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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS	Research Fellow II , International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Markets, Trade, and Institutions Unit Ford Program Research Affiliate , University of Notre Dame Kellogg Institute for International Studies	2026 - present 2022 - present
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE	Research Fellow I , International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Markets, Trade, and Institutions Unit Adjunct Professor , Calvin University Global Campus Adjunct Professor , American University School of Public Affairs Research Economist , USDA Economic Research Service International Trade and Development Branch Adjunct Professor , Gordon College Department of Economics and Business Graduate Research Assistant , University of Minnesota Institute for Social Research and Data Innovation Research Associate , USAID Global Development Lab Office of Evaluation and Impact Assessment Graduate Research Assistant , Michigan State University Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics	2022 - 2026 2022 - 2025 2021 - 2024 2020 - 2022 2020 - 2021 2016 - 2020 Summer 2016 2014 - 2016
EDUCATION	University of Minnesota , Twin Cities, MN Ph.D., Applied Economics Michigan States University , East Lansing, MI M.S., Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics Calvin College , Grand Rapids, MI B.S., Economics	May 2020 May 2016 May 2013
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Jeffrey R. Bloem and Clark Lundberg (2026) "Agricultural Technology Adoption and Deforestation: Experimental Evidence from Nigeria," <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>, vol. 178.Lenis Saweda Liverpool-Tasie, Andrew Dillon, Jeffrey R. Bloem, and Guigonan Serge Adjognon (2025) "Private Sector Promotion of Agricultural Technologies: Experimental Evidence from Nigeria," <i>Journal of Environmental Economics and Management</i>, vol. 133.Jing Yi, Shiyun Jiang, Dianna Tran, Miguel Gomez, Patrick Canning, Jeffrey R. Bloem, and Christopher B. Barrett (2025) "Agrifood value chain employment and compensation shift with structural transformation," <i>Nature Food</i>, vol. 6, pp. 868-880.Jeffrey R. Bloem, Isabel Lambrecht, and Kamiljon Akramov (2025) "Income Aspirations, Migration, and Investments on and off the Farm: Evidence from Rural Tajikistan," <i>International Migration Review</i>, available online.Jeffrey R. Bloem, Amy Damon, David C. Francis, and Harrison Mitchell (2025) "Herder-Related Violence, Labor Allocation, and the Gendered Response of Agricultural Households," <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>, vol. 176.Annet Adong, Kate Ambler, Jeffrey R. Bloem, Alan de Brauw, Sylvan Herskowitz, AHM Saiful Islam, and Julia Wagner (2025) "The Unmet Financial Needs of Intermediary Firms within Agri-Food Value Chains in Uganda and Bangladesh," <i>Food Policy</i>, vol. 132.	

