

## Jeffrey R. Bloem

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**SUMMARY** Applied development economist with research applications in agriculture, conflict, and psychology. Interdisciplinary interests in psychology and political science. Teaching experience in development economics, policy analysis, international trade, and econometrics.

**EDUCATION** **University of Minnesota**, Twin Cities, Minnesota **May 2020**  
Ph.D., *Applied Economics*

**Michigan State University**, East Lansing, Michigan **May 2016**  
M.S., *Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics*

**Calvin College**, Grand Rapids, Michigan **May 2013**  
B.S., *Economics*

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE** **Research Economist** **2020 - present**  
USDA Economic Research Service  
International Trade & Development Branch

**Adjunct Professor** **Spring 2022**  
American University  
Department of Public Administration & Policy

**Adjunct Professor** **2020 - 2021**  
Gordon College  
Department of Economics & Business

**Graduate Research Assistant** **2016 - 2020**  
University of Minnesota  
Institute for Social Research and Data Innovation

**Research Associate** **Summer 2016**  
US Agency for International Development  
Global Development Lab

**Graduate Research Assistant** **2014 - 2016**  
Michigan State University  
Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics

**Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist** **2012 - 2014**  
Partners Worldwide  
Work in Ghana and Kenya

**RESEARCH OUTPUT** **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

1. Mo Alloush and **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2022) "[Neighborhood Violence, Poverty, and Psychological Well-Being](#)," *Journal of Development Economics*, volume 154.
2. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2021) "[Good Intentions Gone Bad? The Dodd-Frank Act and Conflict in Africa's Great Lakes Region](#)," *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, Available online, June 2021.

3. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** and Andrew J. Oswald (2021) “[The Analysis of Human Feelings: A Practical Suggestion for a Robustness Test,](#)” *Review of Income and Wealth*, Available online, July 2021.
4. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** and Bruce Wydick (2021) “[All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten? Evidence from the Philippines,](#)” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, Available online, June 2021.
5. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** and Rashmita Gandhe (2021) “[Does Psychological Well-Being Mediate Economic Well-Being? Short-Term Evidence from a Multifaceted Program in the Philippines,](#)” *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, volume 13, issue 3, pp. 292-308.
6. Nick Huntington-Klein, Andreu Arenas, Emily Beam, Marco Bertoni, **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, Pralhad Burli, Naibin Chen, Paul Greico, Godwin Ekpe, Todd Pugatch, Martin Saavedra, and Yaniv Stopnitzky (2021) “[The Influence of Hidden Researcher Decisions in Applied Microeconomics,](#)” *Economic Inquiry*, volume 59, issue 3, pp. 944-960.
7. Guignonan Serge Adjognon, **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, and Aly Sanoh (2021) “[The Coronavirus Pandemic and Food Security: Evidence from Mali,](#)” *Food Policy*, volume 101.
8. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2021) “[Aspirations and Investments in Rural Myanmar,](#)” *Journal of Economic Inequality*, volume 19, pp. 727-752.
9. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2021) “[How Much Does the Cardinal Treatment of Ordinal Variables Matter? An Empirical Investigation,](#)” *Political Analysis*, Available online, February 2021.
10. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** and Colette Salemi (2021) “[COVID-19 and Conflict,](#)” *World Development*, volume 140.
11. Marc F. Bellemare and **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2018) “[Does Contract Farming Improve Welfare? A Review,](#)” *World Development*, volume 112, pp. 259-271.
12. **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, Duncan Boughton, Kyan Htoo, Aung Hein, and Ellen Payongayong (2018) “[Measuring Hope: A Quantitative Approach with Validation in Rural Myanmar,](#)” *Journal of Development Studies*, volume 54, issue 11, pp. 2078-2094.
13. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** and Scott Loveridge (2018) “[The Costs of Secondary Migration: Perspectives From Local Voluntary Agencies in the U.S.,](#)” *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, volume 19, issue 2, pp. 233-251.
14. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2017) “[Learning toward Transformation: Evaluating Material, Social, and Spiritual Impacts in Western Kenya,](#)” *Faith & Economics*, issue 69, pp. 25-61.

