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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor (Tenure-track) 2014-present  
Occidental College, Department of Economics

Visiting Scholar, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation 2017-2019  
University of Washington, Department of Global Health, Department of Health Metrics Sciences

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2014  
M.S. Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2010  
S.B. Biomedical Engineering, Harvard University (*Magna cum laude* with highest honors), 2005

## RESEARCH

**Fields:** Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics

### *Peer-reviewed publications*

Ngo, D.K.L. & Bauhoff, S. (Forthcoming). The medium-run and scale-up effects of performance-based financing: An extension of Rwanda's 2006 trial using secondary data. *World Development*. Also available as Center for Global Development Working Paper 497.

Ngo, D.K.L. & Christiaensen, L. (2019). The performance of a consumption augmented asset index in ranking households and identifying the poor. *Review of Income and Wealth*, 65(4): 685-952. Also available as World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 8362.

Dustan, A. & Ngo, D.K.L. (2018). Commuting to educational opportunity? School choice effects of mass transit expansion in Mexico City. *Economics of Education Review*, 63: 116-133.

Ngo, D.K.L. (2018). A theory-based living standards index for measuring poverty in developing countries. *Journal of Development Economics*, 130: 190-202.

Ngo, D.K.L., Sherry, T.B., & Bauhoff, S. (2017). Health system changes under pay-for-performance: the effects of Rwanda's national programme on facility inputs. *Health Policy and Planning*, 32(1): 11-20.

Salomon, J.A., Carvalho, N., Gutiérrez-Delgado, C., Orozco, R., Mancuso, A., Hogan, D.R., Lee, D., Murakami, Y., Sridharan, L., Medina-Mora, M.E., & González-Pier, E. (2012). Intervention strategies to reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases in Mexico: cost effectiveness analysis. *BMJ: British Medical Journal*, 344, e355.

Profit, J., Lee, D., Zupancic, J. A., Papile, L., Gutierrez, C., Goldie, S. J., Gonzalez-Pier, E. & Salomon, J. A. (2010). Clinical benefits, costs, and cost-effectiveness of neonatal intensive care in Mexico. *PLoS medicine*, 7(12), 1506.

Kroll, C. A., Lee, D., & Shams, N. (2010). The dot-com boom and bust in the context of regional and sectoral changes. *Industry and Innovation*, 17(1), 49-69.

Gakidou, E., Oza, S., Fuertes, C. V., Li, A. Y., Lee, D. K., Sousa, A., Hogan, M.C., Vander Hoorn, S., & Ezzati, M. (2007). Improving child survival through environmental and nutritional interventions: the importance of targeting interventions toward the poor. *JAMA: The Journal of the American Medical Association*, 298(16), 1876-1887.

Gakidou, E., Lozano, R., González-Pier, E., Abbott-Klafter, J., Barofsky, J. T., Bryson-Cahn, C., Feehan, D.M., Lee, D.K., Hernández-Llamas, H., & Murray, C. J. (2006). Assessing the effect of the 2001–06 Mexican health reform: an interim report card. *The Lancet*, 368(9550), 1920-1935.

### **Working Papers**

Ngo, D.K.L. & Dustan, A. Closing the STEM gender gap: Choice, access, and policies in Mexico City high schools.

Weaver, M., Nandakumar, V., Barber, R., Fullman, N., Yearwood, J., Lim, S., Lozano, R., Murray, C.J.L., & Ngo, D.K.L. Healthcare Access and Quality by Age in the United States.

### **Works in Progress**

Ngo, D.K.L. & Ashenmiller, B. The impacts of outdoor environmental education.

Sahay, Abhilasha & Ngo, D.K.L. Chronic multidimensional poverty: A multi-country study.

Ngo, D.K.L. & Christiaensen, L. Comparable asset indices: Potentials and limitations.

### **Presentations**

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| 2019 | Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, Western Economic Association International Conference, Liberal Arts Colleges Development/Economic History Conference (discussant), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management  |
| 2018 | Liberal Arts Colleges Development Conference  |
| 2017 | Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management International Conference, Italian Development Economist Association Summer School in Development Economics, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Economics Seminar, Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, Pacific Conference for Development Economics |
| 2016 | Western Economic Association International Conference<br>Workshop organizer: School Choice and Education Quality: Perspectives from Urban Centers, Occidental College   |
| 2015 | CeMENT Mentoring Workshop for Faculty in Non-Doctoral Programs, Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research   |
| 2013 | United Nations University World Institute on Development Economics Research Conference, World Bank Workshop on Poverty Predictors.  |
| 2012 | North East Universities Development Consortium  |

### **Reviewer**

*Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Development Studies, Economics of Education Review, Regional Science and Urban Economics.*

**GRANTS**

- 2019-2022 National Science Foundation Major Research Instrument: Acquisition of a High-Performance Computing Cluster for Occidental College (\$493,878) with Justin Li, Jeffrey Cannon, Janet Scheel, and Amanda Zellmer
- 2015-2020 Robinson Scholar in Economics, Occidental College
- 2017 MacArthur International Grant, Occidental College
- 2015, 2019 John Parke Young Initiative on the Global Economy, Faculty Grant, Occidental College
- 2015, 2019 Faculty Enrichment Grant, Occidental College

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2018-2019 Consultant. Beyond the Bell, Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles, CA.  
Project: *Clear Creek Impact Evaluation*
- 2012-2013 Consultant. World Bank. Development Research Group (DECPI), Washington, D.C.  
Project: *Tracking Poverty*
- 2010-2011 Consultant. World Bank. Society for the Elimination of Rural Poverty, Hyderabad, India  
Project: *Household and Community Survey in Andhra Pradesh State*
- 2013 Summer Associate, RAND Corporation, Washington, D.C.  
Project: *Pay-for-performance and health system changes*
- Graduate Student Researcher, UC Berkeley
- 2011-2012 Prof. E. Ligon, Agricultural and Resource Economics
- 2010-2011 Profs. E. Sadoulet and A. DeJanvry, Agricultural and Resource Economics
- 2009-2010 Prof. C. Kroll, Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics, Haas School of Business
- 2005-2007 Post-Bachelor Fellow, Harvard Initiative for Global Health, Boston, MA

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2014-present Occidental College: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Economic Development, Senior seminar in Health Economics, Research Seminar
- 2012 University of California, Berkeley. Summer Session: Development Economics
- 2009, '10, '12, '13 Teaching Assistant. University of California, Berkeley  
Dept. of Environment Economics and Policy:  
Intermediate Microeconomics, Environment Economics  
Dept. of Agricultural and Resource Economics: Real analysis

**SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2017 Nominated for Loftsgordon Memorial Award for Outstanding Teaching, Occidental College
- 2013 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of California, Berkeley
- 2003 Detur Prize, Harvard University
- 2001 Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, New Jersey

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Western Economic Association International  
American Economic Association

**OTHER**

Software: Stata, Matlab, R, Microsoft Office  
Languages: Native English, basic Spanish