7. Khandker Wahedur Rahman, **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, and Marc F. Bellemare (2025) “[Survey Ordering and the Measurement of Welfare](#),” *Journal of the Economic Science Association*, vol. 11, issue 1, pp. 127-138.
8. Marc F. Bellemare, **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, and Noah Wexler (2024) “[The Paper of How: Estimating Treatment Effects Using the Front-Door Criterion](#),” *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, vol. 86, issue 4, pp. 951-993.
9. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** and Khandker Wahedure Rahman (2024) “[What I Say Depends on How You Ask: Experimental Evidence of the Effect of Framing on the Measurement of Attitudes](#),” *Economics Letters*, vol. 238.
10. Mo Alloush, **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, and Jonathan Malacarne (2024) “[Social Protection Amid a Crisis: New Evidence from South Africa’s Older Person’s Grant Program](#),” *World Bank Economic Review*, vol. 38, issue 2, pp. 371-393.
11. Alexis H. Villacis, **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, and Ashok K. Mishra (2023) “[Aspirations, Risk Preferences, and Investments in Agricultural Technologies](#),” *Food Policy*, vol. 120.
12. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2023) “[Good Intentions Gone Bad? The Dodd-Frank Act and Conflict in Africa’s Great Lakes Region](#),” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, vol. 71, no. 2, pp. 621-666.
13. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** and Bruce Wydick (2023) “[All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten? Evidence from the Philippines](#),” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, vol. 71, no. 2, pp. 753-791.
14. Mo Alloush and **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2022) “[The Psychological Toll of Food Insecurity](#),” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, vol. 204, pp. 618-630.
15. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** and Jarrad Farris (2022) “[The COVID-19 Pandemic and Food Security in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Review](#),” *Agriculture and Food Security*, vol. 11, no. 55.
16. Marc F. Bellemare and **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2022) “[The Contribution of the Online Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging in Agricultural and Applied Economics](#),” *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*, vol. 44, issue 4, pp. 1909-1924.
17. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** and Andrew J. Oswald (2022) “[The Analysis of Human Feelings: A Practical Suggestion for a Robustness Test](#),” *Review of Income and Wealth*, vol. 68, issue 3, pp. 689-710.
18. Lorin Rudin-Rush, Anna Josephson, Jeff Michler, and **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2022) “[Food Insecurity During the First Year of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Four African Countries](#),” *Food Policy*, vol. 111.
19. Marc F. Bellemare, **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, and Sunghun Lim (2022) “[Producers, Consumers, and Value Chains in Low- and Middle-Income Countries](#),” *Handbook of Agricultural Economics*, vol. 6, chapter 89, pp. 4933-4996.
20. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2022) “[How Much Does the Cardinal Treatment of Ordinal Variables Matter? An Empirical Investigation](#),” *Political Analysis*, vol. 30, issue 2, pp. 197-213.
21. Mo Alloush and **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2022) “[Neighborhood Violence, Poverty, and Psychological Well-Being](#),” *Journal of Development Economics*, vol. 154.
22. **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*, vol. 13, issue 3, pp. 292-308.
23. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2021) “[Aspirations and Investments in Rural Myanmar](#),” *Journal of Economic Inequality*, vol. 19, pp. 727-752.
24. 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*, vol. 59, issue 3, pp. 944-960.

25. Guigonan Serge Adjognon, **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, and Aly Sanoh (2021) “[The Coronavirus Pandemic and Food Security: Evidence from Mali](#),” *Food Policy*, vol. 101.
26. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** and Colette Salemi (2021) “[COVID-19 and Conflict](#),” *World Development*, vol. 140.
27. Marc F. Bellemare and **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2018) “[Does Contract Farming Improve Welfare? A Review](#),” *World Development*, vol. 112, pp. 259-271.
28. **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*, vol. 54, issue 11, pp. 2078-2094.
29. **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*, vol. 19, issue 2, pp. 233-251.
30. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2017) “[Learning toward Transformation: Evaluating Material, Social, and Spiritual Impacts in Western Kenya](#),” *Faith and Economics*, issue 69, pp. 25-61.

WORKING PAPERS

1. Kate Ambler, **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, Alan de Brauw, Sylvan Herskowitz and Julia Wagner (2024) “[A Network-Driven Data Collection Approach for Agri-Food Value Chains](#),” Revise & Resubmit at the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*.
2. Syeda Warda Riaz, Mo Alloush, and **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2024) “[Social Protection and Perinatal Depression: Evidence from South Africa](#),” Under Review.
3. Nick Huntington-Klein, Claus C. Portner, and (along with many co-authors, as part of the Many-Economists Research Collective) **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2025) “[The Sources of Researcher Variation in Economics](#),” Revise & Resubmit at the *Journal of Economic Literature*.
4. Kate Ambler, Mehrab M. Bakhtiar, **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, and Mohammad Riad Uddin (2025) “[Show Me the Money! Experimental evidence on preferences for cash vs. digital payment](#),” Under Review.
5. Rewa Misra, **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, Kate Ambler, Julia Wagner, and Mulubrhan Amare (2025) “[Internal Displacement and the Promotion of Agricultural Intensification in Nigeria: Experimental Evidence from a Fragile Setting](#),” In preparation for submission.
6. **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, Yashodhan Ghorpade, and Muhammad Saad Imtiaz (2026) “[Shaken, but Not Deterred : Acute Stressors and the Formation of Hope and Aspirations among Tertiary-Educated Youth in Myanmar in the Aftermath of the 2025 Earthquake](#),” Under Review

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

1. “Market-Driven Value Chain Development: An Evaluation of Ethiopia’s Agricultural Commercialization Cluster Program,” (with Gashaw T. Abate and Jérémy Do Nascimento Miguel).
2. “Digital Finance and Economic Empowerment: Experimental Evidence on the Role of Transaction Costs,” (with Khandker Wahedur Rahman).
3. “Constraints on the Adoption of Digital Payment Systems in Agri-food Value Chains,” (with Kate Ambler and Alan de Brauw).

