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Research Areas & Interests

Development Economics, Microeconometrics (Bayesian Econometrics), Impact Evaluation, Health Economics

Education

Ph.D, Economics, Georgia State University, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, August 2013

M.Sc. (with distinction), Economics, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, 2006

B.A. (with distinction), Economics, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, 2003

Employment

<u>Feb.2016 - Present</u>	Senior Research Economist, African Development Bank Group
<u>Jul.2014 - Dec.2015</u>	Research Consultant, African Development Bank Group
<u>Jul.2013 - Jun.2014</u>	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Maryland , School of Pharmacy
<u>Aug.2008 - Aug.2013</u>	Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, Georgia State University , Andrew Young School of Policy Studies
<u>Aug.2006 - Jun.2008</u>	Assistant Researcher, Ethiopian Economic Association/Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute
<u>Sep.2006 - Jun.2008</u>	Part-time Lecturer, Addis Ababa University , Addis Ababa
<u>Oct.2005 - Jun.2006</u>	Graduate Assistant Instructor (AERC Fellow), Addis Ababa University , Addis Ababa
<u>Aug.2003 - Aug.2004</u>	Junior Marketing Officer, Ethiopian Telecommunications Corporation , Addis Ababa

Research

Publications

1. *Ex-ante Subjective Beliefs and Lapsing in the Long-Term Care Insurance Market* (with Shiferaw Gurmu) (**Geneva Risk and Insurance Review**, R&R)
2. *Sequential therapies and the cost-effectiveness of treating metastatic colon cancer patients* (with Eberechukwu Onukwugha, Brian Seal, Nader Hanna, and C. Daniel Mullins) (**Journal of Managed Care Pharmacy**, 2016 Jun;22(6):628-39. doi: 10.18553/jmcp.2016.22.6.628)
3. *Impact evaluation of the Ethiopian Health Services Extension Programme.* (with Assefa Admassie and Degnet Abebaw) **Journal of Development Effectiveness**, Vol. 1, Issue 4, December 2009, pages 430 - 449
4. *Intra-Household Gender-Bias In Child Educational Spending In Rural Ethiopia: Panel Evidence.* **Ethiopian Journal of Economics**, Vol. 16, Issue 2, October 2007, pages 1-3

Working Papers

1. *Community-Based Health Insurance and Out-of-Pocket Healthcare Spending in Africa: Evidence from Rwanda* (with Abebe Shimeles and Daniel Gurara). **IZA Discussion Paper**, No. 9922, 2016.
2. *Measuring the Impact of Micro-Health Insurance on Healthcare Utilization: A Bayesian Potential Outcomes Approach* (with Abebe Shimeles). Working Paper Series 2166, No.225, **African Development Bank Group**, June, 2015.
3. *Evaluating Endogenous Program Interventions with Heterogeneous Treatment Intensity using Bayesian Potential Outcomes Approach* (with Assefa Admassie and Degnet Abebaw). (Working Paper available at SSRN: <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2462571>)
4. *Rising food prices and household welfare in Ethiopia: evidence from micro data* (with Abebe Shimeles.) Working Paper Series 980, 2013, **African Development Bank Group**
5. *Informal Risk Sharing Strategies and Poverty Dynamics in Rural Ethiopia: Longitudinal Analysis*, Working Paper, No. 01, 2007, **Ethiopian Economic Association**
6. *Intra-Household Gender bias in Children's Educational Investment among Rural Households in Ethiopia: Panel Evidence*, Working Paper No. 02, 2007, **Ethiopian Economic Association**
7. *Determinants of Child Schooling Progress in Rural Ethiopia* (with Degnet Abebaw and Assefa Admassie). Working Paper No. 03, 2007, **Ethiopian Economic Association**
8. *Inflation and the Poor in Ethiopia* (with Abebe Shimeles). **The World Bank Background Paper**, 2007, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Submitted/Completed...

1. *A Tax on Children? The Effects of Food Price Inflation on Child Health* (**Submitted**) (with Abebe Shimeles and Daniel Kidane)
2. *Blood is Thicker than Water? An Empirical Analysis of Health Shocks and Informal Risk Sharing Networks*(**Submitted**) (with Shiferaw Gurmu)
3. *Health Insurance and Poverty: Evidence from Rwanda* (**Completed**) (with Abebe Shimeles)

Reports and Briefs

1. *Transforming Africa's Agriculture through Industrialization: Towards Agro-Industrialization* (with Adeleke Salami, Adamon Ndungu, Anthony Simpasa, and Abebe Shimeles). **African Development Bank Group**, Africa Economic Brief, Volume 8 Issue 1 2017.
2. *State and Dynamics of Poverty in Ethiopia* with Marit Kitaw. **InterAfrica Group for a Symposium on Poverty**, April 2008, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
3. *Health Resources Mapping in Ethiopia*. **Abt Associates Inc.**, November 2007 to September 2008, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
4. Food Price Inflation and the Urban Poor in Ethiopia. **Ethiopian Economic Association**, a Chapter in the Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy, 2008, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
5. *Gender and Development in Ethiopia*. **Ethiopian Economic Association**, a Chapter in the Annual Report on the Ethiopian Economy, 2007, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Conference Presentations

Allied Social Sciences Association Annual Meetings, January 3-5, 2015, San Francisco, CA

Southern Economic Association 84th Annual Conference, November 2014, Atlanta, GA

- *Informal risk sharing and altruism against health shocks: empirical evidence from Ethiopia*

Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium, January 2014, San Francisco, CA

- *Does first-line treatment impact the cost-effectiveness of second-line treatment for elderly metastatic colon cancer patients?* | Abstract No: 585

- *The impact of comorbidity on costs and effects of second-line treatment among elderly metastatic colon cancer patients* | Abstract No: 536

Southern Economic Association 82nd Annual Conference, November 2012, New Orleans, LA

- *Subjective Belief, Uncertainty and Lapsing Behavior in Long-term Care Insurance Market*

Workshop on Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Georgia State University, May 2012, Atlanta, GA

- *Subjective Belief, Uncertainty and Lapsing Behavior in Long-term Care Insurance Market*

Southern Economic Association 81st Annual Conference, November 2011, Washington, DC

- *The Impact of Health Extension Programs on Fertility in Ethiopia: A Bayesian Potential Outcomes Framework*

Honors and Awards

- Dissertation Grant, **Center for Economic Analysis of Risk (CEAR)**, Georgia State University, 2012
- Best M.Sc. Thesis Award, **African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)**, Nairobi, Kenya, 2006
- M.Sc. Thesis Award, Eshetu Chole Memorial Award, **Ethiopian Economic Association and the Department of Economics**, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 2006

Professional Services

Referee - Journal of International Development, Value in Health, Medical Care, Social Science and Medicine, World Development, Comparative Economic Studies.

Computer Skills

Programming languages: expert in **Matlab**, good in **Python** and **R**

Statistical software packages and suites: expert in **Stata**, good in **SAS**

Other software: **L^AT_EX**, **zTree** for laboratory experiment design

Professional Association

American Economic Association, Southern Economic Association, Ethiopian Economic Association

References

Available up on request