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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Dept. Economics, University of Oregon (2017-)
Assistant Professor, Dept. Economics, University of Oregon (2010-2017)

Affiliations: Abdul Jameel Poverty Action Lab; Innovations for Poverty Action
Center for Effective Global Action (Berkeley); Laboratory for Effective Anti-Poverty
Policies (Bocconi); Development Learning Lab (Michelsen Institute)
Associate Editor, *Oxford Open Economics*

Visiting positions:

CISEPS, Bicocca University, Italy (2023-2024); Dept. Economics, Bocconi University, Italy
(2019-2020)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston, MA (May 2010)
M.A., Economics, University of California, Davis, CA (2003)
B.A., Economics (*summa cum laude*), University of California, Davis, CA (2003)

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Development Economics: Financial Inclusion, Digital Finance, Health and Fertility.

PUBLICATIONS

Burlando, A, Chintagunta, P., Goldberg, J., Graboyes, M, Hangoma, P., Karlan, D., Macis, M., and Prina, S. (2022). Passing the Message: Peer Outreach about COVID-19 Precautions in Zambia. *Journal of Development Economics*, 71, 103318.

Burlando, A., Prina, S. and Kuhn, M. (2024). The Role of Credit Reports in Digital Lending: A Case Study from Mexico, *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 40, 104-117.

Burlando, A. (2023). The Intra-household Allocation of Schooling: Evidence from Uganda's Universal Primary Education Reform, *Economics of Education Review*, 97, 102466.

- Burlando, A., Bbaale, E. (2022). Fertility Responses to Schooling Costs: Evidence from Uganda's Universal Primary Education Policy, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 70 (3) 1017-1039.
- Burlando, A., Canidio, A., and Selby, R. (2021). The Economics of Savings Groups, *International Economic Review*, 62(4) 1569-1598.
- Burlando, A., & Canidio, A. (2017). Does Group Inclusion Hurt Financial Inclusion? Evidence from Ultra-Poor Members of Ugandan Savings Groups, *Journal of Development Economics*, 128, 24-48.
- Burlando, A., & Canidio, A. (2016). The Allocation of Capital in Rural Credit Markets, *Journal of International Development*, 28, 1381-1395.
- Burlando, A. & Motta, A. (2016). Legalize, Tax, and Deter: Optimal Enforcement Policies for Corruptible Officials, *Journal of Development Economics*, 118, 207-215.
- Burlando, A. (2015). The Disease Environment, Schooling, and Development Outcomes: Evidence from Ethiopia, *Journal of Development Studies*, 51(12), 1563-1584 (lead article).
- Burlando, A., Cristea, A., Lee, L. (2015). The Trade Consequences of Maritime Insecurity: Evidence from Somali Piracy, *Review of International Economics*, 23(3), 525-557.
- Burlando, A. & Motta, A. (2015). Collusion and the Organization of the Firm. *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics* 7(3), 1-33.
- Burlando, A. (2014). Transitory Shocks and Birth Weights: Evidence from a Blackout in Zanzibar. *Journal of Development Economics* 108, p. 154-168.
- Burlando, A. (2014). Power Outages, Power Externalities, and Baby Booms. *Demography* 51(4), p. 1477-1500.

WORKING PAPERS

- Burlando, A., Prina, S. and Kuhn, M. (2022). Too Fast, Too Furious? Digital Credit, Repayments and Default Rates. CEGA Working Paper #151, *Resubmitted to Journal of Development Economics*.
- Featured in VoxDev: Is faster always better? Evidence from Mexico's digital credit market. Available at <https://voxddev.org/topic/finance/faster-always-better-evidence-mexico-s-digital-credit-market>.
- Boso, R., Burlando, A., and Abdul-Ramadhan, A. (2022). State-sponsored Microcredit and Enterprise Outcomes in Ghana, *under review*.
- Burlando, A., Goldberg, J., and Etcheverry, L. (2024). Banking the Group: The Impact of Credit and Banking Linkages.
- Burlando, A., and Motta, A. (2012). Can Self-Reporting Reduce Corruption in Law Enforcement? Permanent Working Paper.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

A second chance at financial inclusion (with Silvia Prina and Mike Kuhn)

Digital Savings Groups: a large-scale evaluation in Egypt (with Jason Kerwin, Reham Rizk and Sarah Wahby)

