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## Research Interests

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Labor; Population; Health; Development; Experimental Economics; Applied Microeconomics

## Education

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<b>University of Copenhagen</b> <i>Ph.D. in Economics</i>	<b>Copenhagen, Denmark</b> 2001
<b>University of Copenhagen</b> <i>M.Sc. in Economics (Cand. Polit.)</i>	<b>Copenhagen, Denmark</b> 1996
<b>University of Sussex</b> <i>MA in Development Economics</i>	<b>Brighton, UK</b> 1995
<b>University of Copenhagen</b> <i>B.Sc. in Economics</i>	<b>Copenhagen, Denmark</b> 1993

## Current Academic Positions

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<b>Seattle University</b> <i>Howard J. Bosanko Professor of International Economics and Finance</i>	<b>Seattle</b> 2020–2023
<b>Seattle University</b> <i>Associate Professor of Economics</i>	<b>Seattle</b> 2017–current
<b>Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington</b> <i>Research Affiliate</i>	<b>Seattle</b> 2004–current

## Past Academic Positions

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<b>Seattle University</b> <i>Robert D. O'Brien Chair of Business</i>	<b>Seattle</b> 2018–2020
<i>Assistant Professor of Economics</i>	2011–2017
<b>University of Washington</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Economics</i>	<b>Seattle</b> 2004–2011
<b>Brown University</b> <i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Population Studies and Economics</i>	<b>Providence</b> 2005
<b>Georgetown University</b> <i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics</i>	<b>Washington, D.C.</b> 2002–2003

## Refereed Publications

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Claus C. Pörtner. Birth spacing and fertility in the presence of son preference and sex-selective abortions: India's experience over four decades. *Demography*, Forthcoming.

Shamma Adeeb Alam and Claus C. Pörtner. Income shocks, contraceptive use, and timing of fertility. *Journal of Development Economics*, 131:96 – 103, March 2018.

Claus C. Pörtner and Yu-hsuan Su. Differences in child health across rural, urban, and slum areas: Evidence from India. *Demography*, 55(1):223–247, February 2018.

Claus C. Pörtner. Effects of parental absence on child labor and school attendance in the Philippines. *Review of Economics of the Household*, 14(1):103–130, March 2016.

D. Mark Anderson and Claus C. Pörtner. High school dropouts and sexually transmitted infections. *Southern Economic Journal*, 81(1):113–134, July 2014.

Niels-Hugo Blunch and Claus C. Pörtner. Literacy, Skills, and Welfare: Effects of Participation in Adult Literacy Programs. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 60(1):17–66, October 2011.

Mette Ejrnæs and Claus C. Pörtner. Birth Order and the Intrahousehold Allocation of Time and Education. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 86(4):1008–1019, November 2004.

Jens Kovsted, Claus C. Pörtner, and Finn Tarp. Child Health and Mortality: Does Health Knowledge Matter? *Journal of African Economies*, 11(4):542–560, December 2002.

Claus C. Pörtner. Children as Insurance. *Journal of Population Economics*, 14(1):119–136, May 2001.

## Top Tier Conference Proceedings

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Michael Toomim, Travis Kriplean, Claus C. Pörtner, and James A Landay. Utility of Human-Computer Interactions: Toward a Science of Preference Measurement. In *Proceedings of the 2011 annual conference on Human factors in computing systems*, pages 2275–2284. ACM, 2011.

## Book Chapters

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Claus C. Pörtner. Fertility issues and policy in developing countries. In Susan L. Averett, Laura Argys, and Saul Hoffman, editors, *Oxford Handbook of Women and the Economy*. Oxford University Press, 2018.

Claus C. Pörtner. Fertility in developing countries. In Esther Redmount, editor, *The Economics of the Family: How the Household Affects Markets and Economic Growth*, chapter 8. Praeger, Santa Barbara, CA, 2015.

