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Education

Ph.D., Applied Economics, Cornell University
B.A. *cum laude*, Geography, Middlebury College

Fall 2010 – Spring 2016
Fall 2005 – Spring 2009

Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural, Environmental and
Development Economics, The Ohio State University

Fall 2016 –Present

Published Papers

- Bevis, Leah EM, Christopher B Barrett. (2019). “Close to the Edge: High Productivity at Plot Peripheries and the Inverse Size-Productivity Relationship,” *Journal of Development Economics*, In Press.
- Bevis, Leah EM, Felix Naschold, Tanvi Rao. (2019). “An Unequal Burden: Seasonal patterns in the intra-household distribution of health in Tanzania,” *Food Policy*, In Press.
- Kim, Kichan, Leah EM Bevis. (2019). “Soil Fertility and Poverty in Poor Countries,” *Choices*, 34(2).
- Bevis, Leah EM, Jon M Conrad, Christopher B Barrett, Clark Gray. (2017). “State Conditioned Soil Investment in Rural Uganda,” *Research in Economics* 71(2):254-281.
- Barrett, Christopher B and Leah EM Bevis. (2015). “The Reinforcing Feedback Between Low Soil Fertility and Chronic Poverty,” *Nature Geoscience*, 8(12):907-912.
- Bevis, Leah EM, Christopher B Barrett. (2015). “Decomposing Intergenerational Income Elasticity: The gender-differentiated contribution of capital transmission in rural Philippines,” *World Development* 74:232-252.
- Bevis, Leah EM. (2015). “Soil-to-Human Mineral Transmission with an Emphasis on Zinc, Selenium and Iodine,” *Springer Science Reviews* 31(1):77-96.
- Barrett, Christopher B and Leah EM Bevis. (2015). “The Micronutrient Deficiencies Challenge in African Food Systems,” in D. E. Sahn, ed., *The Fight Against Hunger and Malnutrition: The Role of Food, Agriculture, and Targeted Policies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Papers Under Review

- Measurement Error Mechanisms Matter: Agricultural intensification with farmer misperception and misreporting
With Kibrom Abay, Christopher B Barrett, R&R.
- Intergenerational Transmission of Maternal Health: Evidence from Cebu, Philippines
With Kira Villa, R&R.
- Soil and South Asian Stunting: Low soil zinc availability drives child stunting in Nepal
With Kichan Kim, David Guereña, Under Review.
- Variation in Crop Zinc Concentration Influences Estimates of Dietary Zinc Inadequacy
With Rachel Hestrin, R&R.
- Soil Characteristics Shape Crop Nutrient Concentration in Uganda
With Rachel Hestrin, Under Review.

Working Papers/Projects

- Individual & Intra-Household Effects of Universalizing Access to Subsidized Staples in Odisha
With Felix Naschold, Tanvi Rao.
- Risk, Returns and Welfare in Tanzania
With Linden McBride.

Soils and Human Selenium Status: Measuring non-separability in Malawi

With Kichan Kim.

Flooding and Child Health: Evidence from Pakistan

With Osama Sajid.

Rural Crop Yields Drive Crop Prices in East Africa

With Ann Folke Larsen.

Policy Papers

Bevis, Leah EM. (2017). “Invisible Heterogeneity in Crop Zinc Content and Child Zinc Intake in Rural Uganda,”

HarvestPlus Working Paper.

Selected Presentations

June 2019, Nordic Conference on Development Economics, Copenhagen, Denmark

May 2019, Second Annual Scottish Development Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland

February 2019, National Bureau of Economics Research: Transforming Rural Africa (NBER), Cambridge MA

- 12 papers chosen from 370 submissions

Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference (CSAE), University of Oxford: 2018, 2017, 2015, 2013

Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MIEDC), U of Minnesota: 2018, 2016

North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC): 2019 (Northwestern), 2018 (Cornell), 2017 (Tufts), 2013 (Harvard)

Aug 2017, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Conference (AAEA), Chicago.

June 2017, Annual Bank Conference on Africa (ABCA), Berkeley.

March 2017, Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), UCAL Riverside.

Aug 2016, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Conference (AAEA), Boston.

Aug 2015, International Conference for Agricultural Economics (ICAE), Milan, Italy.

May 2014, HarvestPlus and Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Kampala Uganda.

Selected Grants and Awards

2018 Linkage & Leverage Grant (\$35,000), InFACT, OSU

2014 George F Warren Award for outstanding research (\$1,000), Dyson School, Cornell

2014 Buttrick-Crippen Fellow (1 semester of Cornell funding), Knight Institute, Cornell

2012 HarvestPlus Research Grant (\$15,000)

2012 Cornell StART Research Grant (\$30,000)

2011 NSF Trainee (2 years of Cornell funding + \$14,000 research funding)

2007 Katherine Wasserman Davis Foundation Grant (\$10,000), Middlebury College

Consulting and Fieldwork

2016 Grant Review, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3IE)

2014 Commissioned Policy Paper, HarvestPlus

2013 Uganda Country Coordinator, NSF-Funded National Survey (PI Clark Gray)

2012 World Vision Program Evaluation, Humbo, Ethiopia

2011 CARE Ethiopia Cash Transfer Program Design, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2011 World Bank Workshop on Livestock Data in Africa, Rome, Italy

Teaching

Assistant Professor, Ohio State University

Applied Econometrics (AEDE 7140 Session II)

Spring 2018

Econometrics (AEDE 4002 Session I)

Spring 2018

Frontiers in AEDE: Applied Econometrics in Development (AEDE 8200 Session I)

Spring 2017

Graduate Student Primary Instructor, Cornell University

Food Systems in the Developing World (AEM 1106)

Fall 2014 – Spring 2015

Other Work Experience

2010-2012 Board of Trustees, Uganda Village Project

2009-2010 'Healthy Villages' Coordinator, Uganda Village Project, Iganga, Uganda

2008 Development Intern, New Sudan Education Initiative, Burlington, Vermont

2007 National Story Exchange, Projects for Peace Grant, Uganda

2006 Writing Teacher, Outside the Dream, Kampala, Uganda

2005 Volunteer, Open Arms Infant Transitioning Home, Blantyre, Malawi

Professional Service

Reviewer for Journals: Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Development Economics, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Food Policy, World Development, Journal of Development Studies, Agricultural Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Applied Economic Perspectives & Policy, Journal of Regional Science, Economics and Human Biology, Journal of African Economies, Food Security, Plos One.

Reviewer for Conferences: International Conference of Agricultural Economists, Northeast Universities Development Consortium 2019, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting 2019.