FIT for financial inclusion (with Peter Hangoma, Jessica Goldberg, Dean Karlan, Bilal Zia)

The Ethics of Sharing Results with Research Participants (with Melissa Graboyes and Edward Miguel)

The impact of digitization of savings groups (with Elliot Collins, Jessica Goldberg and Emmanuel Tumusime)

Working Together for Change: A Gender Transformative Approach to Women's Entrepreneurship (with Kathleen Beegle, Jessica Goldberg and Jaah Mkupete)

NON-REFEREED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Burlando, A. (2010). Trends and Projections: Africa's Challenges, Past and Future. In Barrakatt, C., Burlando, A., Kariuki, J.G., Najam, A. & Sereke-Brhan, H. (eds) *Africa 2060: Good News from Africa*. Boston, MA: Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future.

Barrakatt, C., Burlando, A., Kariuki, J.G., Najam, A. & Sereke-Brhan, H. (2010) *Africa 2060: Good News from Africa*. Boston, MA: Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future.

EXTERNAL GRANTS

2024 J-PAL/Wee-DiFine (\$250,000)
Title: Measuring Impact of Group Loans and Savings Group Digital Ledgers in Savings Groups on Women's Economic Empowerment
Role: Co-PI (with Jessica Goldberg, Elliott Collins, Emmanuel Tumusiime)
Dates: 2025-2027

2023 National Science Foundation ER2 (Ethical and Responsible Research) (\$400,000)
Title: The Ethics of Sharing Results with Research Participants
Role: Co-PI (with Melissa Graboyes and Edward Miguel)
Dates: July 2023-June 2026

2023 J-PAL/Egypt Impact Lab (\$75,000)
Title: Empowering Women through Digital Savings Groups—Pilot
Role: Co-PI (with Jason Kerwin, Sarah Wahby, Reham Rizk)
Dates: June 2023-June 2024

- 2021 Digital Credit Observatory/IPA Consumer Protection Initiative (\$156,000)
 Title: A Second Change at Financial Inclusion
 Role: PI (with Silvia Prina, Mike Kuhn)
 Dates: January-December 2022
- 2018 Center for Financial Education and Capability (BBVA) (€10,000)
 Title: Milking it for All its' Worth: Digital Credit in the Dairy Sector
 Role: PI (with Jessica Goldberg and Silvia Prina)
 Dates: 2018-2019
- 2017 Center for Effective Global Action (\$260,320)
 Title: Slowing Down Digital Credit
 Role: Co-PI (with Mike Kuhn and Silvia Prina)
 Dates: 2017-2019
- Center for Effective Global Action (\$60,000)
 Title: Milking it for All its' Worth: Digital Credit in the Dairy Sector
 Role: Co-PI (with Jessica Goldberg and Silvia Prina)
 Dates: 2017-2019
- Strømme Foundation (\$180,000)
 Title: Borrowing constraints in savings and lending groups
 Role: Co-PI (with Jessica Goldberg)
 Dates: 2017-2018
- 2015 Central European University (€ 7,000)
 Title: Financial inclusion and business development of marginalized households: the case of Village Savings and Loan Associations in Uganda
 Role: Co-PI (With Andrea Canidio)
 Dates: 2015
- 2014 Danish Forum for Microfinance (\$39,920)
 Title: Borrowing constraints in savings and lending groups
 Role: Co-PI (with Jessica Goldberg)
 Dates: 2014-2017
- Strømme Foundation Development Fund (\$65,285)
 Title: Borrowing constraints in savings and lending groups
 Role: Co-PI (with Jessica Goldberg)
 Dates: 2014
- 2013 CERGE-EI/Global Development Network (\$10,000)
 Title: Financial inclusion and business development of marginalized

households: the case of Village Savings and Loan Associations in Uganda
Role: Co-PI (with Andrea Canidio)
Dates: 2013-2014

Equality Development and Globalization Studies (\$24,959)
Title: How does mobile money affect adopter's social networks?
Role: Co-PI (with Cynthia Kinnan and Silvia Prina)
Dates: 2013-2014

Institute for Money, Technology, and Financial Inclusion (IMTFI) (\$20,000)
Title: How does mobile money affect adopter's social networks?
Role: Co-PI (with Cynthia Kinnan and Silvia Prina)
Dates: 2013-2014

