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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Applied Economics	Cornell University	May 2010 (expected)
M.S.	Agricultural Economics	University of Illinois	June 2004
B.A.*	History and English Literature	Georgetown University	May 2001

*Magna Cum Laude

DISSERTATION

Title: Small Farmers and Big Retail: The Participation of Nicaraguan Small Farmers in Supermarket Supply Chains

Committee: Chris Barrett (chair), Per Pinstrup-Andersen, Garrick Blalock

Fields of Concentration: Economics of Development, Public Policy Analysis, International Nutrition

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Farmer welfare effects of agro-industrialization and market participation – Welfare dynamics and asset poverty – Private sector development initiatives in subsistence markets – Agricultural technology adoption

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Research

Cornell University, 2004-present

Access to Modernizing Value Chains by Small Farmers in Indonesia and Nicaragua 2007–2009

Secured funding, designed survey and sample, and implemented two stages of data collection for a 1000-household survey. Managed surveying in Nicaragua as well as data entry, cleaning, GIS mapping, and analysis. Partially funded through USAID CRSP BASIS Grant – Dr. Thomas Reardon P.I.

Masters' Research

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2001–2004

Farmer adoption of Technologies Developed and Promoted by Monsanto in Chiapas, Mexico

Studied the village-level adoption patterns and estimated the local impacts of a production technology initiative that was promoted and financed through a Monsanto partnership with a Mexican NGO. Secured an NSEP Boren fellowship to support the year of field research in Chiapas.

PUBLICATIONS

D. Just and H. Michelson. "Wealth as Welfare: Are Wealth Thresholds Behind Persistent Poverty?" *Review of Agricultural Economics*, 2007, 29(3), 419–426.

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H. Michelson. *Smallholder maize production in Chiapas, Mexico: evaluating a private-sector production technology initiative*. M.S. Thesis, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL (2004).

WORKING PAPERS

“Estimating the Welfare Effects of Small Farmer Participation in Supermarket Supply Chains.” Draft, September, 2009.

“Solving the Supply Problem: Big Retail and Small Farmers in Nicaragua” (with Thomas Reardon and Francisco Perez). Draft, August 2009.

GRADUATE HONORS and AWARDS

International Dissertation Research Fellowship	Social Science Research Council	2007
AMA CRSP Basis Grant (team member)	USAID	2007–2009
Chester O. McCorkle Jr. Student Scholarship	AAEA	2007
Latin American Studies Research Travel Grant	Cornell University LASP	2007
IAMA Conference Travel Grant	IAMA	2003
Boren Graduate Fellowship	NESP	2002–2003
Jonathan Baldwin Turner Fellowship	University of Illinois	2001–02, 2003–04
Agricultural Economics Department Fellowship	University of Illinois	2001–04

TEACHING

New York University, Guest Lecture International Economic Development, professor Jonathan Morduch, 2009
Cornell University, Management Strategy, teaching assistant to Garrick Blalock 2004, 2006, 2009
Cornell University, Price Analysis, teaching assistant to Todd Schmit 2005
Cornell University, Management Strategy, teaching assistant to Daniel Simon 2004, 2007
Cornell University, Innovation Strategy, teaching assistant to Aija Leiponen 2006

Teaching Awards

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award Cornell University, 2007

PRESENTATIONS

Cornell University, September 2009, May 2009, September 2008

“Wealth as Welfare: Are Wealth Thresholds Behind Persistent Poverty,” AAEA Special Session on Wealth Dynamics, Risk Preferences, and Threshold Effects. ASSA meetings, Chicago, IL (2007).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee for *Agricultural Economics*

Reviewer, *Case Studies in Food Policy for Developing Countries Volume I*, Cornell University Press, 2009

Student representative to graduate admission committee AEM, Cornell University, 2009–2010

RELEVANT SKILLS

Fluent in Spanish, STATA, SPSS, QGIS