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2026) “Contract Farming and the Selection Problem: An Econometric Dilemma,” In Handbook of Contract Farming and Development in the Global South, eds. Caroline Hambloch, Niels Fold, Sudha Narayanan, Helena Pérez Niño, and Mark Vicol, Chapter 4, Routledge International Handbooks.
2. Kibrom Abay, Kate Ambler, **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, Katrina Kosec, and Khalid Siddig (2025) “[Fragility and conflict: Addressing crises and building resilient food systems](#),” In Global Food Policy Report 2025, eds. Johan Swinnen and Christopher B. Barrett, Chapter 13, pp. 317-340, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).

POLICY BRIEFS &
LIGHTLY
PEER-REVIEWED
PUBLICATIONS

1. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** and Jordan Kyle (2025) “[Is the Geography of Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa Changing?](#),” CGIAR Report, Food Frontiers and Security Science Program.
2. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2025) “[Preparing for the Next Crisis by Harmonizing Measures of Food Security](#),” International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Food Security Portal, Best Practices Brief, No. 8.
3. Kate Ambler, **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, and Julia Wagner (2024) “[Gender and Age Employment Gaps within Agrifood Value Chains in Bangladesh and Uganda](#),” *IFPRI Issue Brief*, December 2024.
4. **Jeffrey R. Bloem**, Maria Kim, and Amy Barou (2021) “[Integrating Gender into the Market Information System in Cote d’Ivoire](#),” *World Bank Report*, no. 173226, The World Bank Group.
5. **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.
6. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** and Scott Loveridge (2017) “[The Secondary Migration of Refugees Resettled in the US](#),” *Forced Migration Review*, issue 54, pp. 26-28.
7. **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** and Bruce Wydick (2026) “[Book Review of ‘Mismeasuring Impact: How Randomized Controlled Trials Threaten the Nonprofit Sector’](#),” *Christian Relief, Development, and Advocacy*, vol. 7, no. 1, pp. 39-42.
2. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2022) “[Book Review of ‘Why We Fight: The Roots of War and the Paths to Peace’ by Christopher Blattman](#),” *Faith and Economics*, issue no. 79.
3. **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.
4. **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 and Economics*, issue no. 71.
5. 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.
6. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2016) “[Book Review of ‘Economics Rules: The Rights and Wrongs of the Dismal Science’ by Dani Rodrik](#),” *Faith and Economics*, issue no. 68, pp. 121-126.
7. **Jeffrey R. Bloem** (2015) “[Book Review of ‘Misbehaving: The Making of Behavioral Economics’ by Richard H. Thaler](#),” *Faith and Economics*, issue no. 66, pp. 169-174.

PRESENTATIONS

2026: AidData’s GeoField Convening, AAEA Communications Webinar.

2025: Southern Economic Association (SEA) annual meetings, Asbury Theological Seminary, Institute for Food and Resource Economics at the University of Bonn, Collaboration for International Economic Development Research (CIDER) workshop at Cornell University, Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Food and Nutrition Policy brownbag seminar, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Seattle Pacific University.

2024: CGIAR Rethinking Food Markets Symposium, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) annual meetings (RISE), Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics at Michigan State University, Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

2023: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) annual meetings (RISE), Department of Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota, Financial Sector Deepening (FSD) Uganda,

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Meetings, Poverty and Religion Conference, Collaborative for Econometrics and Integrated Development Studies (CEIDS).

2022: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) annual meetings (RISE), Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Meetings, Collaborative for Econometrics and Integrated Development Studies (CEIDS), Econometrics Frontier Group (E-FroG), Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev).

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) 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.

2016 & 2017: Midwest Group in African Political Economy (MGAPE), Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Meetings, Calvin College, Dordt College.

