

# Leah Bevis

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## Education

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

Fall 2010 – Spring 2016

Fall 2005 – Spring 2009

## Published Papers

- 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.

## Working Papers

- Who Supplies the Nutrients? The Puzzle of Crop Zinc Heterogeneity and Low-Zinc Market Crops in Uganda  
*Job Market Paper*
- Invisible Heterogeneity in Crop Zinc Content and Child Zinc Intake in Rural Uganda  
*Under revision for a HarvestPlus Working Paper*
- Close to the Edge: Do Behavioral Explanations Account for the Inverse Productivity Relationship?  
*With Christopher B. Barrett*
- State Conditioned Soil Investment in Rural Uganda  
*With Christopher B. Barrett, Clark Gray, Jon Conrad*

## Research in Progress

- Soil Zinc Deficiency and Child Growth: An Exploratory Analysis using Data from Rural Ethiopia  
*With Kalle Hirvonen, Sam Gameda, James Warner, Tekalign Mamo, Hailu Shiferaw*
- Do Yield Drive Soil Fertility Perceptions?  
*With Julia Beražņeva, Emilia Tjernström*

## Selected Presentations

- Aug 2016, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Conference (AAEA), Boston.
- May 2016, Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MIEDC), U of Minnesota.
- Aug 2015, International Conference for Agricultural Economics (ICAE), Milan, Italy.
- Mar 2015, Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference (CSAE), University of Oxford.
- Oct 2014, Integrated Graduate Education & Research Traineeships (IGERT) Symposium, Cornell.
- May 2014, HarvestPlus and Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Kampala Uganda.
- Dec 2013, A Festschrift in Honor of Per Pinstrup-Andersen, Cornell University.
- Nov 2013, Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC), Harvard.
- Oct 2013, Integrated Graduate Education & Research Traineeships (IGERT) Symposium, Cornell.
- Mar 2013, Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference (CSAE), University of Oxford.

May 2012, Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington DC.  
May 2012, International PhD Workshop in Sustainable Development, Columbia University.

## Selected Grants And Awards

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

## Research Experience

2014 Short Term Consultant (\$5,000), 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  
2008 Research Assistant, University of Hawaii Economics Dept., Honolulu Hawaii

## Teaching Experience

Primary Instructor

Fall 2014, Fall & Spring 2015: Food Systems in the Developing World: Health, Poverty, Opportunity

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2010: Contemporary Controversies in the Global Economy

Spring 2011: International Trade Policy

Fall 2013: Investment in Global Economy

Spring 2014: Econometrics 1 (First Year Ph.D. sequence)

Spring 2015: Managerial Economics 2

## Other 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 Radio Story-Telling Project, Uganda  
2006 Creative Writing Tutor, Outside the Dream, Kampala, Uganda  
2005 Volunteer, Open Arms Infant Transitioning Home, Blantyre, Malawi

## References

Christopher B. Barrett (Principal adviser), *Stephen B. and Janice G. Ashley Professor, David J. Nolan Director, Dyson School, Cornell University*

David Just, *Professor and Graduate Director, Dyson School, Cornell University*

Shanjun Li, *Associate Professor, Dyson School, Cornell University*

Clark Gray, *Assistant Professor of Geography, University of North Carolina*

## Skills

Languages: Native English; conversational German; very basic Lusoga and Spanish

Programs: Proficient in STATA, Matlab, and Arc GIS; working knowledge of R