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## EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy Department of Sociology Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	2008 – 2014
Masters of Science Department of Applied Economics and Management (AEM) Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	2002 – 2005
Bachelors of Arts Degree in Economics with Distinction in All Subjects Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	1994 – 1999

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### **The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX**

Associate Professor, LBJ School of Public Affairs	2020 – present
Assistant Professor, LBJ School of Public Affairs	2014 – 2020

**Faculty Affiliations at UT Austin:** South Asia Institute; Center for Health and Social Policy; Center for Women and Gender Studies; Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice; Innovations in Peace and Development.

**Faculty Affiliations elsewhere:** Visiting Fellow at Feinstein International Center, Tufts University.

### **Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA**

Assistant Professor, International Relations	2013 – 2014
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### **Cornell University**

Research Support Specialist, Applied Economics and Management	2008 – 2013
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### **CARE – USA**

Technical Advisor on Markets and Response Analysis with the Food Resource Coordination Team	2007 – 2008
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### **Fulbright Scholar**

Bangladesh; Affiliation with Unnayan Onneshon	2006 – 2007
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### **Consultant**

United Nations World Food Programme	2005 – 2006
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### **Economic Consultant**

Analysis Group Economics; Bates White; and Cambridge Finance Partners	1999 – 2002
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## PUBLICATIONS

### **Journal Articles and Books (Including Accepted and In Press) (25)**

1. Erin Lentz (2021) "Food and Agriculture Systems Foresight Study: Implications for Gender, Poverty, and Nutrition." *Q Open*. 1: 1-53.  
<https://academic.oup.com/qopen/article/1/1/qoaa003/6094633?guestAccessKey=903408d5-0b7e-4491-92c0-de4264b2d9c8>
2. Christopher B. Barrett, Jeffrey Cason, and **Erin Lentz** (2020). *Overseas Research: A practical guide*. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Routledge. ISBN 9780367257026.
3. Sudha Narayanan, **Erin Lentz**, Marzia Fontana, Anuradha De, and Bharati Kulkarni (2019) "Developing the Women's Empowerment in Nutrition Index in Two States of India." *Food Policy*.  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0306919219306025>
4. **Erin C. Lentz**, Hope Michelson, Kathy Baylis and Yujun Zhou (2019) "A Data-Driven Approach Improves Food Insecurity Crisis Prediction." *World Development*. 122: 399-409.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2019.06.008>
5. **Erin C. Lentz**, Sudha Narayanan, and Anuradha De (2019) "Last and least: Findings on intrahousehold nutrition from participatory research in South Asia." *Social Science and Medicine*. 232: 316-323. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2019.05.024>
6. Kibrom Tafere, Christopher B. Barrett, and **Erin C. Lentz** (2019) "Insuring wellbeing? Buyer's remorse and peace of mind effects from insurance." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. 101(3): 627-650. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ajae/aay087>
7. **Erin C. Lentz** (2018) "Complicating narratives of women's food and nutrition insecurity: Domestic violence in rural Bangladesh." *World Development*. 104: 271-280.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2017.11.019>
8. **Erin C. Lentz**, Rachel Bezner-Kerr, Raj Patel, Laifolo Dakishoni, and Esther Lupafya (2018) "The invisible hand that rocks that cradle: On the limits of time use surveys." *Development and Change*. 50(2): 301-328. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/dech.12426>
9. **Erin C. Lentz** (2017) "Keeping up with the neighbors? Reference groups and relative deprivation in Ghana." *Economic Development and Cultural Change*. Oct: 91-112. <https://doi.org/10.1086/693706>
10. Joanna Upton and **Erin C. Lentz** (2017) "Finding Default? Understanding the drivers of default on contracts with farmers' organizations under the World Food Programme Purchase for Progress Pilot." *Agricultural Economics*. 48(S1): 43-57. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/agec.12385>
11. **Erin C. Lentz**, Robert Ouma, and Andrew Mude (2016) "Does peer monitoring influence choices between cash and food? Findings from a field experiment." *Food Policy*. 65:21-31.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.foodpol.2016.10.004>
12. **Erin C. Lentz** and Joanna Upton (2016) "Benefits to smallholders? Findings from the World Food

