

# JEFFREY R. BLOEM

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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. - Applied Economics** - *University of Minnesota* (TBD)  
Twin Cities, MN  
Major Field: Trade and Development Economics
- M.S. - Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics** - *Michigan State University* (Aug. 2016)  
East Lansing, MI  
Major Field: Development Economics
- B.A. - Economics** - *Calvin College* (May 2013)  
Grand Rapids, MI  
Minor: International Development Studies  
Semester Abroad: University of Ghana at Legon

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Graduate Research Assistant** (2016 - Present)  
*Minnesota Population Center* *Minneapolis, MN*
- Collaborated with an interdisciplinary team of researchers at the University of Minnesota
  - Provided assistance to researchers in accessing and using IPUMS, IDHS, and NHGIS data
- Research Associate (HESN Intern)** (Summer 2016)  
*USAID - U.S. Global Development Lab* *Washington DC*
- Provided technical assistance to the Office of Evaluation and Impact Assessment
  - Developed a novel evaluation methodology for the MERLIN Program
- Graduate Research Assistant** (2014 - 2016)  
*MSU - Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics* *East Lansing, MI*
- Food Security Group
- Trained enumerators for a household survey in rural Myanmar
  - Helped strengthen the capacity of researchers at CESD, a local think tank in Myanmar
- North Central Center for Rural Development
- Collected qualitative data for understanding post-resettlement refugee integration and migration
  - Used ACS data to future migration flows of recently resettled refugees in the United States
- Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist** (2012 - 2014)  
*Africa Theological Seminary (via Partners Worldwide)* *Kitale, Kenya*
- Developed and implemented a firm-level survey to measure program impacts
  - Assisted in the implementation of a business training pilot program
- Research Intern** (Fall 2012)  
*Hopeline Institute* *Accra, Ghana*
- Performed a qualitative ethnographic analysis of microfinance loan clients
  - Interviewed firm owners located in and around Accra, Ghana

## RESEARCH OUTPUT

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### Peer-Reviewed Publications

- “The Causes and Consequences of the Secondary Migration of Refugees” (2017) **Jeffrey Bloem** and Scott Loveridge. *Forced Migration Review. Accepted Topical Article, Forthcoming 2017.*
- “[Refugees in Rural Communities: A Win-Win?](#)” (2014) **Jeffrey Bloem**, *National Agriculture and Rural Development Policy Center, Policy Brief No. 34.*

### Working Papers

- “The Costs of Secondary Migration: Perspectives From Local Voluntary Agencies in the U.S.” (2015) **Jeffrey Bloem** and Scott Loveridge. *Under Review.*
- “Learning Toward Transformation: Measuring Material, Social, and Spiritual Change via Business Skills Training in Western Kenya” (2016) **Jeffrey Bloem**. *Revise and Resubmit.*
- “Measuring Hope: An Quantitative Approach with Validation in Rural Myanmar” (2016) **Jeffrey Bloem** and Duncan Boughton. *Under Review.*
- “The Audacity of Measuring Hope in Developing Countries: A Review and Example from Myanmar (2016) **Jeffrey Bloem** and Duncan Boughton. *Under Review.*
- “Myanmar’s Rural Transformation, Beyond GDP: The Role of Hope and Aspirations in Rural Mon State” (*forthcoming*) **Jeffrey Bloem** and Lu Min Lwin. *In Progress. Accepted discussion paper for the 2017 Myanmar Update Conference at the Australian National University.*

### Book Reviews

- “Review of *Economic Rules: The Rights and Wrongs of the Dismal Science* by Dani Rodrik” (2016) **Jeffrey Bloem**. *Faith & Economics. Accepted and Forthcoming.*
- “Review of *Misbehaving: The Making of Behavioral Economics* by Richard Thaler” (2015) **Jeffrey Bloem**. *Faith & Economics. No. 66, pp. 169-174.*