#### WORKING PAPERS

1. Marc F. Bellemare, **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, and Noah Wexler (2021) “[The Paper of How: Estimating Treatment Effects Using the Front-Door Criterion,](#)” Under Review.
2. Mo Alloush and **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2021) “[The Psychological Toll of Food Insecurity,](#)” Under Review.
3. Marc F. Bellemare, **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, and Sunghun Lim (2021) “[Producers, Consumers, and Value Chains in Developing Countries,](#)” *Handbook of Agricultural Economics*, Revise & Resubmit.
4. Mo Alloush, **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, and Jonathan Malacarne (2021) “[Social Protection Amid a Crisis: New Evidence from South Africa’s Older Person’s Grant Program,](#)” Working paper in preparation for submission.

#### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

1. “Digital Finance and Economic Empowerment: Experimental Evidence on the Role of Transaction Costs,” (with Khandker Wahedur Rahman).

2. “Herder Related Violence and Informal Work as a Safety Net,” (with David C. Francis, Harrison Mitchell and Amy Damon).
3. “Private Sector Led Agricultural Technology Adoption: Experimental Evidence from Nigeria,” (with Guignonan Serge Adjognon, Lenis Saweda Liverpool-Tasie, and Andrew Dillon).
4. “The Relationship Between Conflict and International Trade in Africa,” (with Michael Johnson).
5. “Food Insecurity During the First Year of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Four African Countries,” (with Jeff Michler, Anna Josephson, and Lorin Rudin-Rush).

#### POLICY BRIEFS & LIGHTLY PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** and Jarrad Farris (2021) “[The COVID-19 Pandemic and Food Security in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Review of the Emerging Microeconomic Literature](#),” *COVID-19 Working Paper*, US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, October 2021.
2. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2021) “[Mali’s Rural-Urban Gap in Food Security Vanished Amid the Coronavirus Pandemic](#),” *Amber Waves*, US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, June 2021.
3. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** and Scott Loveridge (2017) “[The Secondary Migration of Refugees Resettled in the US](#),” *Forced Migration Review*, issue 54, pp. 26-28.
4. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2014) “[Refugees in Rural Communities: A Win-Win?](#),” *National Agriculture and Rural Development Policy Center*, brief no. 34.

#### INVITED BOOK REVIEWS

1. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2020) “[Book Review of ‘Shrewd Samaritan: Faith, Economics, and the Road to Loving Our Global Neighbor’ by Bruce Wydick](#),” *Christian Relief, Development, and Advocacy*, issue 1 no. 2.
2. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2018) “[Book Review of ‘Cents and Sensibility: What Economists Can Learn from the Humanities’ by Gary Saul Morson and Morton Schapiro](#),” *Faith & Economics*, issue no. 71.
3. Marc F. Bellemare and **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2018) “[Book Review of ‘Experimental Conversations: Perspectives on Randomized Trials in Developing Countries’ \(ed.\) Timothy Ogden](#),” *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, vol. 100, issue 2, pp. 642-643.
4. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2016) “[Book Review of ‘Economics Rules: The Rights and Wrongs of the Dismal Science’ by Dani Rodrik](#),” *Faith & Economics*, issue no. 68, pp. 121-126.
5. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2015) “[Book Review of ‘Misbehaving: The Making of Behavioral Economics’ by Richard H. Thaler](#),” *Faith & Economics*, issue no. 66, pp. 169-174.

#### RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

**2021:** Conference of the Private Sector Development Research Network, North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), UN University World Institute for Development Economics Research Conference, International Conference of Agricultural Economists, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Meetings, Kansas Health Economics Conference, AAEA Handbook of Agricultural Economics Workshop, University of San Francisco.

**2020:** Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) Annual Workshop, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Meetings, Online Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar (OARES), Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference, Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meetings.

**2019:** Towson University, Sustainability and Development Conference, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Meetings, Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MidDev), Calvin College, Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference.

**2018:** North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Macalester College, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Meetings.

