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## Current Appointments and Affiliations

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2025 - Present Associate Professor of Population and Family Health  
2025 - Present Director, Program on Women's Empowerment Research (POWER)  
2025 - Present Secretariat, Africa POWER Consortium  
2026 - Present Faculty Member, Columbia Population Research Center  
2026 - Present Faculty Member, Center for Achieving Resilience in Climate and Health (C-ARCH)  
2023 - Present Co-Editor, *Studies in Family Planning*  
2024 - Present Invited Researcher, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)

## Past Appointments and Affiliations

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2024 - 2025 Associate Professor of Global Development Policy (with tenure), Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University  
2017 - 2025 Associate Director, Human Capital Initiative (HCI), BU Global Development Policy Center  
2020 - 2025 Director, Program on Women's Empowerment Research (POWER)  
2023 - 2025 Secretariat, Africa POWER Consortium  
2024 - 2025 Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow, University of Göttingen  
2017 - 2024 Assistant Professor of Global Development Policy, Pardee School of Global Studies  
2018 - 2021 Junior Faculty Fellow, Rafik B. Hariri Institute for Computing, Boston University  
2017 - 2022 Visiting Scientist, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health  
2020 - 2022 Sabbatical Laureate, Max Planck Institute of Demographic Research

## Education

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2012 - 2017 Harvard University  
Sc.D. Global Health Economics  
  
2010 - 2011 Barcelona School of Economics  
M.Sc. Economics  
  
2005 - 2008 McGill University  
B.A. Economics, Hispanic Studies (Joint Honours)

## Work Experience and External Service

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2016 - Present Research Associate / Principal Investigator, Innovations for Poverty Action, Malawi  
2024 - Present Consultant, Guttmacher Institute  
2023 - Present Consultant, MaxMind  
2021 - 2022 Senior Research Adviser, Howard Delafield International  
2013 - 2015, 2020 Short Term Consultant, The World Bank  
2018 - 2019 Consultant, ideas42  
2017 Consultant, Population Council  
2017 Consultant, Demographic Dividend, Population Reference Bureau / Packard Foundation

2015 - 2016	<b>Member</b> , National Academies of Sciences Working Group, Recent Trends in Fertility in Sub-Saharan Africa
2015 - 2016	<b>Member</b> , World Health Organization Technical Working Group, Financing Family Planning
2014 - 2016	<b>Consultant</b> , <i>The World Health Organization</i>
2011 - 2012	<b>Population Policy Analyst</b> , <i>Population Reference Bureau</i>
2009 - 2010	<b>Economic Analyst/Social Scientist</b> , <i>The Futures Group International</i>

## Teaching Experience

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### Columbia University:

2026 **P8617**, Research Design and Data Collection (with A. Greenleaf)

### Boston University:

2023 - 2024 **IR295**, Quantitative Methods for Global Policy  
 2018 - 2022 **IR500/480/680**, Political Economy of Human Development  
 2018 - 2024 **IR602**, Quantitative Analysis for International Affairs  
 2017 - 2022 **IR603**, Economics for Global Policy  
 2018 **IR700**, Topics in International Health and Development  
 2020 **EC522**, Development Strategy

### Previous Teaching Experience:

2013 - 2014 **Teaching Fellow, Global Health Economics: Harvard College, Professor Guenther Fink**  
 2011 - 2012 **Private Tutor: Georgetown University, George Washington University**  
 2008 - 2009 **Upper and Middle School Teacher: Lake Ridge Academy**

## Graduate School Research Experience

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2012 - 2017 **Graduate Affiliate, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies**  
 2013 - 2017 **Graduate Affiliate, Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS)**  
 2013 - 2014 **Research Assistant, Harvard Kennedy School WAPP Program**  
 2013 - 2014 **Research Assistant, Harvard Business School, Professor Nava Ashraf**

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

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2026 Abdel Ghany, J., A. A. Nur, K. L. D. MacQuarrie, J. K. Wilde, E. A. Sully, **M. Karra**, U. Gazeley, B. M. John, and L. Montana. "In the wake of USAID cuts, we can create a Demographic and Health Survey Program founded on more equitable data infrastructure and stronger research integrity." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. DOI: 10.1073/pnas.2513242123.