- Programme's Purchase for Progress Pilot." *Global Food Security*. 11:54-63.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gfs.2016.07.003>
13. **Erin C. Lentz** (2015) "The future of food assistance: Opportunities and challenges." *Journal of Law and International Affairs*. 3(2): 84-98. Available at: <http://elibrary.law.psu.edu/jlia/vol3/iss2/7>
  14. **Erin C. Lentz** and Christopher B. Barrett (2014) "The negligible effects of the international food aid provisions in the 2014 Farm Bill." *Choices: Special Issue on Welfare Effects of the 2014 Farm Bill*. 29(3): 1-5. <http://choicesmagazine.org/choices-magazine/theme-articles/3rd-quarter-2014/the-negligible-welfare-effects-of-the-international-food-aid-provisions-in-the-2014-farm-bill>
    - a. Reprinted in: **Erin C. Lentz** and Christopher B. Barrett (2016) "The negligible effects of the international food aid provisions in the 2014 Farm Bill." In Vince Smith, editor *Welfare Effects of the 2014 Farm Bill*. Emerald Group Press: Somerville.
  15. **Erin C. Lentz** and Christopher B. Barrett (2013) "The economics and nutritional impacts of food assistance policies and programs." *Food Policy*. 42: 151-163  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.foodpol.2013.06.011>
  16. **Erin C. Lentz**, Christopher B. Barrett, Miguel Gomez, and Daniel Maxwell (2013) "On the choice and impacts of innovative international food assistance instruments." *World Development*. 49: 1-8.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2013.01.016>
  17. **Erin C. Lentz**, Simone Passarelli, and Christopher B. Barrett (2013) "The timeliness and cost effectiveness of the local and regional procurement of food aid." *World Development*. 49: 9-18.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2013.01.017>
  18. Teevrat Garg, Christopher B. Barrett, Miguel I. Gómez, **Erin C. Lentz** and William Violette (2013) "Market prices and food aid local and regional procurement and distribution: A multi-country analysis." *World Development*. 49: 19-29. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2013.01.018>
  19. William J. Violette, Aurélie P. Harou, Joanna B. Upton, Samuel D. Bell, Christopher B. Barrett, Miguel I. Gómez and **Erin C. Lentz** (2013) "Recipients' satisfaction with locally procured food aid rations: Comparative evidence from a three country matched survey." *World Development*. 49: 30-43.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2013.01.019>
  20. Aurélie P. Harou, Joanna B. Upton, **Erin C. Lentz**, Christopher B. Barrett, and Miguel I. Gómez (2013) "Tradeoffs or Synergies? Assessing local and regional food aid procurement through case studies in Burkina Faso and Guatemala." *World Development*. 49: 44-57.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2013.01.020>
  21. Andrew Mude, Robert Ouma, and **Erin C. Lentz** (2012) The Market Information and Food Insecurity Response Analysis Framework: An application in northern Kenya. *Journal of Development Studies*. 48(12): 1731-49. <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00220388.2012.685719>
  22. Hope Michelson, **Erin C. Lentz**, Richard Mulwa, Mitchell Morey, Laura Cramer, Megan McGlinchy, and Christopher B. Barrett (2012) "Cash, food or vouchers in urban and rural Kenya?: An application of the Market Information and Food Insecurity Response Analysis Framework?" *Food Security*. 4(3): 455-69. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s12571-012-0177-0>
  23. Elizabeth Bageant, Christopher B. Barrett and **Erin C. Lentz** (2010) "Food aid and Agricultural

Cargo Preference." *Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy*. 32 (4): 624-41.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/aep/ppq024>

24. Christopher B. Barrett, Robert Bell, **Erin C. Lentz**, and Daniel Maxwell (2009) "Market Information and Food Insecurity Response Analysis." *Food Security* 1 (June): pp. 151-68.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s12571-009-0021-3>
25. **Erin C. Lentz** and Christopher B. Barrett (2008) "Improving food aid: What donor and operational agency reforms would yield the highest payoff?" *World Development* 36 (7) (July): pp. 1152-72.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2007.06.018>

### **Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters (Including Accepted and In Press)**

26. **Erin C. Lentz**, Stephanie Mercier and Christopher B. Barrett (2018) "International food assistance programs and the next Farm Bill." In J. Glauber and V. Smith (eds) *Agriculture Policy in Disarray Volume II*. AEI Press. DC. <https://www.aei.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/International-Food-Aid-and-Food-Assistance-Programs-and-the-Next-Farm-Bill.pdf>
27. Christopher B. Barrett and **Erin C. Lentz** (2016) "Hunger and food insecurity." David Brady and Linda Burton, editors *Oxford Handbook of Poverty and Society*. Oxford University Press: Oxford.
28. Christopher B. Barrett and **Erin C. Lentz** (2011) "Food insecurity and food aid in Africa." In Ernest Aryeetey, Shanta Devarajan, Ravi Kanbur and Louis Kasekende, editors *The Oxford Companion to the Economics of Africa*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
29. Joanna Upton and **Erin C. Lentz** (2011) "Expanding the food assistance toolbox." In Christopher B. Barrett, Andrew Binder, and Julia Steets, editors *United on Food Assistance: The Case for Transatlantic Cooperation*. London: Routledge.
30. Christopher B. Barrett, Andrea Binder, Alex Gaus, **Erin C. Lentz**, Cynthia Mathys, Julia Steets, Joanna B. Upton and Kira Villa (2011) "Moving food assistance forward," chapter 7 in Christopher B. Barrett, Andrea Binder and Julia Steets, editors, *Uniting on Food Assistance: The Case for Transatlantic Cooperation*. London: Routledge.
31. Christopher B. Barrett and **Erin C. Lentz** (2010) "Food insecurity." In Robert Denemark and Renée Marlin-Bennett editors *The International Studies Compendium Project*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

### **Edited Special Issues of Peer-Reviewed Journals**

Christopher B. Barrett, Miguel Gomez, **Erin C. Lentz** and Daniel Maxwell (2013) "Impacts of Innovative Food Assistance Instruments." *World Development*: 49.

### **Under Review (2)**

**Erin Lentz**, Elizabeth Bageant, and Sudha Narayanan (revise and resubmit) "Women's Empowerment and the Drivers of Nutrition in Niger."

Sudha Narayanan, **Erin Lentz**, Marzia Fontana, and Bharati Kulkarni (revise and resubmit) "Rural Women's Empowerment in Nutrition: a proposal for linking food, health, and institutions."

### **Works in Progress (4)**

Joanna Upton, Elizabeth Tennant, Hope Michelson, and Erin Lentz (in progress) “Separating the signal from the seasons: Covid-19 and food security dynamics in Malawi and Madagascar.”

Lila Cardell and Erin Lentz (in progress) “Drivers of Intrahousehold Undernutrition?: On the Choices of Methods and Measures.”

Yujun Zhou, Kathy Baylis, Erin Lentz, and Hope Michelson (in progress) “Predicting Food Security with Machine Learning: Findings from three countries.”

Hope Michelson, Erwin Knippenberg, Erin Lentz, and Tess Lallemand (in progress) “Humanitarian Basis Risk: Understanding Mistargeting Using High-Frequency Data in Malawi.”