Lykke Andersen, John Geary, Claus C. Pörtner, and Dorte Verner. Human Health and Climate Change. In Dorte Verner, editor, *Reducing Poverty, Protecting Livelihoods, and Building Assets in a Changing Climate*, pages 167–194. The World Bank, Washington, DC, 2010.

## Working Papers

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“Is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?”

“What Labor Supply Elasticities do Employers Face? Evidence from Field Experiments” (with Nail Hassairi).

“Only if You Pay Me More: Field Experiments Support Compensating Wage Differentials Theory” (with Nail Hassairi and Michael Toomim).

“Sex-Selective Abortions, Fertility, and Birth Spacing.” World Bank Policy Research Working Paper, no. WPS 7189. Washington, DC: World Bank Group.

“Does Family Planning Reduce Fertility? Evidence from Rural Ethiopia” (with Kathleen Beegle and Luc Christiaensen). Prior version available as World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 5812, titled “Family Planning and Fertility: Estimating Program Effects using Cross-sectional Data”.

“Gone With the Wind? Hurricane Risk, Fertility and Education.” Financed by the World Bank's Human Development Network, Social Protection and IFPRI.

## Work in Progress

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“Returns after Failure to Appear”

“The Effects of Expanding Female Economic Opportunities on Fertility: Causal Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial in Bangladesh” (with Shamma Alam)

“Higher Pay, Better Work? Field Experiments on Wage and Quality of Work in an Online Labor Market” (with Nail Hassairi).

“Are Wages Really Sticky? Evidence from a Field Experiment in a New Economy Labor Market” (with Nail Hassairi)

## Grants and Awards

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<b>Seattle University</b>	<b>USD 7,100</b>
<i>Summer Faculty Fellowship</i>	2018
<b>Albers School of Business and Economics, Seattle University</b>	<b>USD 7,100</b>
<i>Albers Summer Research Grant</i>	2017
<b>Albers School of Business and Economics, Seattle University</b>	<b>USD 7,100</b>
<i>Albers Summer Research Grant</i>	2016
<b>National Science Foundation</b>	<b>USD 750,000</b>
<i>Interaction Economics: Instruments that Measure Social-Computational Systems</i>	2011–2016
Co-PI with James Landay (PI), Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Washington	
<b>Albers School of Business and Economics, Seattle University</b>	<b>USD 7,100</b>
<i>Albers Summer Research Grant</i>	2014

<b>International Growth Centre</b>	<b>USD 9,500</b>
<i>Pre-proposal grant for evaluating adult non-formal education programs in Ghana</i>	2010
Joint with Niels-Hugo Blunch, Washington and Lee University, and Robert Darko Osei, ISSER, University of Ghana	
<b>International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)</b>	<b>USD 5,000</b>
<i>Pre-proposal grant for evaluating adult non-formal education programs in Ghana</i>	2010
Joint with Niels-Hugo Blunch, Washington and Lee University	
<b>University of Washington's Royalty Research Fund</b>	<b>USD 26,635</b>
<i>Determinants of sex-selective abortion in India</i>	2005
Royalty Research Scholar (course buy-out) for Spring 2005.	
<b>University of Copenhagen, Denmark</b>	<b>North/South PhD scholarship</b>
<i>Children and Household Behaviour in Developing Countries</i>	1996–1999

## Computer/programming/software Skills

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Git, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Linux, macOS, Python, R, Stata

## Refereeing

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B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Inquiry, Economics Letters, Economics of Education Review, European Economic Review, Demographic Research, Demography, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3IE), International Migration Review, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Biosocial Science, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Population Economics, Pan American Journal of Public Health, Population Studies, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics of the Household, Risk Management and Insurance Review, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Southern Economic Journal, Studies in Family Planning, World Development

## Other Professional Service

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Review Panel for Hewlett Foundation Dissertation Fellowship in Population, Reproductive Health, and Economic Development, 2013.

Session organizer for “Methods and Measurement in Population-Development-Environment Research” and “Environment, Food, and Health,” Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2012.