2026 **Karra, M.\*** and D. Canning\*. *Hormonal Contraception and Hemoglobin Levels in Urban Malawi: A Longitudinal Analysis*. Forthcoming, *Reproductive Health*. DOI: 10.1186/s12978-026-02268-2.

2026 Anukriti, S.\*, C. Herrera Almanza\*, and **M. Karra\***. "Bring A Friend: Leveraging Financial and Peer Support to Improve Women's Reproductive Agency in India." *Journal of Development Economics*. DOI: 10.1016/j.jdeveco.2025.103706. World Bank Policy Research Paper 10107. IZA Discussion Paper No. 15381.

2025 **Karra, M.** and K. Zhang\*\*. "User-Centered Approaches to Contraceptive Counseling: Experimental Evidence from Urban Malawi." *Journal of Development Economics*. DOI: 10.1016/j.jdeveco.2025.103690.

2025 **Karra, M.**, M. Hernandez, C. Brennan\*\*, and M. McConnell. "Supply-Side Innovations to Increase Equitable Access to Digital Financial Services: Experimental Evidence from Mozambique." *Journal of Development Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2025.2555199>.

2025 **Karra, M.\*** and S. RamaRao\*. "Big Data and AI in Sexual and Reproductive Health: A Comment." *Studies in Family Planning* 56 (2): 317–31. <https://doi.org/10.1111/sifp.70005>.

2025 Boydell, V.\*, F. Obare\*, and **M. Karra\***. "Navigating Change in the Family Planning and Reproductive Health Landscape." *Studies in Family Planning* 56 (1): 5–7. <https://doi.org/10.1111/sifp.70002>.

