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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

6. 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
7. 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:

1. 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

1. "Alcohol, Labor, and Agriculture." Conditionally accepted, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.
2. "Women Talking: Intimate Partner Violence, Group Discussions, and their Effects on Social and Economic Ties" with C. Castilla and F. Aqeel. Revise and Resubmit, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.
3. "Tipples and Quarrels in the Household: The Effect of an Alcohol Mitigation Intervention on Intimate Partner Violence" with C. Castilla and F. Aqeel. In Review.
4. "Aspirations, Beliefs, and Behavior: Economic Outcomes from a Randomized Religious Intervention" with S. Bird, S. Kilonzo, and V. Moorthy.
5. "Women's Agency and Intra-Household Efficiency" with C. Castilla and T. Chauhan.
6. "A Changing Religious Landscape and Community Social Bonds." with V. Nourani and A. Simons.
7. "Sobriety and Religion: Results from a Randomized Control Trial in Kenya"

Research Projects in Progress

1. "Increasing Financial Digitization and Inclusion in Emerging Economies: Evidence from Armenia" with N. Hovanesian and A. Shirkhanyan.

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. • Armenian Economic Association Annual Meeting, Selected Paper Presentation, Yerevan, Armenia (Planned).
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 (<i>Voskeni Award for Best Paper in Agricultural and Environmental Economics</i>). • 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

2025	Kallgren Fund Grant Award (<i>with Graybill, J., Erley, M., Giurgea, A., Giurgea, S., Hedberg, M., Sklyar., A.</i>), Colgate University (\$38,300)
2024	Robert H.N. Ho Mind, Brain, and Behavior Initiative Discretionary Award, Colgate University (\$5,000) Colgate University Research Council Major Grant (\$3,000)
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 • 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

- Structural Transformation of Agriculture and Rural Spaces (STARS) Mentor – Cornell University (2025-2026)
- Liberal Arts Consortium Development Conference (LACDev) Scientific Committee (2025)

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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