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CURRENT POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
Barnard College, Columbia University (since 2015)

PAST POSITIONS

Department Visitor, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs
Princeton University (2018-2019)

Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics
New York University, 2019

AFFILIATIONS

Affiliated Faculty, Columbia Population Research Center (CPRC)
Columbia University (since 2019)

Affiliated Faculty, Center for Development Economics and Policy (CDEP)
Columbia University (since 2015)

Affiliated Faculty, Center for Environmental Economics and Policy (CEEP)
Columbia University (since 2019)

External Researcher, Oxford Center for Research on Natural Resource Rich Economies (OxCarre)
University of Oxford (since 2013)

Affiliated Researcher, University of Gothenburg, Sweden (since 2016)

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics
University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics, September 2010 - May 2015.

Visiting Research Scholar
University of California at Berkeley, Department of Economics, 2013-2014

Visiting DPhil Student
University of Oxford, Department of Economics, 2012-2013

BA and MSc in Economics
University of Gothenburg, 2006-2010

Visiting student at: HEC Montreal (Canada), Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (South Africa), International Institute for Population Sciences (India)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Natural Resource Economics, Extractive Industries, Economics of Gender, Economics of the Household, Health Economics and Public Health

PUBLICATIONS

Axbard, S., Benschaul-Tolonen, A. & Poulsen, J. (2021). Natural Resource Wealth and Crime: The Role of International Price Shocks and Public Policy. *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*.

Baum, S., & Benschaul-Tolonen, A. (2021) Extractive industries and gender equality. *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy*.

Benschaul-Tolonen, A. (2019). Local industrial shocks and infant mortality. *The Economic Journal*, 129 (620), 1561-1592.

Benschaul-Tolonen, A., Aguilar-Gomez, S., Batzer, N. H., Cai, R., & Charles, E. (2020). Period Teasing and Stigma: a Survey of Adolescent Boys and Girls in Tanzania. *PLOS One*.

Velho, N., DeFries, R. S., Tolonen, A., Srinivasan, U., & Patil, A. (2019). Aligning conservation efforts with resource use around protected areas. *Ambio*, 48(2), 160-171.

Benschaul-Tolonen, A., Chuhan-Pole, P., Dabalén, A., Kotsadam, A., & Sanoh, A. (2019). The local socioeconomic effects of gold mining: evidence from Ghana. *The Extractive Industries and Society*, 6(4), 1234-1255.

Rhee, S., Nyanza, E. C., Condon, M., Fisher, J., Maduka, T., & Benschaul-Tolonen, A. (2018). Understanding environmental, health and economic activity interactions following transition of ownership in gold mining areas in Tanzania: A case of private to public. *Land use policy*, 79, 650-658.

Kotsadam, A., & Tolonen, A. (2016). African Mining, Gender, and Local Employment. *World Development*, 83, 325-339.

(Book) Mining in Africa: Are Local Communities Better Off? By Punam Chuhan-Pole, Andrew L. Dabalén, and Bryan Christopher Land, in collaboration with Michael Lewin, Aly Sanoh, Gregory Smith, and Anja Tolonen. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development / The World Bank, 2017.

Anja Benschaul-Tolonen, Garazi Zulaika, Marni Sommer, and Penelope A Phillips-Howard. (2020) Measuring Menstruation-related Absenteeism Among Adolescents in Low-Income Countries. Published in *Handbook in Critical Menstrual Studies*.

WORKING PAPERS

Benschaul-Tolonen, A. (2019). Endogenous Gender Roles: Evidence from Africa's Gold Mining Industry. (Revise and Resubmit at Economic Development and Cultural Change)

Aguilar-Gomez, S., & Benschaul-Tolonen, A. (2018). Norms Formation: The Gold Rush and Women's Roles. Available at SSRN 3284515.

Benschaul-Tolonen, A., Zulaika, G., Nyothach, E., Oduor, C., Mason, L., Obor, D., ... & Phillips-Howard, P. A. (2019). Pupil absenteeism, measurement, and menstruation: Evidence from western Kenya. CDEP-CGEG WP, (74).

Anja Benschaul-Tolonen, Garazi Zulaika, Elizabeth Nyothach, Clifford Oduor, Kelly Alexander, David Obor, Kayla Laserson & Penelope A. Phillips-Howard. Sanitary Products, Absenteeism and Psychosocial Wellbeing: Evidence from a Randomized Control Feasibility Study in Western Kenya. 2020.

Benschaul-Tolonen, A., Masih A Babagoli, Garazi Zulaika, Elizabeth Nyothach, David Obor, Clifford Oduor, Rhianna Tudor Edwards, Penelope A Phillips-Howard. (2020) Cost-Benefit and Cost-Effectiveness Analyses for a Menstrual Hygiene Management Feasibility Study in Kenya.