### **Policy Research Projects (1)**

Erin Lentz and Raj Patel, directors of report (2016) Food for All: Inclusive Neighborhood Food Planning in North Austin. [https://issuu.com/atxsustainability/docs/food\\_for\\_all\\_final\\_070616.compresse](https://issuu.com/atxsustainability/docs/food_for_all_final_070616.compresse)

### **Major Reports for Governments, Humanitarian and Development Agencies, and Policy Organizations (11)**

Erin Lentz, Greg Gottlieb, Cori Simmons and Daniel Maxwell. 2020. “2020 Hindsight? The Ecosystem of Humanitarian Diagnostics and Its Application to Anticipatory Action.” Feinstein International Center, Tufts University. [https://fic.tufts.edu/wp-content/uploads/Hindsight-2020\\_Dec-14.pdf](https://fic.tufts.edu/wp-content/uploads/Hindsight-2020_Dec-14.pdf)

Erin Lentz. 2020. “Food and agriculture systems foresight study: Implications for gender, poverty and nutrition.” Prepared for Independent Science for Development Council of the CGIAR. <https://cas.cgiar.org/isdc/publications/food-and-agriculture-systems-foresight-study-implications-gender-poverty-and>

Erin Lentz (2018) “United States Congressional Testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Hearing on Modernizing Food Aid: Improving Effectiveness and Saving Lives.” February 14. <https://docs.house.gov/meetings/FA/FA00/20180214/106858/HHRG-115-FA00-Transcript-20180214.pdf>

Sudha Narayanan, Marzia Fontana, Erin C. Lentz, and Bharati Kulkarni. (2017) “Rural Women’s Empowerment in Nutrition: a proposal for diagnostic linking food, health, and institutions.” Prepared for United Nations Women: Expert Group Meeting on ‘Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls.’ <http://www.unwomen.org/-/media/headquarters/attachments/sections/csw/62/egm/rural%20womens%20empowerment%20in%20nutritionnarayanan%20fontana%20lentz%20and%20kulkarnifinal.pdf?la=en&vs=2753>

Erin C. Lentz and Joanna Upton (2015) “Preliminary perspectives on Purchase for Progress.” Prepared for United Nations World Food Programme.

Erin C. Lentz and Christopher B. Barrett (2013) “The economics and nutritional impacts of food assistance policies and programs.” United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization: ESA Working Paper No. 13-04 [http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/esa/Papers\\_and\\_documents/WP\\_13-04\\_Lentz\\_Barrett.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/esa/Papers_and_documents/WP_13-04_Lentz_Barrett.pdf)

Christopher B. Barrett and Erin C. Lentz, (2009) “U.S. monetization policy: Recommendations for improvement,” Chicago Council on Global Affairs: *Chicago Council on Global Affairs Policy Development Study Series*, December 2009.

Erin C. Lentz (2008) “Making markets work for the hungry poor.” Background paper prepared for the United Nations World Food Programme: 2008 *World Hunger Series: Markets and Hunger*. Rome: United Nations World Food Programme.

M. Iqbal Ahmed and Erin Lentz (2007) “Enhancing the livelihoods of the rural poor: The role of information and communication technologies.” Prepared for the Overseas Development Institute. February.

Erin C. Lentz, Christopher B. Barrett, and John Hoddinott (2005) “Food aid and dependency: Implications for Emergency Food Security Assessments.” Prepared for the United Nations World Food Programme: *Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessments Capabilities*. December.

Erin Lentz and Christopher B. Barrett (2004) “Food aid among East African pastoralists.” Prepared for United States Agency for International Development: *USAID Global Livestock CRSP Research Brief 04-01-PARIMA*. July.

### **Policy Papers and Book Reviews (6)**

Erin Lentz (forthcoming) “Book Review of Michelle Jurkovich’s *Feeding the Hungry: Advocacy and Blame in the Global Fight Against Hunger*.” H-Diplo.

Kibrom Tafere, Christopher B. Barrett, Erin C. Lentz, and Birhanu Tadesse (2017) “Insuring wellbeing? Buyer’s remorse and peace of mind effects from insurance.” Policy Research Working Paper; no. WPS 8256. Washington DC, World Bank Group.

<http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/747921511792941207/Insuring-well-being-buyers-remorse-and-peace-of-mind-effects-from-insurance>

Erin C. Lentz (2014). “Book Review: *Poor Numbers: How we are misled by African Development Statistics* by Morten Jerven.” *African Studies Review*. 57(1):216-218.

Christopher B. Barrett, Erin C. Lentz, Cynthia Mathys, Joanna B. Upton and Kira M. Villa (2011) “Misconceptions about food assistance,” Cornell/Global Public Policy Institute policy brief no. 2, June.

Alexander Gaus, Julia Steets, Andrea Binder, Christopher B. Barrett and Erin C. Lentz (2011) “How to reform the outdated Food Aid Convention,” Cornell/Global Public Policy Institute policy brief no. 1, March.

Erin C. Lentz and Christopher B. Barrett (2005) “Food aid targeting, shocks and private transfers among East African pastoralists,” Cornell University Working Paper.

### **Op-Eds (8)**

Stephanie Mercier and Erin Lentz (2018) “Maritime cargo preferences only waste American taxpayer dollars.” June 22. *The Hill*. <http://thehill.com/opinion/international/393547-maritime-cargo-preferences-only-waste-american-taxpayer-dollars>

Vincent Smith, Ryan Nabil, Christopher B. Barrett, Stephanie Mercier and Erin Lentz (2018). “The Food for Peace Modernization Act: Legislation to Make the World a Better Place.” March 15. *Inside Sources*. <http://www.insidesources.com/food-peace-modernization-act-legislation-make-world-better-place/>

Christopher B. Barrett and Erin C. Lentz (2017). “How to feed more people worldwide.” June 30. *US*

*News and World Reports*. <https://www.usnews.com/opinion/op-ed/articles/2017-06-30/how-the-us-can-reform-its-food-aid-to-feed-more-people-and-stem-migration>

Erin Lentz (2016). “In the fight against hunger, why don’t we prioritize women?” *The Hill*. November 21. <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/healthcare/307055-in-the-fight-against-hunger-why-dont-we-prioritize-women>

