

# PAMELA JAKIELA

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## CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

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2020 – present Associate Professor of Economics, Williams College  
2020 – present Non-Resident Fellow, Center for Global Development

## PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

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2008 – 2012 Assistant Professor of Economics, Washington University in St. Louis  
2011 – 2017 Assistant Professor of Agricultural & Resource Economics, University of Maryland  
2017 – 2019 Associate Professor of Agricultural & Resource Economics, University of Maryland  
2018 – 2020 Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

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2008 – present Research Network Member, Innovations for Poverty Action  
2014 – present Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)  
2018 – present Affiliate, Bureau for Research in the Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)  
2020 – present Affiliate, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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2016 – present Associate Editor, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*  
2017 – present Associate Editor, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*

## EDUCATION

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1999 BA in Sustainable Development / English, Residential College, University of Michigan  
2000 MSc. in Development Studies (with Distinction), London School of Economics  
2008 PhD in Economics, Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. Xavier Giné, Pamela Jakiela, Dean Karlan, and Jonathan Morduch. (2010) “Microfinance Games,” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2(3): 60-95.

2. Pamela Jakiela. (2011) “Social Preferences and Fairness Norms as Informal Institutions: Experimental Evidence,” *American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings*, 101(3): 509-513.
3. Pamela Jakiela. (2013) “Equity vs. Efficiency vs. Self-Interest: on the Use of Dictator Games to Measure Distributional Preferences,” *Experimental Economics*, 16(2): 208-221.
4. Pamela Jakiela. (2014) “Using Economic Experiments to Measure Informal Institutions,” in *Institutions, Property Rights, and Economic Growth: the Legacy of Douglass North*, Cambridge University Press (Sebastian Galiani and Itai Sened, editors).
5. Raymond Fisman, Pamela Jakiela, and Shachar Kariv. (2015) “How Did Distributional Preferences Change During the Great Recession?” *Journal of Public Economics*, 128: 84–95.
6. Pamela Jakiela, Edward Miguel, and Vera te Velde. (2015) “You’ve Earned It: Estimating the Impact of Human Capital on Social Preferences,” *Experimental Economics*, 18(3): 385–407.
7. Raymond Fisman, Pamela Jakiela, Shachar Kariv, and Daniel Markovits. (2015) “The Distributional Preferences of an Elite,” *Science*, 349(6254).
8. Pamela Jakiela. (2015) “How Fair Shares Compare: Experimental Evidence from Two Cultures,” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 118: 40–54.
9. Pamela Jakiela and Owen Ozier. (2016) “Does Africa Need a Rotten Kin Theorem? Experimental Evidence from Village Economies,” *Review of Economic Studies*, 83(1): 231–268.
10. Raymond Fisman, Pamela Jakiela, and Shachar Kariv. (2017) “Distributional Preferences and Political Behavior,” *Journal of Public Economics*, 155: 1–10.
11. Edward J. Mills, Achyuta Adhvaryu, Pamela Jakiela, Joesphine Birungi, Stephen Okobi, Teddy Chimulwa, Wangisi Jonathan, Tina Achilla, Evan Popoff, Shirin Golchi, and Dean Karlan. (2018) “Unconditional Cash Transfers for Clinical and Economic Outcomes among HIV-Affected Ugandan Households: A Bayesian Randomised Trial,” *AIDS*, 32(14): 2023-2031.
12. Knauer, Heather A., Patricia Kariger, Pamela Jakiela, Owen Ozier, and Lia C. H. Fernald. (2019) “Multilingual Assessment of Early Child Development: Analyses from Repeated Observations of Children in Kenya,” *Developmental Science*, 22(5): e12875.
13. Pamela Jakiela and Owen Ozier. (2019) “The Impact of Violence on Individual Risk Preferences: Evidence from a Natural Experiment,” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 101(3): 547–559.
14. Knauer, Heather A., Pamela Jakiela, Owen Ozier, Frances Aboud, and Lia C. H. Fernald. (2020) “Enhancing Young Children’s Language Acquisition Through Parent-Child Book-Sharing: A Randomized Trial in Rural Kenya,” *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, 50: 179–190.
15. Uttara Balakrishnan, Johannes Haushofer, and Pamela Jakiela. (2020) “How Soon Is Now? Evidence of Present Bias from Convex Time Budget Experiments,” *Experimental Economics*, 23: 294–321.
16. Pamela Jakiela, Owen Ozier, Lia Fernald, and Heather A. Knauer. (2020) “Evaluating the Effects of an Early Literacy Intervention,” accepted after Stage 1 pre-results review at *Journal of Development Economics*. Trial Registry: AEARCTR-0004425.

17. David K. Evans (R) Maryam Akmal (R) Pamela Jakiela. (2021) “Gender Gaps in Education: The Long View,” *IZA Journal of Development and Migration*, 12(1). (R) indicates that the order of authors was randomized using the AEA’s author randomization tool.
18. David K. Evans, Pamela Jakiela, and Heather A. Knauer. (2021) “The Impact of ECD Interventions on Mothers,” *Science*, 372(6544): 794–796.

## WORKING PAPERS

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1. Andrew Brudevold-Newman, Maddalena Honorati, Pamela Jakiela, and Owen Ozier. (2017) “A Firm of One’s Own: Experimental Evidence on Credit Constraints and Occupational Choice,” *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 7977*. Trial Registry: AEARCTR-0000459.
2. Vivian Hoffman, Pamela Jakiela, Michael Kremer, and Ryan Sheely. (2018) “There’s No Place Like Home: Theory and Evidence on Decentralization and Politician Preferences.”
3. Pamela Jakiela and Owen Ozier. (2020) “Gendered Language,” *CGD Working Paper 500*.
4. Pamela Jakiela, Owen Ozier, Lia Fernald, and Heather Knauer. (2020) “Big Sisters,” *CGD Working Paper 559*.
5. Raymond Fisman, Pamela Jakiela, Shachar Kariv, and Silvia Vannutelli. (2020) “The Distributional Preferences of Americans, 2013–2016.”

