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Research Fields

Specialization: Microeconomic development

Subfields: Agriculture, social capital, health, networks, experimental economics

Academic Appointments

Colgate University , Department of Economics. Hamilton, NY. Assistant Professor of Economics	2020-Present
University of Evansville , Schroeder School of Business. Evansville, IN. Assistant Professor of Economics	2018-2020

Education

Cornell University , The Charles H. Dyson School. Ithaca, NY. Ph.D., Applied Economics and Management	2018
Tufts University , The Fletcher School. Medford, MA. M.A.L.D., Development Economics, International Energy Policy	2013
State University of New York at Geneseo . Geneseo, NY. B.A., Economics, B.A., International Relations, <i>Summa cum laude</i> , <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	2009

Publications

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles:

1. Murphy, D.M.A., Roobroeck, D., and Lee, D.R. (2024), "Show and Tell: Farmer Field Days and Learning about Inputs with Heterogeneous Yield Effects." *European Review of Agricultural Economics* 51(1), 91-127. doi:10.1093/erae/jbad042
2. Murphy, D.M.A., Simons, A.M., Pypers, P., Chernet, M., and Roobroeck, D. (2023), "Plot Size Misperceptions and Soil Health: A New Research Agenda." *Soil Security* 13, 100117. doi:10.1016/j.soisec.2023.100117
3. Murphy, D.M.A. (2023), "Sobriety, Social Capital, and Village Network Structures." *World Development* 166, 106210. doi:10.1016/j.worlddev.2023.106210
4. Castilla, C. and Murphy, D.M.A. (2023), "Bidirectional Intimate Partner Violence: Evidence from a List Experiment in Kenya." *Health Economics* 32(1), 175-193. doi:10.1002/hec.4616
5. Murphy, D.M.A., Nourani, V., and Lee, D.R. (2022), "Chatting at Church: Information Diffusion through Religious Networks." *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 104(3), 449-464. doi:10.1162/rest_a_00969

- Murphy, D.M.A., Roobroeck, D., Lee, D.R., and Thies, J. (2020), "Underground Knowledge: Estimating the Impacts of Soil Information Transfers through Experimental Auctions." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 102(5), 1468-1493. doi:10.1111/ajae.12101
- Murphy, D.M.A., Berazneva, J., and Lee, D.R. (2018), "Fuelwood Source Substitution, Gender, and Shadow Prices in Western Kenya." *Environment and Development Economics* 23(6), 655-678. doi:10.1017/S1355770X1800027X

Edited Book Chapter:

- Murphy, D.M.A. and Scherr, S. (2023), "Economic and Policy Contexts for Biologically-Oriented Management of Soil Systems" in N. Uphoff and J. Thies (Eds.), *Biological Approaches to Regenerative and Resilient Soil Systems* (2nd edition): CRC Press.

Working Papers

- "Alcohol, Labor, and Agriculture." Revise and Resubmit, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.
- "A Changing Religious Landscape and Community Social Bonds." with V. Nourani and A. Simons.
- "Tipples and Quarrels in the Household: The Effect of an Alcohol Mitigation Intervention on Intimate Partner Violence" with C. Castilla and F. Aqeel.
- "Women Talking: Intimate Partner Violence, Group Discussions, and their Effects on Social and Economic Ties" with C. Castilla and F. Aqeel (In Review).
- "Women's Agency and Intra-Household Efficiency" with C. Castilla and T. Chauhan (In Review).
- "Sobriety and Religion: Results from a Randomized Control Trial in Kenya"

Research Projects in Progress

- "Increasing Financial Digitization and Inclusion in Emerging Economies: Evidence from Armenia" with N. Hovanesian and A. Shirkhanyan.
- "Aspirations, Beliefs, and Behavior: Evidence from a Randomized Religious Intervention in Western Kenya" with S. Bird, S. Kilonzo, and V. Moorthy.

Teaching (Instructor of Record)

Colgate University, Hamilton, NY

ECON 438: Seminar in Economic Development (SP2023, SP2024)

ECON 238: Economic Development (SP2021, FA2021, SP2023, SP2025, FA2025)

ECON 151: Introduction to Economics (FA2020, SP2021, SP2022, FA2022, FA2024)

CORE 128: Armenia (FA2025)

FSEM 187: Strategies for Global Sustainable Development (FA2021)

University of Evansville, Evansville, IN

ECON 497: Research Seminar (SP2020)

ECON 380: Economic Growth and Development (FA2019)

ECON 346: Intermediate Macroeconomics (SP2019)

ECON 325: Environmental Economics (FA2018)