**2017:** Midwest Group in African Political Economy (MGAPE).

**2016:** Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Meetings, Calvin College, Dordt College.

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**American University**, Washington, DC **Spring 2022**  
*Department of Public Administration & Policy*

- Public Administration and Policy 670: Economics for Policy Analysis

**Gordon College**, Wenham, MA **2020 - 2021**  
*Department of Economics & Business*

- Economics 305: Economic Development
- Economics 366: International Economics

**Macalester College**, St. Paul, MN **Spring 2019**  
*Department of Economics*

- Economics 119: Principles of Economics
- Economics 381: Econometrics

**University of Minnesota**, Twin Cities, MN **2018 - 2019**  
*Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Program*

A specialized program designed to assist advanced graduate students become more responsive and reflective teachers.

SERVICE &  
LEADERSHIP

**Referee for:** *African Journal of Agricultural Research · Agribusiness · Agricultural Economics · Agricultural Systems · Agronomy Research · American Journal of Agricultural Economics · Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy · Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics · Business Strategy and Development · China Economic Review · East African Agricultural and Forestry Journal · Economic Analysis and Policy · Economic Modelling · Economics of Transition · Faith & Economics · Food Policy · International Journal of Global Environmental Issues · Journal of Agricultural Science and Technology · Journal of Comparative Economics · Journal of Dryland Agriculture · Journal of Integrative Agriculture · Journal of International Migration and Integration · PLOS One · Review of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Studies · Social Sciences & Humanities Open · Spanish Journal of Agricultural Research · World Development*

**Book Review Editor**, Faith & Economics **2021 - present**

**Co-organizer**, Online Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar **2020 - present**

**Member**, AAEA Economics, Statistics, & Information Resources Committee **2020 - present**

**Treasurer**, UMN APEC Graduate Student Club **2018 - 2019**

**Member**, UMN APEC Awards Committee **2017 - 2018**

**Chair**, MSU AFRE Brown Bag Seminar **2015 - 2016**

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS	<i>Heirs' Property Rights</i> USDA ERS Strategic Priority Grants Program Amount: \$200,000	<b>2021</b>
	<i>Assessing the Sustainable Development Goals: Six Cross-National Studies</i> USDA ERS Strategic Priority Grants Program Amount: \$540,000	<b>2021</b>
	<i>Women's Economic Empowerment and Digital Finance – Research Grant</i> BRAC Institute of Governance and Development Amount: \$362,385	<b>2021</b>
	<i>Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship</i> The Graduate School, University of Minnesota Amount: \$26,000	<b>2019</b>
	<i>International Conference Travel Grant</i> Council of Graduate Students (COGS), University of Minnesota Amount: \$900	<b>2019</b>
	<i>Best Second-Year Paper</i> Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota Amount: \$500	<b>2018</b>
	<i>Interdisciplinary Dissertation Proposal Development Program</i> Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota (declined)	<b>2017</b>
	<i>Higher Education Solutions Network Fellowship</i> Global Center for Food Systems Innovation, Michigan State University Amount: \$5,000	<b>2016</b>
	<i>Best “In Progress Research” Presentation</i> Graduate Research Symposium, AFRE, Michigan State University	<b>2016</b>
	<i>A. Allen Schmid Fellowship in Institutional Economics</i> AFRE, Michigan State University	<b>2015</b>

LANGUAGES      English: Native and fluent  
                      Spanish: Not fluent, but enough background to work with survey data  
                      French: Not fluent, but enough background to work with survey data

REFERENCES	<p>Marc F. Bellemare Northrop Professor Department of Applied Economics University of Minnesota 1994 Buford Ave. St. Paul, MN 55108 Email: mbellema@umn.edu.</p> <p>Jason Kerwin Assistant Professor Department of Applied Economics University of Minnesota 1994 Buford Ave. St. Paul, MN 55108 Email: jkerwin@umn.edu</p>	<p>Paul Glewwe Distinguished McKnight University Professor Department of Applied Economics University of Minnesota 1994 Buford Ave. St. Paul, MN 55108 Email: pglewwe@umn.edu</p> <p>Bruce Wydick Professor Department of Economics University of San Francisco 2130 Fulton Street San Francisco, CA 94117 Email: wydick@usfca.edu</p>
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