

Snaebjorn Gunnsteinsson - Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Experience

Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland, College Park. August 2013 - Present.

Science Fellow, Science Fellow, Jivita: A Maternal and Child Health Nutrition Research Project, Bangladesh. September 2006 - June 2007.

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Yale University, 2013

M.Phil. Economics, Yale University, 2010

M.A. Economics, Yale University, 2009

Sc.M. Biostatistics, Johns Hopkins University, 2006

B.Sc. Mathematics, University of Iceland, 2003

Publications

"Constructing Indices of Rural Living Standards in Northwestern Bangladesh", with AB Labrique, KP West Jr, P Christian, S Mehra, AA Shamim, M Rashid, J Katz and R Klemm. *Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition*, 2010.

Working Papers

"Identifying Information Asymmetries in Insurance: Theory and Evidence on Crop Insurance in the Philippines" (Under Review)

"Resilience to Early Life Shocks", with Achyuta Adhvaryu, Parul Christian, Alain Labrique, Jonathan Sugimoto, Abu Ahmed Shamim and Keith P West, Jr (Under Review)

"Formation and Destruction of Trust in Social Networks: Evidence on Insurance in the Philippines"

Work In Progress

"Impact of Child Disability on the Dynamics of Household Income and Wealth", with Herdis Steingrimsdottir

"Impact of Child Disability on Siblings Education, Occupational Choice and Income", with Herdis Steingrimsdottir

Ongoing Fieldwork

"Land Property Rights in the Philippines" (RCT on formalizing land property rights), with Dodong Gordoncillo and Andrew Beath (In field since March 2014)

"Management Training in Indian Textile Plants: Interactions of Choice and Treatment Effects", with Achyuta Adhvaryu and Anant Nyshadam (In field since November 2016)

Invited Presentations:

"Child Disability and the Dynamics of Household Income and Assets", Population Association of America Annual Meeting (Scheduled, April 2017)

"Resilience to Early Life Shocks", World Bank Poverty and Applied Micro Seminar Series, April 2016.

"Resilience to Early Life Shocks", Maryland Population Research Center, February, 2015

"Vitamin A and Resilience to Early Life Shocks: Evidence from the Interaction of a Natural Experiment and a Randomized Controlled Trial", Northeast Universities Development Conference, November 2014

"Vitamin A and Resilience to Early Life Shocks: Evidence from the Interaction of a Natural Experiment and a Randomized Controlled Trial", National Bureau of Economic Research Children's Meeting, May 15th, 2014

"Identifying Information Asymmetries in Insurance: Theory and Evidence on Crop Insurance in the Philippines"

2013: University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign; University of Toulouse; London School of Economics; University of Warwick; University of Maryland, College Park; RAND Corporation; and IFPRI

2012: NEUDC, Dartmouth, NH

2010: African Economic Research Consortium, Mombasa, Kenya

"Using field experiments to study market failures in financial markets," University of the Philippines, February 2011

Teaching Experience:

Instructor: Applied Econometrics I (graduate level), UMD, Fall 2015, Fall 2016

Instructor: Evaluating Global Development Assistance (undergraduate), UMD, Fall 2013, Fall 2015, Fall 2016

Teaching Fellow: Trade and Development (undergraduate), Yale, Spring 2010

Teaching Fellow: Economics of Natural Resources (undergraduate), Yale, Fall 2009

Teaching Assistant: Statistical Methods in Public Health (graduate), JHU, 2005-2006

Teaching Assistant: Calculus 1 (undergraduate), University of Iceland, Fall 2001

Professional Service

Serve on the Research Review Committee of Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), November 2010 - present.

Reviewer for the Journal of Labor Economics, the Journal of Agricultural Economics, the Journal of Development Economics and the Journal of Human Resources.

Awards / Honors

Active Grants

October 2012 – October 2016: Land Property Rights and Agricultural Investment in the Philippines: Experimental Evidence on Impacts and Mechanisms. 3ie Open-window Research Grant for \$785,800 (Lead Principal Investigator), with Dodong Gordocillo and Andrew Beath.

Completed Grants

Summer 2012 – Summer 2013: Trust: Formation and Social Learning. Russell Sage Foundation Behavioral Economics Research Grant, \$7,500.

Summer 2012: Asymmetric Information in Crop Insurance. Sasakawa Research Grant at the Yale Economic Growth Center, \$20,000.

Fall 2009 – Spring 2012: Hidden Information and Hidden Action in Crop Insurance and Informal Credit Markets. NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, \$19,250.

March 2010 – March 2012: Market Failure and Optimal Design of Agricultural Micro-insurance: Overcoming Information Problems and Understanding Informal Linkages. Australian Development Research Awards, \$218,000, with Christopher Udry and Gharad Bryan.

Spring 2010 – Fall 2012: Adverse Selection and Moral Hazard in Agricultural Insurance Contracts. The Geneva Association for Insurance Economics Research Grant, \$10,000.

Fellowships

Fall 2007 – Spring 2011: Yale University Fellowship
Fall 2007 – Spring 2011: The Economic Growth Center Prize, Yale University