

## Appointments and Professional Experience

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- 2019- Present    **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**  
*Mentors:* Kent D. Messer and Leah Palm-Forster.
- Department of Applied Economics and Statistics, University of Delaware  
Center for Experimental and Applied Economics, University of Delaware  
Center for Experimental & Behavioral Agri-Environmental Research (CBEAR)
- Fellow**, US Department of Agricultural Economic Research Service
- 2013- 2018    **Graduate Student Research Assistant**, University of California, Davis  
*Bundling Index Insurance and Drought-Tolerant Maize in Tanzania*  
*Health Savings Behavior in Burkina Faso: A Framed Field Experiment*
- 2012- 2013    **Graduate Student Research Assistant**, Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke University. *Water, Health and Climate Change in the Ethiopian Rift Valley*

## Education

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- 2019    **Ph.D.**, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis  
*Research Fields:* development economics, econometrics  
*Dissertation committee:* Michael Carter and Travis Lybbert, co-chairs, Aaron Smith
- 2017    **M.S.**, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis
- 2013    **M.A.**, Economics, Duke University Graduate School, Durham, North Carolina  
*Thesis committee:* Marc Bellemare and Charles Becker
- 2011    **A.B.**, Economics, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio

## Research

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Weigel, C., **L.A. Paul**, P.J. Ferarro, K.D. Messer. 2020. "Policy-Relevant Economic Experiments with U.S. Farmers Experience Low Recruitment Rates when Academics do the Recruiting." *Applied Economics Policy and Perspective*. [Full Text]

### *Under Review:*

**Paul, L.A.** "Conditional and Unconditional Yield Gains from Drought-Tolerant Maize and the Economic Implications for Farmers in Southern and Eastern Africa"

Parsons, G., **L.A. Paul**, K.D. Messer. "Demand for an Environmental Public Good in the Time of COVID-19: A Statewide Water Quality Referendum"

### *Working Papers:*

Boucher, S., M.R. Carter, T.J. Lybbert, J.G. Malacarne, P. Marennya, and **L.A. Paul**. "Achieving Development Impact with Complementary Stress-resistant Seed and Financial Technologies: Evidence from Randomized Control Trials in Mozambique and Tanzania"

Li, T, **L.A. Paul**, Messer, H. Kaiser "Willingness to Pay and Willingness to Accept give Conditional Marginal Effects"

**Paul, L.A.**, M. Kecinski, K.D. Messer, and O. Savchenko "Nudge or Sludge? An Experimental Game Illustrating How Misunderstood Scientific Information Can Change Consumer Behavior"

*Works in Progress:*

S. Wallander, **L.A. Paul**, R. Iovanna, P. Ferarro, and K.D. Messer. “Conservation Auction Behavior: Effects of Defaults and Information Timing”

**Paul, L.A.**, A.R. Siders, L. Palm-Forster, and K.D. Messer. “Managed Retreat: Coastal Residential Property Buyout”

**Paul, L.A.**, K.D. Messer. “Participation in Citizen Science for Coastal Water Data Collection: Measuring Persistence in Contributing to Public Goods”

**Selected Presentations**

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- 2019 **Presentation:** “What Does DT Maize Do? Evaluating the On-Farm Yield Performance of Drought-Tolerant Maize in Southern Africa Using High Resolution Rainfall Data” USAID, Washington, D.C.
- 2018 **Presentation:** “Less Rain, More Gain: DT Maize and Hurdles to its Adoption.” UC Davis  
**Selected Presentation:** “Rain on the Parade: Hurdles to Adoption of Maize with Weather-Contingent Advantages.” AAEA, Washington, D.C.  
**Discussant:** Impacts of Shocks on Behavior & Personality, Pacific Conference in Development Economics, Davis, CA.
- 2017 **Poster:** “Drought-Tolerant Maize Response to Precipitation.” AAEA, Chicago, IL.  
**Presentation:** “Drought-Tolerant Maize Response to Precipitation.” UC Davis Gifford Seminar
- 2013 **Selected Presentation:** “Subjective Price Expectations and Production Decisions: Rice Price Volatility in Madagascar.” AAEA, Washington, D.C.

**Selected Outreach and Media**

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- 2020 **Op-Ed, The News Journal**, “Despite COVID-19 Challenges, Delawareans Still Want to Invest in Cleaner Water”
- 2018 **Conference Coordinator**, “Partnerships to Scale Insured Drought-Tolerant Maize Seeds in Tanzania” Stakeholder Meeting, Arusha, Tanzania
- 2018 **Basis Innovation Lab for Assets and Market Access Spotlight**, “Partnerships to Scale Insured Drought-Tolerant Maize Seeds in Tanzania.” <https://basis.ucdavis.edu/people/laura-paul>.
- 2017 **Workshop Coordinator**, “Protecting Farmers Against Weather Risk: Satellite Based Index Insurance with Drought-Tolerant Maize” Stakeholder Meeting, Arusha, Tanzania
- 2016 **CGAP Working Paper**, “Resilience and Health Shocks: The potential of health savings accounts and health loans.” <http://www.cgap.org/publications/resilience-and-health-shocks>

**Teaching and Mentoring***Students:*

Tatum Casey, Project WiCCED 2020 Summer Intern

Brian Kennedy, Project WiCCED 2020 Summer Intern

Karen Dong, Project WiCCED 2020 Summer Intern

Allison Harten, Project WiCCED 2019 Academic Year Intern

*Experience:*

- 2019 **Guest Lecturer**, “Experiments in Development Economics,” for Experimental Economics (APEC 820, graduate), Applied Economics and Statistics, University of Delaware
- 2017 **Instructor of Record**, Intermediate Microeconomics, Students: 62, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis
- 2017 **Teaching Assistant**, Intermediate Microeconomics, Students: 57, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis
- 2017 **UndocuAlly Certificate**, AB-540 and Undocumented Center, University of California, Davis
- 2017 **Teaching Certificate**, Scholarly Teaching Strategies to Maximize Student Learning, Center for Educational Effectiveness, University of California, Davis
- 2012- 2013 **Graduate Program Assistant**, Benjamin N. Duke Merit Scholars, Duke University
- 2011- 2013 **Graduate Program Assistant**, Angier B. Duke Merit Scholars, Duke University
- 2009- 2011 **Assistant Teacher**, French Department, Kenyon College

**Grants and Awards**

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- 2018 Gifford Foundation Research Award, University of California, Davis
- 2017 Henry A. Jastro Research Award, University of California Davis
- 2017 Gifford Foundation Research Award, University of California, Davis
- 2013 Provost’s First Year Fellowship, University of California, Davis

**Languages and Skills**


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French (fluent), Swahili (intermediate), Stata, R, Matlab, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

**Academic Service***Reviewer:*

- American Journal of Agricultural Economics
- Journal of Environmental Economics and Management
- Applied Economics and Policy Perspectives
- Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics
- Journal of Environmental Management
- Demographic Research
- 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting (Abstract Reviewer)
- 2018 Pacific Conference in Development Economics (Abstract Reviewer)

*Other Service*

- 2017- 2018 Graduate Student Associate Instructor Mentor
- 2013- 2017 Coordinator, ARE Graduate Professional Development, University of California, Davis
- 2013- 2014 Representative, Graduate Student Council, University of California, Davis
- 2011- 2013 Member, Duke University Economic Masters Council
- 2011- 2012 Representative, Duke University Graduate Student Council
- 2012- 2013 Representative, Duke University Annual Fund Executive Committee
- 2011- 2012 Representative, Kenyon College Alumni Council