ECON 101: Principles of Macroeconomics (FA2018, SP2019, FA2019, SP2020)

Selected Seminar and Conference Presentations

- 2025 Invited Seminar, Institute for African Development, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- 2024 Liberal Arts Consortium Development Seminar (LACDev), Selected Paper Presentation, Williams College, Williamstown, MA. • NOVAFRICA Conference, Selected Paper Presentation, Nova SBE, Lisbon, Portugal. • Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC), Selected Paper Presentation, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. • Invited Seminar, State University of New York at Geneseo, Geneseo, NY.
- 2023 Liberal Arts Consortium Development Seminar (LACDev), Discussant, Amherst College, Amherst, MA. • Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), Selected Paper Presentation, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
- 2022 Invited Seminar, State University of New York at Geneseo, Geneseo, NY. • Armenian Economic Association Annual Meeting, Selected Paper Presentation, Yerevan, Armenia (*Voskeni Award for Best Paper in Agricultural and Environmental Economics*). • Eastern Economics Association, Selected Paper Presentation, Montego Bay, Jamaica. • Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), Selected Paper Presentation, University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA. • Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC), Selected Paper Presentation, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2021 Liberal Arts Consortium Development Seminar (LACDev), Selected Paper Presentation, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH. • Invited Seminar, Fordham University, New York, NY.
- 2020 Liberal Arts Consortium Development Seminar (LACDev), Selected Paper Presentation, Virtual Conference.
- 2019 Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting, Selected Paper Presentation, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. • Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting, Selected Paper Moderator and Presenter, Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 Northeastern Universities Development Consortium Annual Conference (NEUDC), Selected Paper Presentation, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. • Sustainability and Development Conference, Selected Paper Presentation, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

Selected Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2024	Kallgren Fund Grant Award (<i>with Graybill, J., Erley, M., Giurgea, A., Giurgea, S., Hedberg, M., Sklyar., A.</i>), Colgate University (\$38,300) Robert H.N. Ho Mind, Brain, and Behavior Initiative Discretionary Award, Colgate University (\$5,000) Colgate University Research Council Discretionary Grant (\$3,500)
2023	Public Affairs and Policy Research Initiative Major Grant Award, Colgate University (\$10,000) Colgate University Research Council Discretionary Grant (\$3,500)
2022	Robert H.N. Ho Mind, Brain, and Behavior Initiative Major Grant Award, Colgate University (\$11,825) Lampert Institute Grant Award, Colgate University (\$6,325) Colgate University Research Council Major Grant Award (\$5,500)
2021	Colgate University Research Council Discretionary Grant (\$4,000)
2020	Colgate University Research Council Discretionary Grant (\$3,000)
2019	Global Scholars Research Grant, University of Evansville (\$4,000) Alumni Research and Scholarly Activity Grant, University of Evansville (\$1,700)
2016	U.S. Borlaug Fellow in Global Food Security (\$15,000) Cornell University Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future (\$30,000) Richard Bradfield Research Award, Cornell University (\$4,500) Rinaldo Sustainability Fund Award, Cornell University (\$3,400) Frosty Hill Fellowship, Cornell University (\$2,500) Einaudi/Institute of African Development Research Award, Cornell University (\$1,300) Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship, Cornell University (\$1,000)

University and Department Activity and Service

Colgate Presentations and Seminars

Social Science Brown Bag Series

- December, 2022

Economics Department Brown Bag Series

- April, 2025 (planned) • October, 2023 • December, 2021 • March, 2021

University-Level Service:

2025-Present	Prohibited Conduct Response Group
2022-Present	Institutional Review Board
2021-2024	Faculty Development Council
2022	Committee on Athletics (substitute)

2021-2022 Social Science and Policy Fellowships Committee

Department-Level Service:

2022-Present London Economics Study Group (LESG) Steering Committee
2024-2025 Economics Department Hiring Committee
2022-2023 Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honor Society Advisor
2020-2022 Colgate University - Hamilton College Joint Economics Brown Bag Seminar Series – Organizer

Professional Service

Mentorship

- Structural Transformation of Agriculture and Rural Spaces (STARS) fellowship application reviewer (Cornell University)

Journal Refereeing

- *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* (3x) • *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*
 - *Eastern Economic Journal* • *Economic Development and Cultural Change* • *The Economic Journal* • *Journal of Law and Economics* • *Review of Development Economics* • *Soil Security* • *World Development*

Professional Membership

- American Economic Association • Agricultural and Applied Economics Association • Agricultural Economics Society • European Economics Association • Phi Beta Kappa

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