Erin Lentz and Raj Patel (2016). “Serving Austin’s hungry residents requires listening to them.” *Austin American-Statesman*. July 10. <http://www.mystatesman.com/news/news/opinion/patel-serving-austins-hungry-residents-requires-li/nrtT9/>

Erin Lentz and Raj Patel (2016). “A word to FLOTUS: Let’s all move” *Austin American-Statesman*. March 15. <http://www.mystatesman.com/news/news/opinion/commentary-a-word-to-flotus-lets-all-move/nqkcS/>

Christopher B. Barrett and Erin C. Lentz (2014) “Op-ed: Highway robbery on the high seas.” May 29, 2014. *The Hill*. <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/transportation/207565-highway-robbery-on-the-high-seas>

Christopher B. Barrett, Elizabeth R. Bageant and Erin C. Lentz (2011) “Op-ed: When “Buy American” harms America and the World’s Hungry.” *Washington Post*. December 3. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/12/02/AR2010120205208.html>

## FUNDING

### Extramural Funding

2021-22	“Validating the Women’s Empowerment in Nutrition Index in East Africa”; Lentz (PI); Sudha Narayanan at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, India (co-PI); Nathan Jensen at International Livestock Research Institute, Nairobi, Kenya (co-PI). <b>United Kingdom Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office</b> – funded Innovative Metrics and Methods for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions grant.	£250,000 (approx. \$336,000)
2015-19	“The Women’s Empowerment in Nutrition Index (WENI): Measuring nutritional empowerment to better link agriculture to nutrition”; Lentz (PI); Sudha Narayanan at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, India (co-PI). <b>United Kingdom Department for International Development</b> -funded Innovative Metrics and Methods for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions grant.	£250,000 (approx. \$388,000)
2015	“Mapping agriculture and nutrition: The case for a spatial perspective” with Michelson (PI), University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; Baylis (co-PI), University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Lentz (co-PI). Awarded by <b>University of Illinois Department of Nutritional Sciences</b> 20/20 start-up funds.	\$10,000

2012	Selected participant for week-long <b>Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality</b> , University of Chicago, hosted by Steven Durlauf and James Heckman. Travel and expenses.	\$1800
2006-07	<b>Fulbright</b> Junior Grantee “The specter of dependency in recurrent crises” Awarded 2006.	\$28,000
2004-05	<b>Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship</b> . Fully funded by the US Department of Education in conjunction with the Cornell University South Asia program to learn Bengali.	\$22,000
2003-04	<b>Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship</b> . Fully funded by the US Department of Education in conjunction with the Cornell University South Asia program to learn Bengali.	\$22,000
To be submitted	“The Social Life of Famine” Cons (PI), UT Austin; Lentz (co-PI) to the <b>National Science Foundation</b> . In preparation for May 2021 submission	

### **Intramural Funding**

2019	University of Texas Vice President for Research Grant for “The Social Life of Famine.” Awarded November 2019.	\$10,000
2018	“The Women’s Empowerment in Nutrition Index (WENI): Measuring nutritional empowerment to better link agriculture to nutrition”; Summer Research Assignment, UT, Austin.	1 month summer salary
2017	“The Women’s Empowerment in Nutrition Index (WENI): Measuring nutritional empowerment to better link agriculture to nutrition”; Policy Research Institute, LBJ School, UT Austin.	\$20,000
2016-17	Faculty Development Program, Center for Women and Gender Studies, UT Austin, nominated by LBJ, UT Austin.	\$2,000
2016	“Using secondary data for early warning” Policy Research Institute, LBJ School, UT Austin.	\$15,000
2016	“Using secondary data for early warning” Summer Research Assignment from UT, Austin.	2 months summer salary
2004	Aplin Teaching Excellence Funds from Cornell University. Award for summer research.	\$2,000
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### **HONORS, AWARDS, AND DISTINCTIONS**

- 2020-21 Awarded Sharpe Centennial Fellowship
- 2019-20 Nominated for Best Taught Class; Open Door Award; Best Course to Challenge Your Assumptions; Most Engaging Teaching Style; and Best Transition to Online Learning by LBJ students.
- 2020 Nominated for Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award at University of Texas, Austin.
- 2019 Dean's Fellowship, LBJ School, UT, Austin. Awarded spring 2018; one semester teaching release taken spring 2019.
- 2018 Invited Testimony before the United States House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs to participate in the hearing "Modernizing Food Aid: Improving Effectiveness and Saving Lives." February 14.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7\\_wJdHdJTNI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_wJdHdJTNI)  
<https://docs.house.gov/meetings/FA/FA00/20180214/106858/HHRG-115-FA00-Transcript-20180214.pdf>
- 2016-17 Awarded 2016-2017's Best Course in Global Policy Studies by LBJ students for course on Gender and Development.
- 2016-17 Public Voices Fellowship, 1-year fellowship to provide training on op-ed writing and media use for academics who are women and or people of color. Run by the Op-Ed Project, nominated by LBJ, UT Austin.
- 2006 Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Outstanding Masters Thesis Award for "Targeting Food Aid to Improve Food Security."
- 2005 Warren Award for Outstanding Research Publication by an Applied Economics and Management graduate student at Cornell for the paper "Food Aid Targeting, Shocks and Private Transfers Among East African Pastoralists."

## SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

- Prevention Web: The knowledge platform for disaster risk reduction. 2020. "2020 hindsight? The ecosystem of humanitarian diagnostics and its application to anticipatory action." December 17. <https://www.preventionweb.net/publications/view/75221> and USAID Center for Resilience: December 30, 2020.
- Schaefer, Brett, D. 2018. "Reforming US food aid can feed millions more at the same cost." National Review and Heritage Foundation. May 17. <https://www.heritage.org/hunger-and-food-programs/commentary/reforming-us-food-aid-can-feed-millions-more-the-same-cost>
- Views and Brews, Cactus Café, Austin. "Food Insecurity in Austin" September 6, 2016.
- Davis, John. 2016. "Food Fight" *Austin Monthly*. July.
- International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development. 2015. "US Lawmakers Debate Reform to Global Food Aid Schemes" *Bridges* 19(14). April 23. <http://www.ictsd.org/bridges-news/bridges/news/us-lawmakers-debate-reform-to-global-food-aid-schemes>

- The Food Aid Reform proposal in the FY 2014 President’s Budget utilized findings from the Lentz et al. (2013) “The Timeliness and Cost Effectiveness of the Local and Regional Procurement of Food Aid” (listed as “Cornell Study”) to estimate efficiency increases and savings underpinning the proposed reforms:  
[http://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1869/FoodAidReform\\_BehindtheNumbers.pdf](http://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1869/FoodAidReform_BehindtheNumbers.pdf)
- Center for Technology and Economic Development: “Studying Local Markets to Improve Emergency Response” (July 2012) <http://ctednyu.wordpress.com/2012/07/09/studying-local-markets-to-improve-emergency-response/>
- Cornell Chronicle Online: “Researchers develop food aid decision-making tool” (May 2012)  
<http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/May12/FoodAidTool.html>
- Oxfam America: “Saving Money and Lives: The Human Side of U.S. Food Aid Reform” (March 2012) <http://www.oxfamamerica.org/files/saving-money-and-lives-human-side-of-us-food-aid-reform.pdf>
- Oxfam America: “Tell Congress: Stop playing with food aid” (March 2012)  
<http://www.oxfamamerica.org/landing-pages/food-aid>
- National Public Radio: “When Food Aid Goes Local, Some Say It Works Better” (March 2012)  
<http://www.npr.org/blogs/thesalt/2012/03/07/148127942/when-food-aid-goes-local-some-say-it-works-better>
- The New York Times: “Feed the World's Hungry, for Less” (February 2012)  
<http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2012/02/21/the-farm-bill-beyond-the-farm/the-farm-bill-can-feed-the-worlds-hungry-for-less>

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Discussant “Responding to Cheryl Doss and Agnes Quisumbing’s chapter ‘Gender in Agriculture and Food Systems.’” American Agricultural Economics Association Workshop on the Handbook of Agricultural Economics. October 29, 2020.

Panelist on “The future of American’s agriculture, farm and food policies.” American Enterprise Institute Fall Leadership Conference. October 10, 2020.

“Research directions for food and nutrition security.” Presentation to CARE USA’s Food Working Group. September 18, 2020.

“Food and agriculture systems foresight study: Implications for gender, poverty and nutrition.” Presented to the CGIAR Independent Science for Development Research. April 20, 2020.

“Measurement error, women’s empowerment, and agriculture to nutrition linkages.” Standing Panel on Impact Assessment, Consultative Group on International Agriculture Research and Paris School of Economics Workshop “Measurement error and the adoption of agricultural innovations: Building the research agenda.” Paris, France. December 16-17, 2019.

“Learning Lab: Workshop on Constructing the Women’s Empowerment in Nutrition Index” Agriculture, Nutrition, Health Scientific Symposium & Academy Week. Hyderabad, India. June 25, 2019.

“Women’s Empowerment and the Drivers of Nutrition in Niger.” CARE USA and CARE International. Webinar and Washington DC. May 9, 2019.

“Food for all: An approach to inclusive food policy” Front Porch Gathering. Community Engagement and Social Equity, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement. UT Austin. February 19, 2019.

“The Role of Institutions in Women’s Empowerment in Nutrition.” Collaborative Research and Dissemination. New Delhi, India. February 8, 2019.

Respondent to Ignacio Saiz’s talk “From Disparity to Dignity: Tackling Economic Inequality through Human Rights.” Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice. UT Austin. October 15, 2018.

Session Chair for “Gender pathways in Agriculture to Nutrition” Agriculture, Nutrition, Health Scientific Symposium & Academy Week. Accra, Ghana. June 27, 2018.

“Learning Lab: Workshop on Integrating gender in agriculture, nutrition, and health research” Agriculture, Nutrition, Health Scientific Symposium & Academy Week. Accra, Ghana June 24, 2018.

“Keynote: Food for All: Hunger in Austin, Texas.” With Raj Patel. Entrepreneur’s Foundation Service Week. Austin, TX. May 21, 2018.

“Intrahousehold allocations in agriculture to nutrition research” Agriculture, Nutrition, Health Scientific Symposium & Academy Week. Kathmandu, Nepal. July 10, 2017.

“Complicating narratives of undernutrition: Domestic violence and ‘empowerment’ in rural Bangladesh.” Population Research Center. UT Austin. March 24, 2017.

“Complicating narratives of undernutrition: Domestic violence and ‘empowerment’ in rural Bangladesh.” LBJ School PhD colloquium. UT Austin. March 23, 2017.

“Complicating narratives of undernutrition: Domestic violence and ‘empowerment’ in rural Bangladesh.” Center for Women and Gender Studies. UT Austin. October 18, 2016.

“Food for All: Piloting inclusive food planning in North Central Austin.” Sustainable Food Center, Austin, TX. September 1, 2016.

“What role does empowerment play in linking agriculture to nutrition?” Webinar hosted by Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions. June 7, 2016. Posted here: <http://immana.lcirah.ac.uk/events/webinar-video-available-womens-nutrition-through-empowerment-lens>

“Women’s Empowerment in Nutrition” University of Texas Summer Institute for K-12 Educators. UT Austin. June 6, 2016.

“Feminism and Food (In)security.” With Raj Patel. Feminist Policy Alliance. UT Austin. April 14, 2016.

“Data Gaps in Measuring Food Security and Nutrition.” Using Big Data to Improve International Food Security Symposium. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. April 8, 2016.

“The role of gender in agriculture to nutrition linkages.” Innovations for Peace and Development. UT Austin, Austin. February 19, 2016.