- 2025 Vincent, S.\*\*, S. Anukriti, C. Herrera Almanza, and **M. Karra\*\*\***. “Contraceptive Concordance.” *Studies in Family Planning* Special Issue on Rethinking Family Planning Measurement. <https://doi.org/10.1111/sifp.70018>.
- 2024 **Karra, M.** “Supply-Side Versus Demand-Side Unmet Need: Implications for Family Planning Programs’: A Comment.” *Population and Development Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/padr.12701>.
- 2024 **Karra, M.\*** and J. Wilde\*. “Economic Foundations of Contraceptive Transitions: Theories and a Review of the Evidence.” IZA Discussion Paper No. 15889. *Population and Development Review*, Special Issue on Contraceptive Transition Theories. <https://doi.org/10.1111/padr.12690>.
- 2024 Liddie, J.M., M.A. Bind, **M. Karra**, and E.M. Sunderland. “County-level associations between drinking water PFAS contamination and COVID-19 mortality in the United States.” *Journal of Exposure Science and Environmental Epidemiology*. DOI: 10.1038/s41370-024-00723-5.
- 2024 Maggio, D.\*\*, **M. Karra**, and D. Canning. “Family Planning and Children’s Human Capital: Experimental Evidence from Urban Malawi.” *Demography*, p. 11581796. <https://doi.org/10.1215/00703370-11581796>.
- 2024 Canning, D.\* and **M. Karra\***. “Unwanted Family Planning including Unwanted Sterilization: Prevalence Estimates for India.” *Studies in Family Planning*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/sifp.12274>.
- 2024 Meng, S., N. Halim, **M. Karra**, and P. Mozumder. “Understanding Household Evacuation Preferences during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Puerto Rico.” *Safety Science* 171: 106405. DOI: 10.1016/j.ssci.2023.106405.
- 2024 **Karra, M.\*** and D. Canning\*. “Adjusting Injectable Contraceptive Use for Months Since the Last Injection.” *Studies in Family Planning* 55 (1): 71-77. DOI: 10.1111/sifp.12256.
- 2023 Canning, D.\* and **M. Karra\***. “Unwanted Family Planning: Prevalence Estimates for 56 Countries.” *Studies in Family Planning*, Special Issue on Measurement and Indicators in Family Planning and Reproductive Health. DOI: 10.1111/sifp.12230.
- 2023 Cheng, Z.\*\*, **M. Karra**, M. Guo\*\*, V. Patel, and D. Canning. “Exploring the Relationship Between Anemia and Postpartum Depression: Evidence from Malawi.” *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 20(4): 3178. DOI: 10.3390/ijerph20043178.
- 2022 **Karra, M.**, D. Maggio\*\*, M. Guo\*\*, B. Ngwira, and D. Canning. “The Causal Effect of a Family Planning Intervention on Women’s Contraceptive Use and Birth Spacing.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 119 (22): e2200279119. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2200279119>.
- 2022 **Karra, M.** “Measurement of Unmet Need for Contraception: A Counterfactual Approach.” *Studies in Family Planning* 53 (4): 657-680. DOI: 10.1111/sifp.12216.
- 2022 Anukriti, S.\*, C. Herrera Almanza\*, **M. Karra\***, and R. Valdebenito\*\*. “Convincing the Mummy-ji: Improving Mother-in-Law Approval of Family Planning in India.” *AEA Papers and Proceedings* 112 (May): 568–72. <https://doi.org/10.1257/pandp.20221122>.
- 2021 **Karra, M.** and K. Zhang\*\*. “User-Centered Counseling and Male Involvement in Contraceptive Decision-Making: Protocol for a Randomized Controlled Trial.” *JMIR Research Protocols* 10(4): e24884. DOI: 10.2196/24884.
- 2021 de Silva, R., S. Huber-Krum, A. Samarasekera, **M. Karra**, E. Pearson, H. Senanayake, D. Canning, and I. Shah. “Provider perspectives in implementing the Postpartum Intrauterine Device Initiative in Sri Lanka: A qualitative study.” *BMJ Sexual and Reproductive Health*. DOI: 10.1136/bmjshr-2020-200876.
- 2020 Anukriti, S.\*, C. Herrera Almanza\*, P. K. Pathak\*, and **M. Karra\***. “Curse of the Mummy-ji: The Influence of Mothers-in-law on Women in India.” *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. 102(5): 1328-1351. DOI: 10.1111/ajae.12114.
- 2020 **Media Coverage:** BBC, CNN News18, Live Mint, ThePrint, IndiaSpend, NEU News, Ideas for India
- 2020 **Karra, M.**, D. Canning. “The Effect of Improved Access to Family Planning in Postpartum Women: Protocol for a Randomized Controlled Trial.” *JMIR Research Protocols* 9(8): e16697. DOI: 10.2196/16697.
- 2020 **Karra, M.**, D. Canning, and R. Sato. “Adding Measurement Error to Location Data to Protect Subject Confidentiality While Allowing for Consistent Estimation of Exposure Effects.” *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series C (Applied Statistics)*. 69(5): 1251-1268. DOI:10.1111/rssc.12439.
- 2020 **Karra, M.** and E. Sandoe\*\*. “A Polling Experiment on Public Opinion on the Future Expansion of Medicare and Medicaid.” *Health Services Research*. 55(4): 578-586. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6773.13295>.
- 2020 Pearson, E., L. Senderowicz, E. Pradhan, J. Francis, P. Muyangizi, I. Shah, D. Canning, **M. Karra**, N. Ulenga, T. Baernighausen. “Effect of a Postpartum Family Planning Intervention on Postpartum Interuterine Device Counseling and Choice: Evidence from a Cluster-Randomized Trial in Tanzania.” *BMC Women’s Health*. 20(1): 102. DOI:10.1186/s12905-020-00956-0.
- 2020 Miller, R.\* and **M. Karra\***. “Birth Spacing and Child Health Trajectories.” *Population and Development Review*. 46(2): 347-371. DOI: 10.1111/padr.12335.
- 2019 **Karra, M.**, E. Pearson, E. Pradhan, R. de Silva, A. Samarasekera, D. Canning, I. Shah, D. Weerasekera, H. Senanayake. “The Effect of a Postpartum IUD Intervention on Counselling and Choice: Evidence from a