INTERNAL GRANTS

2022 International Research Travel Grant (\$1,000)
2019 Global Oregon Faculty Research Award (\$1,000)
2015 Stanley B. Greenfield faculty award: 2 grants for a total of \$6,500 for
"Politically motivated development" (with Shankha Chakraborty)
2013 Departmental grant: \$16,000 for development and implementation of
Undergraduate Research Abroad program in Uganda

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2013-22 Summer Research Award, Department of Economics, University of Oregon
2016 Junior Professorship Award, University of Oregon
2011 Junior Faculty Award, University of Oregon
2009-10 Graduate Fellow, Pardee Center, Boston University
2008 Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship, Boston University—\$10,000
2006-09 Research Fellow, Economics Department, Boston University
2005-07 Summer Grant, Economics Department, Boston University— \$4,000
2004-06 Fellow, African Studies Center, Boston University
2002 Presidential Undergraduate Fellowship, University of California, Davis
2001 Regents Scholar, University of California, Davis

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2023 J-PAL, Cambridge, MA; Università di Milano Bicocca, Italy; Graduate
Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland; Chr.
Michelsen Institute, Norway; BITTS Open Research Seminar, UC Berkeley

- CA (remote)
- 2022 Simon Fraser University, Canada; Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration, Ghana
- 2021 Monash University, Australia (remote)
- 2020 CEGA Faculty Retreat, Berkeley CA (remote); Università di Padova, Italy (remote)
- 2019 Agder University, Norway; Bocconi University, Italy; Università di Milano Bicocca, Italy
- 2018 University of Washington, WA
- 2016 International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington DC
- 2015 University of California Merced, CA; CalPoly State University, CA
- 2013 Oregon State University OR; University of Colorado at Denver, CO
- 2011 Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, Italy
- 2010 Bentley College, MA; Michigan State University, MI; Notre Dame, IN; Duke University Global Health Institute, NC; Center for Global Development, Washington DC
- 2009 International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington DC; Centro de Investigación y Docencias Económicas, Mexico

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 NEUDC, Boston, MA; IPA & GPRL Researcher Gathering, Evanston, IL; Africa Evidence Summit, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; European Research Conference on Microfinance, Bergamo, Italy
- 2023 Pacific Development Conference, Seattle, WA
- 2022 Northeastern Universities Development Conference, New Haven, CT; IPA & GPRL Researcher Gathering, Evanston, IL; European Research Conference on Microfinance, Glasgow, UK
- 2021 DIWA Research Convening (remote); CEGA Webinar Series (remote); ASSA Annual Meeting (remote)
- 2020 Roundtable session, ACT for Agriculture Global Conference (remote); Northeastern Universities Development Conference (remote)
- 2019 EASST Summit, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2018 EduFin Summit, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Population Association of America, Denver, CO
- 2017 Northwest Development Workshop, Vancouver, BC
- 2015 SEEP Network's Savings Groups Conference, Lusaka, Zambia; Northeastern Universities Development Conference, Providence, RI; Pacific Development Conference, San Diego, CA; American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
- 2014 Northwest Development Workshop, Portland, OR
- 2013 Institute for Money, Technology, and Financial Inclusion, Irvine, CA; Northeastern Universities Development Conference, Cambridge, MA; Latin American Econometric Society, Mexico City, Mexico; Central European

2012	Program in Economic Theory, Udine, Italy; Northwest Development Workshop, Portland, OR; Pacific Development Conference, San Francisco Central European Program on Economic Theory, Udine, Italy; Northwest Development Workshop, Eugene, OR; Midwest Economics Association, Evanston, IL
2011	DIAL Conference, Paris, France; ASSA, Denver, CO
2010	Northeastern Universities Development Conference, Cambridge, MA; American Society of Health Economists Conference, Ithaca, NY; Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer Range Future, Boston, MA
2009	Midwest Economics Association, Cleveland, OH; Eastern Economic Association, New York City, NY
2007	Boston University African Studies Conference, Boston, MA
2006	Workshop on Maize & Malaria, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Topics in Global Responses to Poverty and Policy Analysis (HC 231), Clark's Honors College, University of Oregon (2022-)

Intermediate Microeconomics (EC 311), University of Oregon (2010-)

Topics in Development Economics (EC 490), University of Oregon, (2012-)

Graduate Seminar in Development (EC 607), University of Oregon, (2011-)

Poverty and Inequality (EC399), University of Oregon (2013)