“Benefits to smallholders? Findings from the World Food Programme’s Purchase for Progress Pilot.” Center for Health and Social Policy. UT Austin. December 2, 2015.

“Food Security and Measurement Challenges.” University of Texas International Affairs Society. UT Austin. March 25, 2015.

“The wellbeing effects of insurance that does not pay-out: Evidence from southern Ethiopia.” LBJ School PhD Colloquium. UT Austin. March 12, 2015.

“The Future of Food Assistance: Opportunities and Challenges” Conference on International Law hosted by Dickinson Law School at the Pennsylvania State University. Carlisle PA. February 7, 2014.

“Hungry for Change: The Opportunities and Challenges of New Food Assistance Tools” Speaker at the Focus Program, the Borderwork(s) Lab and the Duke Human Rights Center at the Franklin Humanities Institute, and the Nicholas School at Duke University. Duke University. November 5, 2012.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“How does empowerment influence within-household differences in adult nutritional status?” Presented at annual meetings of the American Agricultural Economics Association, August 6, 2018. Washington DC.

“A prototype for predicting food insecurity using secondary data.” Presented at annual meetings of the American Agricultural Economics Association, August 6, 2018. Washington DC.

“Complicating narratives of women’s food and nutrition insecurity: domestic violence in rural Bangladesh,” presented at American Sociological Association annual meetings, August 13, 2017. Montreal, Canada.

“Qualitative findings on the Women’s Empowerment in Nutrition Index.” Agriculture, Nutrition, Health Scientific Symposium & Academy Week. Kathmandu, Nepal. July 13, 2017.

Discussant for the panel “Impacts of agricultural technologies on food security, nutrition and health. What have we learned?” Standing Panel on Impact Assessment: Impacts of international agricultural research: Rigorous evidence for policy. Nairobi, Kenya. July 7, 2017.

“Finding Default? Understanding the drivers of default on contracts with farmers’ organizations under the World Food Programme Purchase for Progress Pilot.” American Agricultural Economics Association annual meetings. Boston, MA. August 2, 2016.

“Food for All: A policy research project for the City of Austin’s Food Policy Manager.” With Edwin Marty. Results for America. UT Austin. March 10, 2016.

“Benefits to smallholders? Findings from the World Food Programme’s Purchase for Progress Pilot.” 2nd International Conference on Global Food Security. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. October 14, 2015.

“Does Peer Monitoring Influence Individual Choice?: Evidence from Northern Kenya.” Presented at conference on Mobile pastoralism, Index insurance, Computational Sustainability and Policy Innovations for the Arid and Semi-arid Lands of East Africa. International Livestock Research Institute, Nairobi, Kenya. June 11, 2015.

“Community Inequality and Subjective Wellbeing: Findings from sub-Saharan Africa.” Presented at the Inclusive Growth in Africa Growth in Africa: Measurement, Causes and Consequences” conference

hosted by United Nations World Institute for Development Economic Research. Helsinki, September 21, 2013.

“Community Inequality and Subjective Wellbeing: Findings from sub-Saharan Africa.” Presented at the Inclusive Growth in Africa Growth in Africa: Measurement, Causes and Consequences” at American Sociological Association annual Meetings. New York, August 12, 2013.

“The Timeliness and Cost Effectiveness of the Local and Regional Procurement of Food Aid.” Presented at the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization International Scientific Symposium on Food Security and Nutrition. Rome. January 17 – 19, 2012.

“Local and Regional Procurement Analysis and Findings.” Presented at Local and Regional Procurement Learning and Knowledge Sharing Workshop, hosted by the LRP Learning Alliance and funded by USAID TOPS. Arlington, VA. November 14, 2011.

“A Market Analysis and Decision Tree Tool for Response Analysis: Resource Transfers - Cash, Local Purchase, and/or Imported Food Aid?”

Presented to: CARE-Ethiopia. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. September 18, 2007; USAID Office of Food for Peace. Washington, DC. October 16, 2007; Malawi Food and Nutrition Security Joint Task Force: Technical Secretariat, Lilongwe, Malawi. November 20, 2007; Southern African Development Community Regional Vulnerability Assessment Committee Annual Meetings, Johannesburg, South Africa. December 3, 2007; with Robert Bell at Workshop in Partnerships on Market Analysis for Food Security hosted by United Nations World Food Programme, Johannesburg, South Africa. December 11, 2007; Global Environmental Change and Food Security Conference, Oxford England. April 1-5, 2008; with Robert Bell at International Food Aid Conference. Kansas City, MO. April 14-16, 2008.

“The Specter of Dependency in Food Aid Programming in Rural Bangladesh.” Presented at Conference for Fulbright recipients, interested parties, and the media, hosted by American Cultural Center. Dhaka. May 23, 2007.

“Enhancing the Livelihoods of the Rural Poor: The Role of Information and Communication Technologies.” Presented at Joint Overseas Development Institute and Unnayan Onneshan conference on ICTs and Poverty Alleviation. Dhaka. February 1, 2007.

“Food Aid and Dependency: Implications for Emergency Food Security Assessments” Presented at United Nations World Food Programme’s SENAC (Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessment Capabilities) Conference. Rome. November 2, 2005.

“Food Aid Targeting, Shocks and Private Transfers Among East African Pastoralists” Presented at Annual meetings of the American Agricultural Economics Association. Denver. July 2004.

## **TRAININGS**

### **Selected trainings given**

Designed and led a 2-day training of trainers workshop “Collecting and Monitoring Price Data” for the Local and Regional Procurement Learning Alliance, a consortium of US non-governmental organizations in Istanbul, Turkey. November 9 – November 10, 2010.

Designed and led a 3-day workshop “Market Information and Food Insecurity Response Analysis (MIFIRA) Workshop” in Nairobi, Kenya. June 30 – July 2, 2010.

Co-led a week-long enumerator training and survey pre-test in Marsabit Kenya. April 9-14, 2009.

