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Academic Positions

Kyoto University, Division of Natural Resource Economics, Graduate School of Agriculture

Associate Professor, 2023–Present.

Assistant Professor, 2020–2023.

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Brown University, 2020.

Dissertation Title: “Household Decision Making in Zambia: Consumption, Technology Adoption, and Marriage.”

Committee: Andrew Foster (Chair), Stelios Michalopoulos, Bryce Steinberg.

M.A. Economics, Brown University, 2014.

M.A. Economics, Hitotsubashi University, 2011.

B.A. Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University, 2009.

Research Interests

Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics

Refereed Publications

“Social Status and Signaling in the Rural Society of Pre-war Japan: With a Focus on Social Expenses and Ceremony Expenses” (with Daisuke Yamazoe and Atsuyuki Asami). *Journal of Rural Economics*, 2022, 93(4): 377-382. (in Japanese)

“Incomplete Information Sharing within the Household: Evidence from Participation in Agricultural Training in Zambia” (with Yoko Kijima and Takeshi Sakurai). *Japanese Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 2021, 23: 89-94.

“Shock and Livestock Transactions in Rural Zambia: a Re-examination of the Buffer Stock Hypothesis” (with Hiromitsu Kanno and Takeshi Sakurai). *Japanese Journal of Rural Economics*, 2012, 14: 20-34.

“Who Purchases Weather Index Insurance?: Results from a Field Experiment in Rural Zambia” (with Takeshi Sakurai). *Journal of Rural Economics*, 2012, 84(5): 442-449. (in Japanese)

“Vulnerability and Resilience of Households—The Case of Zambia—” (with Takeshi Sakurai, Akiko Nasuda, Akinori Kitsuki, Taro Yamauchi, and Hiromitsu Kanno). *Economic Review (Keizai Kenkyu)*, 2011, 62(2): 166-187. (in Japanese)

Working Papers

“Environmental Resource Scarcity and Peaceful Co-existence between Refugees and Host Communities in Uganda” (with Yuki Tabata). 2022. NRE Discussion Paper 22-01. Kyoto University.

“Basis Risk and Low Demand for Weather Index Insurance” (with Wataru Kodama and Takeshi Sakurai). 2021. NRE Discussion Paper 21-02. Kyoto University.

“Intrahousehold Bargaining and Agricultural Technology Adoption: Experimental Evidence from Zambia” (with Yoko Kijima and Takeshi Sakurai). 2020. GRIPS Discussion Paper 20-01. National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies.

“The Impact of Formal Insurance Provision on Farmer Behavior: Evidence from Rural Zambia” (with Takeshi Sakurai). 2015. PRIMCED Discussion Paper 67. Hitotsubashi University.

“The Effectiveness of Community-Based Development in Poverty Reduction: A Descriptive Analysis of a Women-Managed NGO in Rural Pakistan” (with Hidayat Ullah Khan and Takashi Kurosaki). 2011. PRIMCED Discussion Paper 13. Hitotsubashi University.

Ongoing Research

“News from the Sky: An Empirical Test of Forward-looking Behavior among Zambian Farmers” (with Takeshi Sakurai)

“Does Our President Make Me Attractive?: Evidence from the Marriage Market, Zambia”

“Do Zambian Farmers Manage Climate Risks?” (with Soyoka Okamura)

Other Publications

“Building Resilience for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa: Focusing on Small-Scale Farmers” (with Chieko Umetsu). *Journal of Rural Problems*, 2023, 59(1), 53-59.

“Foreign Direct Investment by Japanese Food-related Firms in Thailand” (with Takeshi Sakurai). 2011. Empirical Analyses of the Impact of Intra-industry and Development Import on Japanese Agriculture, Project Report, Policy Research Institute, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. (in Japanese)

Research Grants

2022-2025: JSPS KAKENHI No. 22K14957

2022-2025: JSPS KAKENHI No. 21KK0119 (PI: Yohei Mitani)

2020-2025: JSPS KAKENHI No. 20H00440 (PI: Chieko Umetsu)

2022-2023: JSPS KAKENHI No. 20K22119

2020-2022: Murata Science Foundation

2020-2021: Sasakawa Scientific Research Grant, the Japan Science Society

2016-2018: Hitotsubashi University

2015-2016: Murata Science Foundation

2012-2013: JSPS KAKENHI No. 12J06135

Honors and Awards

- 2019-2020: Funai Overseas Scholarship
- 2013-2018: Nakajima Foundation Scholarship
- 2013: Best Journal Article Award, Agricultural Economics Society of Japan.
- 2012: Best Poster Award, Agricultural Economics Society of Japan Annual Meeting.
- 2012-2013: JSPS Fellows (DC2), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.
- 2011-2012: COE Research Fellow, Hitotsubashi University.
- 2011: Student Loan Repayment Exemption, Japanese Student Services Organization.

Editorial Service

Associate Editor, *Journal of Rural Problems*, 2021–2022.

Referee for *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Japanese Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Journal of Rural Economics*, *Journal of Rural Problems*.

Invited Presentations

- 2022: Association for Regional Agricultural and Forestry Economics International Symposium, J-Tree.
- 2021: Agricultural Economics Society of Japan Annual Meeting, JADE conference, Keio University, International Conference of Agricultural Economists, KU-NTU Bilateral Symposium on Agri-Environmental Policies in Developed and Developing Countries, JADE/GRIPS Development Economics Workshops.
- 2020: University of Göttingen, Young JADE conference, Kyoto University, Japanese Economic Association Annual Meeting, Agricultural Economics Society of Japan Annual Meeting*, CSAE Conference*.
*: canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2019: Zambia Agricultural Research Institute, IDE-JETRO, Agricultural Economics Society of Japan Annual Meeting, TEA seminar.
- 2018: Hitotsubashi University.
- 2017: NEUDC, Hitotsubashi University, the University of Tokyo.
- 2015: Hitotsubashi University.
- 2012: Asian Historical Economics Conference, Agricultural Economics Society of Japan Annual Meeting.
- 2011: Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Agricultural Economics Society of Japan Annual Meeting.

Teaching

Kyoto University

Development Microeconomics A (Graduate): Spring 2023

Development Microeconomics B (Graduate): Fall 2023

Econometrics for Agricultural Economics I (Graduate): Spring 2020; Spring 2022

Econometrics for Agricultural Economics II (Graduate): Fall 2020; Fall 2022

Agricultural Development (Undergraduate): Fall 2023

Empirical Methods for Applied Microeconomics (Undergraduate): Spring 2021; Spring 2022; Spring 2023

Introduction to Empirical Analysis (Undergraduate): 2020; 2021; 2022; 2023

Brown University

Environment issues in Development Economics: Spring 2019, teaching assistant for Andrew Foster.

Health, Hunger and the Household in Developing Countries: Fall 2019, teaching assistant for Andrew Foster.

Making Informed Financial Decisions in Today's World Economy (pre-college): Summer 2017, teaching assistant for Natalie Webb.

Hitotsubashi University

Econometric Analysis: Spring 2010, teaching assistant for Shunichiro Bessho.

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