## Ph.D. Students

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### Chair

Momoe Makino (2011, Institute of Developing Economies, Tokyo)  
D. Mark Anderson (2011, Montana State University)  
Edwin Wong (2010, VA Health Services Research and Development Service )

## Committee member

Nail Hassairi (2017, University of Washington)  
Chasya J Hoagland (2015, Washington State Institute for Public Policy)  
Shamma A Alam (2014, Dickinson College)  
Yu-hsuan Su (2014, National Chengchi University, Taiwan)  
Yu-i Peng (2010, National Taipei University)  
Nalina Varanasi (2010, IHME, University of Washington)  
Christina Panagiotis Tapia (2009, KPMG)  
Jin Sung Yoo (2009, SK Research Institute)  
Giedrius Blazys (2009, Uppsala University)  
Meherun Ahmed (2006, Carleton College)  
Arif Al Mamun (2005, Mathematica)

## Conference, Seminar, and Workshop Presentations – Last 4 Years

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**Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meeting, virtual, May 2021:** “What Labor Supply Elasticities do Employers Face? Evidence from Field Experiments”

**Population Association of America, virtual, May 2021:** “Is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?” and “The Effects of Expanding Female Economic Opportunities on Fertility: Causal Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial in Bangladesh”

**Department of Economics, Portland State University, Portland, OR, Apr. 2021:** “Is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?”

**Southern Economic Association, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Nov. 2019:** “Is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?” and “What Labor Supply Elasticities do Employers Face? Evidence from Field Experiments”

**Pacific Northwest Labor Day Workshop, Portland, Or, Sep. 2019:** “Only if You Pay Me More: Using Field Experiments to Derive Willingness-to-pay for Job Characteristics”

**Population Association of America, Austin, TX, Apr. 2019:** “Is Fertility Behavior in Africa Different?” and “Birth Spacing in the Presence of Son Preference and Sex-Selective Abortions: India’s Experience over Four Decades”

**Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, Arlington, VA, Feb. 2019:** “What Labor Supply Elasticities do Employers Face? Evidence from Field Experiments”

**Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Nov. 2018:** “What Labor Supply Elasticities do Employers Face? Evidence from Field Experiments” and “Only if You Pay Me More: Using Field Experiments to Derive Willingness-to-pay for Job Characteristics”

**Pacific Northwest Labor Workshop, Seattle, Oct. 2018:** “What Labor Supply Elasticities do Employers Face? Evidence from Field Experiments”

**Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meeting, Toronto, May 2018:** “Only if You Pay Me More: Using Field Experiments to Derive Willingness-to-pay for Job Characteristics”

**Population Association of America, Denver, Colorado, Apr. 2018:** “Son Preference, Birth Spacing, and Sex-Selective Abortions”

**CUPC African Population, Environment, and Health Conference, Boulder, Colorado, Apr. 2018:** “Is fertility behavior in Africa different?”

**XXVIII IUSSP International Population Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, Oct. 2017:** “Income Shocks, Contraceptive Use, and Timing of Fertility,” and “Sex Selective Abortions, Fertility, and Birth Spacing.”

## Teaching Experience

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**Seattle University, 2011–current:** “Policy Analysis in International Development” (undergraduate), “Quantitative Methods and Applications” (undergraduate and face-to-face and online graduate), “Microeconomics of Development” (undergraduate), “Development Economics” (undergraduate), “Principles of Microeconomics” (undergraduate).

**University of Washington, 2004–2011:** “Population Economics” (graduate and undergraduate), “Microeconomics of Development” (graduate) “Development Economics” for (undergraduate).

**Brown University, 2005:** “Development Economics” (undergraduate)

**Georgetown University, 2002–2003:** “Introduction to Econometrics” (undergraduate), “Topics in Economic Development” (undergraduate).

## Professional Memberships

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American Economic Association, European Society for Population Economics, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Population Association of America, Royal Economic Society

## References

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