Designed and led a 4-day workshop “Research using oral testimony” that taught members of Nijera Kori, a landless laborer movement in Bangladesh, ethical practices in research and interview techniques. Kushtia, Bangladesh. July 2007.

### **Selected instructional and training materials**

Erin Lentz and Christopher Barrett (2012) Market Information and Food Insecurity Response Analysis (MIFIRA) Instructional materials including 13 lectures and associated powerpoints, a syllabus, and accompanying sample spreadsheets for data analysis.

[http://dyson.cornell.edu/faculty\\_sites/cbb2/MIFIRA/course/](http://dyson.cornell.edu/faculty_sites/cbb2/MIFIRA/course/)

Erin Lentz (2011) Local and Regional Procurement Technical Guidance: Price Monitoring and Analysis. Drafted for the Local and Regional Procurement Learning Alliance. March.

[http://dyson.cornell.edu/faculty\\_sites/cbb2/MIFIRA/price\\_analysis/](http://dyson.cornell.edu/faculty_sites/cbb2/MIFIRA/price_analysis/)

Erin Lentz (2010) Local and Regional Procurement Learning Alliance Technical Guidance Sheet: Collecting Price Data: Drafted for the Local and Regional Procurement Learning Alliance. December.

[http://dyson.cornell.edu/faculty\\_sites/cbb2/MIFIRA/price\\_analysis/](http://dyson.cornell.edu/faculty_sites/cbb2/MIFIRA/price_analysis/)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Assistant and Associate Professor at LBJ School, UT Austin*

Public Affairs **397C: Evaluation Methods for Global Development and Humanitarian Assistance** (Fall 2019; Fall 2020); Public Affairs **397G: Analytical Methods for Global Policy Studies**: (Fall 2014; Fall 2015; Fall 2016; Fall 2017; Fall 2018; Spring 2020; Spring 2021); Public Affairs **388K: International Development** (Fall 2016; Fall 2017; Fall 2018; Fall 2019; Fall 2020); Public Affairs **388K: Gender and Development** (Spring 2017; Spring 2020) *Awarded 2016-2017's Best Class in Global Policy Studies by LBJ students*; Public Affairs **680: Policy Research Project Food for All** (Fall 2015; Spring 2016); Advanced Empirical Methods **397C: Food Security and Food Policy** (Spring 2015); Public Affairs **388K: Agri-food Systems, Food Security and Policy Seminar** (Spring 2021)

*Guest Lectures at UT Austin*

Bridging Disciplines Program: Human Rights and Social Justice (2018; 2019); Communicating for Policy, LBJ School (Fall 2019; 2020); Conference Course on Global Food Security, LBJ School (3 guest lectures) (2019); Public Health: Nutrition, UT School of Public Health (2017, 2018, 2019, 2021); PRP on Global Food Security, LBJ School (2017, 2018); Global Inequality and Health, Sociology Department (2018); Advanced Research Methods for Doctoral Students, LBJ School (2016, 2017); Anthropology of Development, Anthropology Department (2016); Community Social Work, UT School of Social Work (2016); Humanitarian Engineering (2021).

*Assistant Professor at Bucknell University*

International Relations 251: International Inequality and Poverty (Spring 2014); International Relations 253: Contemporary Controversies in International Development (Spring 2014); International Relations 350: Globalization (Fall 2013)

*Instructor at Cornell University*

Applied Economics and Management 6940: Special Topics Market Information and Food Insecurity Response Analysis. (Spring 2010)

*Teaching Assistant at Cornell University*

Applied Economics and Management 200: Contemporary Controversies in the Global Economy (Fall 2005); Applied Economics and Management 424: Management Strategy (Spring 2003) Nominated for College Excellence in Teaching Assistance award; Applied Economics and Management: 432: Business and Government in the Global Economy (Fall 2002)

**SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS****LBJ School / Department**

- Elected member of Dean's Search Committee, 2020 - 21
- Merit Review Committee for Non Tenure Track Faculty Activity Reports, 2020
- Chair of third-year review committee for Professor Andrew Waxman, 2020
- Member of LBJ Space Committee, 2020-21
- Elected member of Dean's Search Committee, 2019 - 20
- Member of the 2019-2020 Masters Admissions Committee
- Chair of MPAff sub-committee on communications course curriculum, 2019-20
- Committee member of LBJ Strategic Program Group, 2019
- Committee member evaluating LBJ PhD students' first year written and oral exams 2018, 2019
- Committee member evaluating LBJ PhD students' second year papers 2018, 2019
- LBJ GPS sub-committee on teaching assistant and adjunct requirements for 2018-19
- LBJ Student recruitment: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- LBJ Summer Orientation speaker and or panelist: 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020
- LBJ Economics Hire Search Committee: 2017-2018
- LBJ Curriculum review committee member for International Economics: 2017-2018
- Baines Report op-ed judge: 2017
- LBJ GPS curriculum sub-committee: 2017
- LBJ PhD Student Nuts and Bolts Speakers series: 2016.
- LBJ Skills and Subject Expertise Committee: 2016
- LBJ GPS Admissions Committee: 2015 – 2016
- LBJ in DC Academic Program Committee: 2015 – 2016
- Bucknell University International Relations course approval sub-committee: 2013-2014
- Cornell University graduate student liaison with faculty: 2003-05

**University Service**

- Lyndon B Johnson Foundation LBJ Presidential Library Grants Committee 2019-ongoing
- Elected to the South Asia Institute Faculty Advisory Committee: 2019-2021
- University of Texas Faculty Panel on Social Inequality, Health and Policy Bridging Disciplines Program: 2016 – ongoing

**EXTERNAL SERVICE****Local**

- Austin Food Environment Analysis Stakeholder Advisory Team: 2016 – 2018
- Appointed to the City of Austin / Travis County Food Policy Board: 2015 – 2017