### Popular Press Writing

- “[The Real-Life Psychological Impacts of Poverty Traps](#)” (2016) *AgriLinks*
- “[The Economics That Really Matter: Hope for Rural Smallholder Farmers](#)” (2016) *Global Food For Thought.*
- “[To End Global Poverty We Need More Evidence, Not Less Aid: A Review of ‘Poverty Inc.’](#)” (2016) *Shared Justice.*
- “[Stories Matter A Lot, But the Plural of Story Isn’t Data](#)” (2015) *WhyDev.*
- “[Measuring hope: Lessons from rural Myanmar](#)” (2015) *Economics that Really Matters.*
- “[Unjust Lending: One Church Takes Note and Inspires Change in City](#)” (2015) with Lauren Walker, *Shared Justice.*
- “[The Hidden Cost of the Winter Olympics](#)” (2014) *RELEVANT Magazine.*
- “[13 Lesson 2013 Taught Us about Enacting Change](#)” (2013) *RELEVANT Magazine.*
- “[The End of Poverty](#)” (2013) *RELEVANT Magazine.*

## PRESENTATIONS

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- “Measuring Hope: A Quantitative Approach in Rural Myanmar”; **Jeffrey Bloem**, *Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meetings, August 2, 2016.*
- “Measuring Hope: An Empirical Approach in Rural Myanmar”; **Jeffrey Bloem**, *Calvin College, April 21, 2016.*

“Adventures in Measuring Hope in Rural Myanmar: An Empirical Approach”; **Jeffrey Bloem**,  
*Graduate Research Symposium, Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics,*  
*Michigan State University, March 17, 2016.*

“The Economics That Really REALLY Matters: Agriculture, Poverty, and the Power of Hope”; **Jeffrey Bloem**,  
*Global Agriculture Summit, March 3, 2016.*

“Blogging for (Applied) Economists: Dissemination and Popularization of Modern Academic Research”;  
**Jeffrey Bloem**, AFRE GSO Brown Bag Seminar, *Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics,*  
*Michigan State University, September 29, 2015.*

“The Economics of Hope in Rural Myanmar: Research Methodology and Identification Strategy”;  
**Jeffrey Bloem**, Masters Thesis Project Proposal, Brown Bag Seminar, *Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics,*  
*Michigan State University, September 29, 2015.*

## LEADERSHIP

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<b>Brown Bag Seminar Chair</b>	(2015 - 2016)
<i>Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, MSU</i>	
<b>Prospective Student Coordinator</b>	(2015 - 2016)
<i>Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, MSU</i>	
<b>Summer Seminar Assistant</b>	(Summer 2012)
<i>Seminars in Christian Scholarship, Calvin College</i>	
<b>Student Assistant to the Director</b>	(2011 - 2012)
<i>International Development Studies Program, Calvin College</i>	
<b>Conference Director</b>	(2011 - 2012)
<i>Faith &amp; International Development Conference, Calvin College</i>	
<b>Microfinance Fellow and Trip Leader</b>	(2011 - 2012)
<i>Global Brigades in Torti, Panama</i>	

## INVITED WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

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<b>Track Session Speaker</b>	(2016)
<i>AAEA Annual Meetings, Boston, Massachusetts</i>	
<b>Social Media Ambassador</b>	(2016)
<i>Global Food Security Symposium, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs</i>	
<b>Junior Researcher Task Force</b>	(2015)
<i>2nd Annual International Conference on Global Food Security, Cornell University</i>	
<b>Graduate Student Mini-Mentor Participant</b>	(2015)
<i>Applying Behavioral and Experimental Economics to Food and Agri-Environmental Issues,</i> <i>AAEA Post-Conference Meeting, San Francisco, California</i>	

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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<b>GCFSI Summer USAID-HESN Fellowship</b>	(2016)
<i>Global Center for Food Systems Innovation, MSU</i>	
<b>Graduate Research Symposium “In Progress Research” Best Presentation</b>	(2016)
<i>Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, MSU</i>	
<b>A. Allen Schmid Fellowship in Institutional Economics</b>	(2015)
<i>Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, MSU</i>	
<b>Faith at Work Prize</b>	(2013)
<i>Department of Economics and Department of Business, Calvin College</i>	