TEACHING

Calvin University, Global Campus

- PNA 524: Economic and Community Development (virtual) 2025
- STDC 342: Economic and Community Development (DC Semester) 2023

American University, Washington, DC

- PUAD 604: Public Program Evaluation 2024
- PUAD 604: Public Program Evaluation 2022
- PUAD 670: Economics for Policy Analysis 2022

Gordon College, Wenham, MA

- ECB 305: Economic Development (virtual) 2021
- ECB 366: International Economics (virtual) 2020

Advisee List: Lorin Rudin-Rush (M.S., University of Arizona, 2023) · Harrison Mitchell (B.S., Macalester College, 2019)

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Technical Working Group Member , AgIncentives Consortium	2025 - present
Committee Member , IFPRI RISE Research Committee	2024 - present
Committee Member , IFPRI Food and Nutrition Policy Brownbag Seminar	2023 - present
Committee Member , IFPRI Applied Micro and Development Seminar	2022 - present
Book Review Editor , Faith and Economics	2021 - 2026
Topic Leader , AAEA International Development Section	2022 - 2024
Co-organizer , Online Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar (OARES)	2020 - 2023
Committee Member , USDA ERS Journal Ranking Committee	2021 - 2022
Member , AAEA Economics, Statistics, and Information Committee	2020 - 2022
Treasurer , Minnesota APEC Graduate Student Club	2018 - 2019

Member , Minnesota APEC Awards Committee	2017 - 2018
Chair , Michigan State AFRE Brown Bag Seminar	2015 - 2016

Referee for: *African Journal of Agricultural Research · Agribusiness · Agricultural Economics · Agricultural Systems · Agronomy Research · American Journal of Agricultural Economics · Applied Economics · Applied Economics Letters · Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy · Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics · BMC Women’s Health · Bulletin of Latin American Research · Business Strategy and Development · China Economic Review · Cities: The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning · East African Agricultural and Forestry Journal · Economic Analysis and Policy · Economic Modelling · Economics of Transition · Empirical Economics · Environmental Health Insights · European Review of Agricultural Economics · Faith and Economics · Food and Humanity · Food Policy · Humanities and Social Sciences Communication · International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction · International Journal of Global Environmental Issues · International Journal of Law and Public Policy · Journal of African Business · Journal of African Economies · Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics · Journal of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association · Journal of Agricultural Science and Technology · Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics · Journal of Comparative Economics · Journal of Development Economics · Journal of Development Studies · Journal of Dryland Agriculture · Journal of Econometrics · Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization · Journal of Economic Surveys · Journal of Environmental Economics and Management · Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies · Journal of Health Economics · Journal of Integrative Agriculture · Journal of International Migration and Integration · Journal of Rural Studies · Nature Food · PLOS One · Palgrave Macmillan (book proposal) · Political Geography · Poverty & Public Policy · Resources Policy · Review of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Studies · Review of Development Economics · Review of the Economics of the Household · Review of Income and Wealth · Social Sciences and Humanities Open · Spanish Journal of Agricultural Research · Structural Change and Economic Dynamics · World Development · World Development Sustainability*

GRANTS AND
FUNDRAISING

Total funds raised: \$2.741 million.

<i>Climate Finance Impact Investment</i>	2026
CGIAR Climate Action Innovation Fund	
Amount \$100,000	
<i>Collaborative for Econometrics and Integrated Development Studies (CEIDS)</i>	2025
Private Donor	
Amount: \$500,000	
<i>Constraints on the Adoption of Digital Payment Systems in Agri-food Value Chains</i>	2024
Gates Foundation	
Amount: \$1,039,383	
<i>Women’s Economic Empowerment and Digital Finance – Research Grant</i>	2021
BRAC Institute of Governance and Development	
Amount: \$362,385	
<i>Assessing the Sustainable Development Goals: Six Cross-National Studies</i>	2021
USDA ERS Strategic Priority Grants Program	
Amount: \$540,000	
<i>Heirs’ Property Rights</i>	2021
USDA ERS Strategic Priority Grants Program	
Amount: \$200,000	

AWARDS AND
FELLOWSHIPS

<i>Best Paper of 2021, Economic Inquiry</i>	2021
“The influence of hidden research decisions in applied microeconomics”	
<i>Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship</i>	2019
The Graduate School, University of Minnesota	
<i>Best Second-Year Paper</i>	2018

Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota	
<i>Higher Education Solutions Network Fellowship</i>	2016
Global Center for Food Systems Innovation, Michigan State University	
<i>Best "In Progress Research" Presentation</i>	2016
Graduate Research Symposium, AFRE, Michigan State University	
<i>A. Allen Schmid Fellowship in Institutional Economics</i>	2015
AFRE, Michigan State University	