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Education:

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, 2013.

M.Sc. in Economics, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, 2010.

B.A. in Economics, Bahirdar University, Ethiopia, 2006.

Research Interests:

Applied Microeconometrics, Policy Evaluation, Development Economics, Behavioral Economics, Discrete Choice Modeling, Transport Economics.

Professional Experience:

Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen, 2014-present.

Collaborator (Consultant), IFPRI-ESSP Ethiopia, Jan -May, 2015.

Visiting Researcher/Scholar, The University of Texas at Austin, Feb-August, 2012.

PhD Student, Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen, 2010-2013.

Assistant Lecturer, Mekelle University, Ethiopia, 2006-2008.

Teaching Experience:

Policy Evaluation Methods, University of Copenhagen (Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016)

Discrete Choice Modeling, University of Copenhagen (Spring 2016, planned))

Mathematics for Economists, Mekelle University (Ethiopia, 2007/8)

Research Grants and Projects:

1. *Principal Investigator:* for the research project “Joint Modeling of Risk Taking Behavior”, funded by the Danish Council for Independent Research (DFF-grant: 1329-00007), 2013-2016. Grant amount ~2 Million DKK (~360, 000 USD).

Relevant Awards and Fellowships:

- University of Copenhagen, PhD Fellowship (2010-2013)
- Danish Government Graduate Student Fellowship (2008-2010)
- Awarded as Best Performing Academic Staff at Mekelle University, 2008
- Awarded as Best Performing Student at Bahirdar University, Ethiopia, 2006.

Scientific Publications (referred international journal articles):

1. **Abay, K.A.** (forthcoming). “How Effective are Non-monetary Instruments for Safe Driving: Panel Data Evidence on the Effect of Demerit-Point-System in Denmark”. Accepted, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*.
2. **Abay, K.A.** (2015). “Evaluating Simulation-based Approaches and Multivariate Quadrature on Sparse Grids in Estimating Multivariate Binary Probit Models”, *Economics Letters* 126, 5-56
3. **Abay, K.A** (2015). “Investigating the Nature and Impact of Reporting Bias in Road Crash Data”. *Transportation Research Part A. Policy and Practice* 71, 31-45.
4. **Abay, K.A., Paleti, R., and Bhat, C.R.** (2013). “The Joint Analysis of Injury Severity of Drivers in Two-Vehicle Crashes Accommodating Seat Belt Use Endogeneity”, *Transportation Research Part B: Methodological*, 50, 74-89
5. **Abay, K. A.** (2013). “Examining pedestrian-injury severity using alternative disaggregate models”, *Research in Transportation Economics*, 43(1), 123-136.

Scientific Publications (*working papers and papers under review*):

1. **Abay, K.A.**, and Berhane, G. (2016). “Locus of Control, Hyperbolic Preferences, and Demand for Commitment and Saving? Evidence from Rural Farmers in Ethiopia” Working paper. Under Review
2. **Abay, K.A.**, and Berhane, G., (2015). “Should I Join More Homogenous or Heterogeneous Social Networks? Empirical Evidence from *Iddir* Networks in Ethiopia” IFPRI-ESSP Working paper. Under Review
3. **Abay, K.A.**, Berhane, G., Taffesse A.S., Koru, B., and Abay, K. (2015). Understanding Farmers’ Technology Adoption Decisions: Input Complementarity and Heterogeneity. IFPRI-ESSP Working paper 82. Under Review
4. **Abay, K.A.**, Kahsay, G.A., and Berhane, G. (2014). “Social Networks and Factor Markets: Panel Data Evidence From Ethiopia” IFPRI-ESSP Working Paper 68, Under Review
5. **Abay, K.A.** and Mannering, F. (2015). “An empirical analysis of risk preferences across various domains of life: Some new evidence on gender differences” Under Review

Programing Skills: Programming in MATLAB, GUASS, STATA, SAS and LIMDEP.

Selected Conferences and Seminar Presentations

Abay, K.A., Berhane, G., Assefa, T.W. (2016). “Locus of Control, Hyperbolic Preferences, and Demand for Commitment and Saving? Evidence from Rural Farmers in Ethiopia” Working paper. UNU-WIDER Conference on Human Capital and Growth, June 6-7.

Abay, K.A., Berhane, G., Assefa, T.W. (2016, Confirmed). “Locus of Control, Hyperbolic Preferences, and Demand for Commitment and Saving? Evidence from Rural Farmers in Ethiopia” Working paper. EAERE 2016 Conference, June 22-25, Zurich.

Abay, K.A., and Berhane, G., (2016). “Should I Join More Homogenous or Heterogeneous Social Networks? Empirical Evidence from *Iddir* Networks in Ethiopia” CSAE 2016 Conference, Oxford, UK.

Abay, K.A., Berhane, G., Taffesse A.S., Koru, B., and Abay, K. (2016). “Understanding Farmers’ Technology Adoption Decisions: Input Complementarity and Heterogeneity”. CSAE 2016 Conference, Oxford, UK.

Abay, K.A. (2014). “Monetary or Non-Monetary Instruments for Safe Driving: Panel Data Evidence on the Effect of Demerit-Point–System in Denmark”. *European Winter Econometric Meeting*, December 15-16, 2014, Madrid.

Abay, K.A.(2014). “Monetary or Non-Monetary Instruments for Safe Driving: Panel Data Evidence on the Effect of Demerit-Point–System in Denmark”. *19th African Econometric Meeting*, July 16-18, 2014, Addis Ababa.

Abay, K.A., R. Paleti, and C.R. Bhat (2013). “The Joint Analysis of Injury Severity of Drivers in Two-Vehicle Crashes Accommodating Seat Belt Use Endogeneity”, presented at the *92th TRB*, 2013, Washington DC.

Appearances in the Media:

ScienceNordic, interview on my research, April 24, 2014.

References:

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