

MEGAN LANG

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Current Employment	World Bank	Economist, Development Research Group	2022
Education	UC Berkeley	Ph.D. Agricultural and Resource Economics	2021
	UC Berkeley	M.S. Agricultural and Resource Economics	2017
	Occidental College	B.A. Economics and Diplomacy and World Affairs	2013
Teaching	UC Berkeley	Department of ARE, <i>Agricultural and Environmental Policy</i> , David Zilberman	2021
	UC Berkeley	Department of ARE, <i>Introduction to Econometrics</i> , Jeremy Magruder	2020
	UC Berkeley	Department of ARE, <i>Health and Environmental Economics</i> . Michael Anderson	2016
Publications	“Decentralized Markets for Electricity in Low-Income Countries.” <i>Journal of Public Economics</i> , 2025, 247.		
	“The Role of Market Frictions in Demand for Prepaid Electricity.” <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> , 2025, 175.		
	“Firm-Level Adaptation to Climate Change in Low- and Middle-Income Countries” with Ana Goicoechea. <i>World Bank Research Observer</i> , 2025.		
	“Psychology, Skills, or Cash? Evidence on Marginal Investments” with Edward Soule and Catherine Tinsley. <i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i> , 2024, 73 (1): 423 - 450.		
Research Papers	“Building Women’s Skills for Economic Inclusion and Resilience” with Julia Seither		
	“Cherry Picking” with Wenfeng Qiu		
	“Using Incentives to Understand Intensive-Margin Demand for Electricity”		
Research in Progress	“Mobile Money has Complementary Effects on Energy Access in Developing Countries” with Alpha Ly		
	“Understanding interlocking barriers to electrification: evidence from subsidized prepaid meters in Benin” with Arnaud Dakpogan and Alpha Ly		
Policy Writing	From Risk to Resilience Helping People and Firms Adapt in South Asia. Chapter 4 (Shutters Down: Firm Climate Risk) and Chapter 5 (Back to Business: Building Firm Resilience) with Siddharth Sharma.		
	“Tracking Jobs in Projects Focused on Clean Energy and Productive Uses of Electricity” with Anna Aghababayan and Kavita Rai		
	Digital Opportunities in African Businesses. Chapter 3: Drivers of Adoption and the Cost of Technology With Marcio Cruz, Yannick Djoumessi, Samuel Edet, and Maty Konte		

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards	2023	World Bank Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award, Wellspring Grant (\$140,000)
	2021	CEPR Structural Transformation and Economic Growth Small Research Grant (\$26,000)
	2022	King Climate Action Initiative Pilot Grant (\$75,000)
	2021	King Climate Action Initiative Proposal Development Grant (\$6,800)
	2020	Winner of USAEE Best Student Paper Competition, G2LMILIC (\$140,000), ARE Summer Grant (\$3,500), CEGA Development Economics Challenge (\$4,490)
	2019	Graduate Division Travel Grant (\$900), ARE Travel Grant (\$600)
	2018	Innovation Growth Lab (\$90,000), Weiss Fund for International Development (\$75,000), International Growth Centre (\$25,000)
	2017	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, ARE Travel Grant (\$1,600)
	2016	UC Human Rights Fellowship (\$5,000)

Prior Employment	J-PAL King Climate Action Initiative , Postdoctoral Fellow	2021–2022
	UC Berkeley , Graduate Student Instructor (David Zilberman)	2021
	UC Berkeley , Graduate Student Instructor (Jeremy Magruder)	2020
	UC Berkeley , NSF Graduate Research Fellowship	2017–2020
	UC Berkeley , Graduate Student Researcher (Ethan Ligon)	2017
	UC Berkeley , Graduate Student Instructor (Michael Anderson)	2016
	World Bank , Short-Term Contractor	2018
Navigant Economics , Consultant	2013–2015	

Talks	2025	Conferences: AERE, EAERE.
	2024	Conferences: WB-UCSD Workshop on Climate Adaptation in South Asia Seminars: Paris School of Economics, TREE seminar (Duke)
	2023	Conferences: IAFFE Annual Meeting, Environment for Development Annual Meeting
	2022	Conferences: BITTS Annual Conference, ESA Special Meeting, PacDev, CEGA Measure4Dev, AERE Annual Meeting, Workshop on Field Experiments in Economics and Business (TUM Heilbronn), NEUDC Seminars: IFPRI, World Bank Africa Gender Innovation Lab, UIUC Agricultural and Consumer Economics, Inter-American Development Bank Research Department
	2021	Conferences: CEGA Psychology and Economics of Poverty Convening, BREAD Conference on the Economics of Africa, PacDev Seminars: Brown University, Villanova University, University of Essex, World Bank Development Research Group, JILAEE, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
	2020	Virtual AFE, USAEE Virtual Best Student Paper Competition, AERE Virtual Conference, AAEA Virtual Conference
	2019	IPWSD at Columbia University, AERE at Lake Tahoe, AFE at University of Chicago

Refereeing	<i>Applied Economics Letters</i>
	<i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i>
	<i>Energy and Climate Change</i>
	<i>Energy Journal</i>
	<i>European Economic Review</i>
	<i>Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists</i>
	<i>Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics</i>
	<i>Journal of Development Economics</i>
	<i>Journal of Environmental Economics and Management</i>
	<i>Journal of Public Economics</i>
	<i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i>
	<i>World Development</i>
	<i>World Bank Economic Review</i>

Activities

2022 - 2023 AERE Scholar, CeMENT Mentee
2016 - 2021 Leadership Board, [Women in Economics at Berkeley/Berkeley Economists for Equity](#)
2018-2019 President, [Women in Economics at Berkeley](#)
2018 Co-organizer, Graduate Student Summit for Diversity in Economics
2018-2019 Co-founder, UC Berkeley Development and Environment Working Group