Dani Stoilova, Rebecca Cai, Sandra Aguilar-Gomez, Naomi Heller Batzer, Elias Charles Nyanza, Anja Benschaul-Tolonen (2021) Biological, material and socio-cultural constraints to effective menstrual hygiene management among secondary school students in Tanzania. Revise and resubmit PlosOne Global Health.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Archibong, B., Annan, F., Benschaul-Tolonen, A., Okunogbe, O., & Oliobi, I., “Firm Culture: Examining the Role of Gender and Ethnicity in Job Matching in an Online African Labor Market” (2019)

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

African Mining, Employment and Women’s Empowerment. European Center for Development Policy Management. Great Insights: Mining for Development. Volume 6. Issue 3. July/August 2017.

United Nations Research Institute for Social Development: Young Scholar Think Piece. First Series: Extractive Industries, “African Mining, Gender and Local Employment”. 2014.

INVITED SEMINARS AND TALKS

University of Groningen (2021)

Cornell University, 2022 (planned)

University of East Anglia, 2020 (planned)

Population Council, 2019

IFPRI, 2019

Teachers College, Columbia University, 2019

Princeton University, Department of Economics, 2018

Fordham University, Department of Economics, 2018

Simon Fraser University, Department of Economics, 2018

University of Oxford, Department of Economics, 2018

New York University, Department of Economics, 2017

Wesleyan College, Departments of Economics, 2017

Columbia University, Department of Economics, 2016

University of Chicago, Department of Economics/EPIC, 2015

UNCTAD, Oil Gas and Mine Conference, Khartoum, Sudan, 2015

The World Bank, Governance Global Practice/Extractive Industries Group, 2014

University of Oxford, Department of Economics, 2015

Barnard College, Columbia University, Department of Economics, 2015

University of California, Berkeley, Agriculture and Resource Economics, 2014

University of California, Berkeley, Department of Economics, 2014

University of California, Berkeley, Women in Economics, 2014

University of Copenhagen, Department of Food and Resource Economics, 2014

University of Copenhagen, Department of Economics, 2014
Norwegian University of Life Sciences, School of Economics and Business, 2014
Workshop for socioeconomic impact of mining in Africa, The World Bank, 2014

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Eastern Economic Association Meeting, 2021
Multifaceted Menstruation Workshop, Columbia University, 2019
3rd Annual Princeton and Columbia Women in Economics Conference, 2019
University of Oxford, Center for the Study of African Economies, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019
Northeastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
New York Development Economics Nano-Conference (2018)
2nd IZA Workshop: Gender and Family Economics (IZA/Barnard), 2018
2nd IZA Workshop: Gender and Family Economics (IZA/Barnard) Poster session, 2018
Indiana University Bloomington, The Ostrom Workshop, 2018
American Economic Association (AEA/ASSA), 2016, 2018
Entrepreneurship and Private Enterprises in Emerging Economies (EPED), NYU, 2017
Working Group for African Political Economy (WGAPE), Stanford University, 2016
Working Group for African Political Economy (WGAPE), UC Berkeley, 2013
Liberal Arts College Development Economics (LacDEV), 2016, 2017
Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty, 2013, 2015
Pacific Development (PacDev), 2014, 2017
Occasional California Workshop in Environmental and Resource Economics, UCSB, 2013
IZA and World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, Lima, 2014
European Economic Association (EEA) Conference, 2013

INVITED SPEAKER AT NON-ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

“Revisiting Conventional Assumptions: Gender and Extractives” at National Resource Governance Institute (NRGI), New York, November 2017

“Women and Extractive Industries: Exploration of Local Impacts using Global Evidence” at National Resource Governance Institute (NRGI), Lima, Peru, November 2017

“Women and Extractive Industries: Exploring the Local Impacts” at Project on Resources, Development, and Governance (PRDG) at University of California Los Angeles, September 2017

“Women and Extractive Industries: What Does Recent Evidence Show?” at United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Oil Gas and Mine Conference, Khartoum, Sudan, 2015

“Local Industrial Shocks, Female Empowerment and Infant Health: Evidence from Africa’s Gold Mining Industry” at The World Bank, Governance Global Practice/Extractive Industries Group, Washington, D.C., 2014

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Private Enterprise Development in Low Income Countries (PEDL) Exploratory Research Grant, CEPR joint with Belinda Archibong, Francis Annan, Oyebola Okunogbe
ISERP Workshop/Seminar joint with Sandy Black, Elizabeth Ananat and Belinda Archibong.
Barnard College Presidential Award 2019, 49,000 USD, PI
Special Assistant Professor Leave Grant, Barnard College, 12,000 USD, PI

