

Snaebjorn Gunnsteinsson - Curriculum Vitae

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Current Position

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

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"

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

Presentations:

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

"Information Asymmetries in Crop Insurance," NEUDC, Dartmouth, NH, November 2012.

"Information Asymmetries in Crop Insurance," African Economic Research Consortium, Mombasa, Kenya, December 2010.

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

Teaching Experience:

Instructor: Evaluating Global Development Assistance, UMD, Fall 2013 (current)

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 professional journals, including Journal of Agricultural Economics and Journal of Development Economics.

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, (Contract pending. Proposal amount: \$785,800 (Lead Principal Investigator), with Arsenio Balisacan and Sharon F Piza.

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