### **National and International**

- Technical Advisory Group member for “Modelling Early Risk Indicators to Anticipate Malnutrition”, funded by United Kingdom’s Department for International Development: 2019 – ongoing
- Expert Contributor to Delphi Study on Innovation for Nutritious Food Supply Chains, hosted by the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition and the Global Knowledge Institute: 2018 – 2019
- Technical Review Panel Member for *MARKit: Price Monitoring, Analysis, and Response Kit* for humanitarian programming, with Catholic Relief Services: 2018 – ongoing
- United States Agency on International Development technical consultation on Measuring Market Resilience in Humanitarian Crises: August 2018
- Expert on Research and Methodology for Nutrition Steering Committee for “Research on Food Assistance for Nutritional Impact” funded by United Kingdom’s Department for International Development: 2014 – 2018
- Peer Reviewer for Oxfam America’s Return on Investment for Food Aid Reform Fight: May – September 2014
- Technical Review Panel Member for United Nations World Food Programme’s Purchase for Progress program: 2008 (Monitoring and Evaluation Experts Meeting); 2012 (African Economic Research Consortium’s Academic Peer Review Workshop); 2013 (External Technical Review Panel)
- Advisory Group Member for Market Analysis in Humanitarian Emergencies for International Committee of the Red Cross: December 2012 – August 2013
- Invited participant with US Government Accountability Office “Roundtable on Food Assistance Targeting.” Washington DC: May 31, 2012
- Invited roundtable participant with United Nations Special Rapporteur on Food Aid and the Right to Food. Ottawa: November 6, 2008
- Invited roundtable participant with USAID and Fintrac on the BEST Project to Revise Bellmon Analysis for Food Aid Monetization and Distribution. Washington DC: August 2008
- Invited workshop participant with United Nations World Food Programme on Price Impacts / Analysis: meeting on responses to the world food price crisis. Rome: July 29 – 31, 2008

### **Service to the Profession**

- In 2019, elected to a three-year term as Treasurer to the International Section of the American Agricultural Economics Association
- Simulation Site Judge for Network of Schools of Public Policy, Administration, and Affairs (NASPAA) simulation “Global Food Security,” Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ. February 25, 2017
- Grant reviewer for Round 2 of UK’s Department for International Development funded Innovative Metrics and Methods for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions: 2016

### **Peer Reviewer (ad hoc since 2009) (14 journals)**

*Nature: Sustainability, World Development, Journal of Development Studies, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Food Policy, Development and Change, Sociology of Development, Science of the Total Environment, Disasters, Global Food Security, South Asian Studies, Maternal & Child Nutrition, BMC Nutrition*

## **ADVISING AND STUDENT-RELATED SERVICE**

### **Dissertation Committees** (\*indicates chair)

Lila Cardell, Applied and Consumer Economics University of Illinois	2020 – present
Kelsey Abel, Engineering, UT Austin	2019 – present
Sophie Morse, LBJ School, UT Austin	2019 – present
Mark Hand, LBJ School, UT Austin	2019 – present
Eun Young Kim, LBJ School, UT Austin	2018 – present
Esther Reyes, LBJ School, UT Austin	2016 – 2018
Nisha Krishnan, LBJ School, UT Austin	2015 – 2017
Ariel Schwarz, LBJ School, UT Austin	2015 – 2016
Megan Deepti Thomas, Economics, UT Austin	2015 – 2016
Sharon Amani, Sustainability Studies, Arizona State University	2014 – 2016

**Masters and Professional Report Committees** (\* indicates chair or primary reader of professional report)

Edda Pleitez, LBJ School and UT School of Public Health	2020 –
Nicholas Brouwer, LBJ School	2019 – 2020*
J. Katherine Corley, LBJ School and UT School of Journalism	2019 – 2020
Katherine Sisler, LBJ School and UT School of Public Health	2019 – 2020*
Sarah Rush, LBJ School	2018 – 2019
Jason Umlas, LBJ School and UT School of Public Health	2018*
Kelsey Abel, LBJ School, and Engineering	2018
Marisa Calder, LBJ School	2017 – 2018*
Ghida Ismail, LBJ School	2017 – 2018*
Kathryn Lundstrom, LBJ School and UT School of Journalism	2017 – 2018
Lauren Toppenberg, LBJ School and UT School of Public Health	2016 – 2017*
Maureen Anway, LBJ School	2015 – 2016*
Swetha Ayyampalayam LBJ School	2015 – 2016 (Inc)*
Geneva Smith, LBJ School	2014 – 2015*
Nkechi Charles, LBJ School	2014 – 2015

**Conference Courses & Independent Studies**

Samira Bashar on International Development	Fall 2020
Samantha Jorgensen on Gender and Development	Fall 2020
Jasleen Kaur on Gender and International Development	Spring 2020
Vanessa Lin Hillis on Reproductive Health	Fall 2019
John Cornwell on Development Impact Evaluation	Summer 2019
Brenna Lodge on Development in Ethiopia	Fall 2018
Katrina Jill Baggerman on Conflict Indicators	Fall 2018
Marisa Calder on Assessing International Education Programs	Fall 2017
Ghida Ismail on Gender and Nutrition	Fall 2017
Jessi Stafford on Qualitative Methods	Fall 2017
Dane Ulik on Qualitative Methods	Fall 2017
Tiffany Wang (undergraduate) on Gender and Methods	Fall 2017
Caleb Rudow on Early Warning Systems	Spring 2017
Benjamin Hirsch on Localizing Development	Summer 2017
Alexandra Noble on Russian Food Security	Fall 2016
Deidre Appel on Program Evaluation	Spring 2016
Aubrey Winkie on Gender and Time Use	Spring 2016

**Professional Memberships**

American Association of Agricultural Economists: 2016 – ongoing
American Sociological Association: 2011 – ongoing

Member of Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Team of AidData, funded by USAID. 2013 – 2016

**Languages**

Bengali (intermediate)

Nepali (basic)

Spanish (basic)

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