Travel Grant, Project on Resources and Governance (PRG), 8,000 USD, PI
 Seed Grant The World Bank, 30,000 USD
 The Collaborative to Advance Equity Through Research at Columbia University, USD 5,000, PI
 Columbia Center for Development Economics and Policy (CDEP), USD 6,600, PI
 Columbia Center for Development Economics and Policy (CDEP), USD 10,000, Co-PI
 UNESCO/Sida (2015-2017), USD 20,000 (Abandoned Mines in Africa)
 Barnard College Mini-grant (2016), USD 2,000 (Information Asymmetries in the Household)
 Barnard College Mini-grant (2016), USD 2,000 (Access to Sanitary Products and Well-being)
 Wallenberg Postdoctoral Scholarship to Stanford University (2015-2017), USD 130,000 Declined.
 Samuelson Graduate Exchange Stipend to University of California, Berkeley (2013-2014)
 Hedelius Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies to University of Oxford (2012-2013), USD 8,000
 Lars Hierta Research Grant (2012-2014), USD 7,000 (Mining in Sub-Saharan Africa)
 Knut and Alice Wallenberg Travel Grant (2014)
 Siamon Stiftelsen Travel Grant (2014)
 Adlerbertska Stipendiestiftelsen Travel Grant (2012, 2014)
 Paul och Marie Berghaus Travel Grant (2012, 2013, 2014)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Advanced Qualitative Research Methods, University of Oxford, 2021
 Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI). Consultant. 2017.
 The World Bank, Development Research Group (DECRG). Consultant. 2014-2015.
 The World Bank, Office of the Chief Economist for the Africa Region. Consultant. 2014.
 The World Bank, Office of the Chief Economist for the Africa Region. Consultant. 2015.
 The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, Unit for Multilateral Development Cooperation. The Development Bank Group. Intern. 2010.

PEER REVIEWING

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Applied Economics, Canadian Research Council, Development and Change; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Economics and Human Development; The Economic Journal; Economies; Environmental Science and Pollution Research, Feminist Economics, International Journal of Women's Health; Journal of African Economies, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economic; Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of South African Economics; Land Investment, The Extractive Industries and Society, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Policy Studies, Resources Policy, Review of Economics of the Household; Sustainability; Towson University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ECON 3029 Empirical Development Economics, Barnard College, 2017-2018
 ECON 3018 Econometrics, Barnard College, 2017-2021
 ECON 2020 Introduction to Development Economics, Barnard College, 2016-2021
 ECON 2063 Women in Development Economics, Seminar, Barnard College, 2015- 2021
 ECON 3098 Guided Research, Barnard College, 2020-2021

Microeconomics, University of Gothenburg, 2012-2013, Teaching assistant
 Macroeconomics, University of Gothenburg, 2013, Teaching assistant
 International Economics, University of Gothenburg, 2014, Teaching assistant
 Transparency Initiatives in Economics (PhD level), University of Gothenburg, 2014

AFFILIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Council, Land Economics (2021-)
Organizer department seminars, Department of Economics, Barnard College (2018-)
Co-organizer seminar series “CU Women in Applied Micro”
Co-organizer ISERP Workshop/Seminar “Diversifying the Social Sciences: The Women in Economics Working Group”, 2020-2021
Organizer 3rd Annual Conference for Princeton/Columbia Women in Economics Network, 2019
Organizer 2nd Annual Conference for Princeton/Columbia Women in Economics Network, 2019
Organizer: 1st Annual Columbia Women in Economics Network, 2018
Founder Columbia Women in Economics Network, 2017
Member, Menstrual Health and Gender Justice Working Group, Columbia University, 2018
Mentor at The Global Public Policy Network Annual Conference, SIPA, Columbia, 2018
Affiliated faculty: Project on Resources, Development, and Governance (PRDG), UCLA, 2017-
Session Organizer, American Economic Association Meeting, ASSA/AEA 2018
Session Organizer, American Economic Association Meeting, ASSA/AEA 2016
CeMENT Mentoring for Junior Faculty, 2017-
Barnard Center for Research on Women (BCRW), Barnard College, Advisory Board
Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in Social Sciences (BITSS)
Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE), Affiliated Researcher (2012)

LANGUAGES

Swedish (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (proficient)

SOFTWARES

Stata, R, SPSS, Latex, QGIS, ArcGIS, Adobe Illustrator, MS Office.

ONLINE OUTREACH

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MASTER/PhD THESIS SUPERVISION

Djeynaba Ba, PhD Candidate (Secondary advisor), Ohio State University
Qianyi Zhao, QMSS, Columbia ‘16

PhD COMMITTEE

Sandra Aguilar-Gomez, Sustainable Development PhD program, Columbia University, 2020

MENTORING (EXTERNAL)

Aisha Yusuf, Georgetown University (PhD student)
Suvekshya Gautam, University of Washington (PhD Student)