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Department of Economics, University of California at Berkeley, 2003 – 2007

- Teaching assistant for PhD-level Microeconomics
- Teaching assistant for Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate)
- Teaching assistant for Development Economics (undergraduate)

Department of Economics, University of San Francisco, 2007

- Development Microeconomics (masters-level)

Department of Economics, Washington University in St. Louis, 2008 – 2010

- Behavioral Economics (undergraduate and PhD-level)
- The Political Economy of Development in Africa (undergraduate)

Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland, 2011 – 2019

- Experimental and Behavioral Economics (PhD-level)
- Global Poverty and Economic Development (undergraduate)

Department of Economics, University of Maryland, Fall 2016, Fall 2019

- Empirical Microeconomics (PhD-level, co-taught with Owen Ozier)

Department of Economics, Williams College, Fall 2020 – present

- Price and Allocation Theory (intermediate microeconomics)
- Program Evaluation for International Development

*Mini-Courses, Trainings, and Capacity Building:*

JPAL/IPA/CMF Staff Training Limuru, Kenya, 2010

Mini-Course on Experimental and Behavioral Economics, el Colegio de México, 2010

IZA/DFID/AERC Short Course on Evaluation of Training Programs, Nairobi, Kenya, 2013

World Bank SIEF Impact Evaluation Workshop, Nairobi, Kenya, 2015

Randomized Control Trials (RCTs) in Development Economics: Design and Data Analysis,  
Development Economics Summer School, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, 2019

**INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (PAST 5 YEARS)**

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- 2016: IPA Policy Conference: What Works in Improving Youth Employment Outcomes?  
Center for the Study of African Economies Conference (Oxford)  
Carey School of Business, Johns Hopkins University  
Center for Economic and Social Research, University of Southern California  
University of California, Berkeley
- 2017: Inter-American Development Bank  
Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University  
Iowa State University  
University of British Columbia  
Georgetown University
- 2018: American Economic Association Annual Meeting  
Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University  
Center for the Study of African Economies Conference (Oxford)  
University of Delaware  
Center for Global Development  
MOVE, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona  
European University Institute  
Università Bocconi  
Stanford University  
Fordham University
- 2019: BREAD/Stanford Conference on Behavioral Economics and Development  
NIMBios Workshop on Social Norms, University of Tennessee  
Keynote, Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries (Berkeley)  
IFPRI  
American University  
Harvard/MIT Development Seminar  
SIEF Brown Bag Lunch Seminar, World Bank
- 2020: American Economic Association Annual Meeting  
Williams College  
Center for the Study of African Economies Conference (canceled because of COVID)  
University of Essex (canceled because of COVID)  
NOVA School of Business and Economics

2021: Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics, University of Minnesota  
Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota

## SELECTED MAJOR GRANTS

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1. International Labor Organization Youth Employment Network, “Evaluating the Impact of the Girls Empowered by Micro-franchise Pilot in Kenya,” \$72,161, 2012–2014, with co-PIs Maddalena Honorati and Owen Ozier
2. National Science Foundation Award, “Direct and Indirect Impacts of Credit Scoring for Small and Medium Enterprises,” \$287,846, 2013–2015, with co-PIs Dean Karlan, Gharad Bryan, and Daniel Keniston
3. IZA/DFID Growth and Labour Markets in Low-Income Countries Programme Research Grant, “The Impacts of Microfranchising on Young Women in Nairobi,” €378,886.56, 2013–2015, with co-PIs Maddalena Honorati and Owen Ozier
4. National Science Foundation Award SES-1357332, “Estimating the Impacts of a Microfranchising Intervention,” \$113,092, 2014–2016, PI
5. Center for Economic Policy Research Program on Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL) Major Research Grant, “The Impacts of Microfranchising on Young Women in Nairobi,” £121,047, 2014–2016, with co-PIs Maddalena Honorati and Owen Ozier
6. World Bank Research Support Budget, “The Impacts of Microfranchising on Young Women in Nairobi,” \$99,708, 2014–2015 with co-PIs Maddalena Honorati and Owen Ozier
7. World Bank Gender Innovation Lab, “Lab Experimental Measures of Women’s Empowerment,” \$48,896, 2015–2016, with co-PI Owen Ozier
8. World Bank Strategic Research Program, “The Impacts of Microfranchising on Young Women in Nairobi,” \$80,000, 2014–2016 with co-PIs Maddalena Honorati and Owen Ozier
9. World Bank Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund, “Encouraging Multilingual Early Reading as the Groundwork for Education,” \$595,952, 2015–2019 co-PIs Owen Ozier and Lia Fernald
10. IZA/DFID Growth and Labour Markets in Low-Income Countries Programme Research Grant, “The Long-Term Impacts of Microfranchising on Young Women’s Occupational Choices,” €100,000, 2018–2020, with co-PIs Andrew Brudevold-Newman, Maddalena Honorati, and Owen Ozier

## SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

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**Sidney J. and Irene Shipman Scholarship, University of Michigan**

**Phi Beta Kappa, University of Michigan**

**Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley**

**Journal of Development Economics Award, UC Berkeley**

**American Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2018**

## OTHER INFORMATION

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Languages: English (native), Spanish (intermediate), French (elementary), Swahili (elementary)  
Citizenship: United States  
Date of Birth: September 2, 1978

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