- Cluster-Randomized Stepped-Wedge Trial in Sri Lanka.” *Trials*. 20(1): 407. DOI: 10.1186/s13063-019-3473-6.
- 2019 **Karra, M.**, and G. Fink. “Long Run Height and Education Implications of Early Life Growth Faltering: A Synthetic Panel Analysis of 425 Birth Cohorts in 21 Low- and Middle-Income Countries.” *BMC Public Health*. 19(1): 876. DOI: 10.1186/s12889-019-7203-5.
- 2019 Goyal, N.\*\*, **M. Karra**, and D. Canning. “Early-Life Exposure to Ambient Fine Particulate Air Pollution and Infant Mortality: Pooled Evidence from 43 Low- and Middle-Income Countries.” *International Journal of Epidemiology*. 48(4): 1125-1141. DOI: 10.1093/ije/dyz090.
- 2019 Sripad, P.\*, **M. Karra\***, C. Warren, and M. Hindin. “Assessing the role of women’s autonomy and acceptability of intimate partner violence in maternal health-care utilization in 63 low- and middle-income countries.” *International Journal of Epidemiology*. 48(5): 1580-1592. DOI: 10.1093/ije/dyy299/5309028.
- 2018 **Karra, M.**, E. Pearson, D. Canning, I. Shah, R. de Silva, and A. Samarasekera. “Ethnolinguistic Concordance and the Receipt of Postpartum IUD (PPIUD) Counseling Services in Sri Lanka.” *International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*. 44(4): 133-145. DOI: 10.1363/44e6918.
- 2018 Haber, N., E.R. Smith, K. Andrews, R. Audy, W. Bell, A.T. Brennan, A. Breskin, J. Kane, **M. Karra**, E. McClure, E. Moscoe, E.A. Suarez. “Causal language and strength of inference in academic and media articles shared in social media (CLAIMS): A systematic review.” *PLOS One*. 13(5) :e0196346. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0196346.
- 2018 Finlay, J., Y. Efevbera, J. Ndikubagenzi, **M. Karra**, D. Canning. “Reframing the Measurement of Women’s Work in the Sub-Saharan African Context.” *Work, Employment and Society*. 33(3): 518-528. DOI: 10.1177/0950017018774245.
- 2017 **Karra, M.**, D. Canning, S. Foster, I. Shah, H. Senanayake, U.D.P. Ratnasiri. “Location and Content of Counselling and Acceptance of Postpartum IUD in Sri Lanka.” *Reproductive Health*. 14(1): 42. DOI: 10.1186/s12978-017-0304-7.
- 2017 **Karra, M.**, S.V. Subramanian, and G. Fink. “Height among Healthy Children in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: An Assessment.” *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*. 105(1): 121–126. DOI: 10.3945/ajcn.116.136705.
- 2017 **Karra, M.\***, D. Canning\*, and J. Wilde\*. “The Effect of Fertility Decline on Economic Growth in Africa: A Macrosimulation Model.” *Population and Development Review*. 43(S1): 237-263. DOI: 10.1111/padr.12009.  
*Top Downloaded Article, Population and Development Review, 2017-2018*
- 2016 **Karra, M.**, D. Canning, J. Hu, M. Ali, C. Lissner. “Community-Based Financing of Family Planning in Developing Countries: A Systematic Review.” *Studies in Family Planning*. 47(4): 325–339. DOI: 10.1111/sifp.12000.
- 2016 Canning, D., I. Shah, E. Pearson, E. Pradhan, **M. Karra**, L. Senderowicz, T. Baernighausen, D. Spiegelman, A. Langer. “Institutionalizing postpartum intrauterine device services in Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Nepal: Study protocol for a cluster-randomized stepped wedge trial.” *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*. 16: 362–373. DOI: 10.1186/s12884-016-1160-0.
- 2016 **Karra, M.**, G. Fink, and D. Canning. “Facility Distance and Child Mortality: A Multi-Country Study of Health Facility Access, Service Utilization, and Child Health Outcomes.” *International Journal of Epidemiology*. 46(3): 817-826. DOI:10.1093/ije/dyw062.
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\*\*\* Denotes senior author.

