Board of Directors of the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie). He is the author of the best selling textbook "Applied Impact Evaluation."



ALAN HUBBARD

Associate Professor of Biostatistics, UC Berkeley

Alan Hubbard is an associate professor of biostatistics at UC Berkeley where he holds an appointment in the School of Public Health.

His talk, "Inference in Data Adaptive Estimation, Adaptive Designs and Adaptive Parameters," will present framework for consistent estimation and inference for three types of data adaptive procedures in the context of randomized trials: data adaptive estimation, data adaptive designs and data adaptive parameters.



JOHN TIPPETT

Global Director of Mobile Health, Grameen Foundation

John Tippet leads Grameen Foundation's global mobile health technology initiatives. He joined Grameen Foundation after 18 years at Microsoft working on software development. He has led the creation of the Open Source MOTECH (Mobile Technology for Community Health) Platform that is currently serving pregnant women, children under five, HIV/AIDS patients, tuberculosis patients and community health workers in more than 15 countries including Ghana, India, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

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