Introduction to Macroeconomics (Teaching assistant), Boston University, (2007, 2009)

DOCTORAL STUDENT ADVISING

(date refers to conferral of doctoral degree, unless stated)

Ongoing	Puja Parmar (Committee Chair), Kevin Song
2024	Shihab Siddiqui (Committee co-chair), Pramod Dudhe
2022	Joe Mitchell-Nelson, Saurabh Gupta
2021	Amna Javed (Committee chair), Luciana Etcheverry (Committee chair), Mary Kopriva, Linda Nakato (External committee, University of Agder, Norway)
2020	Michael Jerman (Committee co-chair), Ayesha Khalid, Ronaldo Manuel Gonzales (External committee, University of Agder, Norway)
2019	Kyle Wilson
2017	Rebekah Selby
2015	Benjamin Fitch-Fleischmann

MASTER'S AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

2022	Gabriella Cabrera (CHC)
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2021 Henry Hakanson (CHC)
 2019 Kabitaji Amatya (economics)
 2018 Linmei Ayala (economics)
 2017 Tia Mohanan (CHC, first reader)
 2016 Shermah Tanuwidjaja (economics)
 2015 Benjamin Nussbaumer (CHC), Gordon Mitchell (economics)
 2014 Biraj Bisht (CHC), Gian Luca Gamberini (international studies), Eric Coechlin (economics)
 2013 Derek Wolfson (CHC), Andrew Howe (M.A. international studies)
 2012 Jared Swansen (economics)

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Human Subjects Research Advisory Committee, University of Oregon (2024-2027)
 Director of the Master's Program, Economics, University of Oregon (2024-)
 Promotion and Tenure Committee, Economics, University of Oregon (2024-)
 Executive Committee, Economics, University of Oregon (2024-)
 Co-director of the Master's Program, Economics, University of Oregon (2020-2023)
 Hiring Committee, (External), Global Studies, University of Oregon (2022-23)
 Diversity Committee (chair), Economics, University of Oregon (2018-19 and 2020-22)
 Director of Master's Program, Economics, University of Oregon (2016-2019)
 Ad-hoc Committee for Masters' program, Economics, University of Oregon (2018-19)
 Co-Chair, Campus Climate Survey Climate Force, University of Oregon (2018)
 Executive Committee, Economics, University of Oregon (2017-2018)
 Diversity Committee, Economics, University of Oregon (2017-2018)
 Graduate Placement Committee (Chair), Economics, University of Oregon (2015-2016)
 Hiring committee, Economics, University of Oregon (2015, 2017)
 Graduate awards, Economics, University of Oregon (2016)
 Undergraduate Program Committee, Economics, University of Oregon (2010-2015)
 Graduate Placement, Economics, University of Oregon (2013-2014)
 Seminar Committee, Economics, University of Oregon (2010-2014)
 Coordinator, Research Abroad Program in Uganda (2013-2016)
 Participating Faculty, International Studies, University of Oregon (2011-2016)
 Faculty Affiliate, African Studies Program, University of Oregon (2010-2016)

Faculty Affiliate, Global Health, University of Oregon (2016-2018)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Scientific Committee, NEUDC (2024 meeting)

Trainer, Development Impact Lab, Norad (2023)

Organizer, Northwest Development Workshop (2023 meeting)

Scientific Committee, PACDEV Conference (2023 meeting)

Invited Researcher Selection Committee, J-PAL (2023-)

Mentor, CEGA Global Network (2020-21)

Co-Founder and Organizer, Northwest Development Workshop (2011-2016)

Grant reviewer: National Science Foundation (US), SSHRC Insight (Canada), ESRC (UK), J-PAL DAISI (US)

External tenure review: University of Oklahoma (2022), Dickinson College (2020), SUNY Buffalo (2023)

Referee: *Review of Economics and Statistics, AEJ-Applied Economics, Economic Journal, Journal Demog. Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Demography, Journal of Human Resources, Economics of Education Review, Economic Inquiry, Health Economics, International Regional Science Review, Economic Geography, Review of Economics of the Household, Children and Youth Services, Economics and Human Biology, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Economic Surveys, British Medical Journal—Public Health*

Member: American Economic Association, J-PAL, CEGA, LEAP

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent in English, Italian, Spanish; some Swahili

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Born June 23, 1981 in Merida, Venezuela; Italian and American citizen