## Book Chapters

- 2024 Gausman J, K. Barker, **M. Karra**, and A. Langer. “Sexual and Reproductive Health.” In: *The Handbook of Health Behavior Change*. 6th ed. Springer Publishing Company.
- 2015 “Economic Effects of the Demographic Dividend” (with D. Canning, J. Wilde, D. L. Newhouse, P. Eloundou-Enyegue, Y. Cho, B. Tien, D. Robalino, and C. Wolff), in *Africa’s Demographic Transition: Dividend or Disaster?* Eds. Canning, D., S. Raja, and A. S. Yazbeck, Africa Development Forum Series. Washington, DC: World Bank. doi:10.1596/978-1-4648-0489-2.

## Replication Datasets

2026

- Karra, M.** and D. Canning. "Replication Data for 'Hormonal Contraception and Hemoglobin Levels in Urban Malawi: A Longitudinal Analysis.'" <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/6QOCSY>, Harvard Dataverse, V1.
- 2026 **Karra, M.** "Replication Data for 'Measurement of Unmet Need for Contraception: A Counterfactual Approach.'" <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/TPESIQ>, Harvard Dataverse, V1.
- 2025 **Karra, M.**, S. Anukriti, and C. Herrera Almanza. "Replication Data for 'Bring A Friend: Leveraging Financial and Peer Support to Improve Women's Reproductive Agency in India.'" <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/3FTCI>, Harvard Dataverse, V1.
- 2025 **Karra, M.** and K. Zhang. "Replication Data for 'User-Centered Approaches to Contraceptive Counseling: Experimental Evidence from Urban Malawi'" <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/ZD2B9E>, Harvard Dataverse, V1.
- 2025 **Karra, M.**, M. Hernandez, C. Brennan, and M. McConnell. "Replication Data for 'Supply-Side Innovations to Increase Equitable Access to Digital Financial Services: Experimental Evidence from Mozambique'" <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/LXRBOU>, Harvard Dataverse, V1.
- 2025 **Karra, M.**, S. Vincent, S. Anukriti, and C. Herrera-Almanza. "Replication Data for 'Contraceptive Concordance'" <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/JKCTFR>, Harvard Dataverse, V1.
- 2025 **Karra, M.** and D. Canning. "Replication Data for 'Unwanted Family Planning including Unwanted Sterilization: Prevalence Estimates for India'" <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/S62HJC>, Harvard Dataverse, V1.
- 2025 **Karra, M.** and D. Canning. "Replication Data for: 'Adjusting Injectable Contraceptive Use for Months Since the Last Injection'" <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/8KRLKC>, Harvard Dataverse, V3.
- 2022 **Karra, M.** and D. Canning. "Replication Data for: 'The causal effect of a family planning intervention on women's contraceptive use and birth spacing.'" <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/KNNYZN>. Harvard Dataverse, V1.
- 2022 Anukriti, S., C. Herrera-Almanza, **M. Karra**, and R. Valdebenito. "Data and Code for: 'Convincing the Mummy-ji: Improving Mother-in-Law Approval of Family Planning in India.'" Nashville, TN: American Economic Association. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E169141V1>.
- 2022 **Karra, M.**, D. Canning, and R. Sato. "Replication Data for: 'Adding measurement error to location data to protect subject confidentiality while allowing for consistent estimation of exposure effects.'" <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/VHBLVA>. Harvard Dataverse, V1.
- 2022 **Karra, M.**, S. Anukriti, C. Herrera Almanza, and P. K. Pathak. "Replication Data for: 'Curse of the Mummy-ji: The Influence of Mothers-in-Law on Women in India.'" <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/XLYVU3>. Harvard Dataverse, V1.

## Working Papers / In Progress

- 2026 Adesina, A., A. Kalamar, E. Weissman, **M. Karra**, E. Pearson, and E. Sully. *Returns on investment in family planning across 54 low- and middle-income countries: A demographic and economic modeling study*.
- 2026 **Karra, M.**, B. Bellows, P. Chopra, L. Montana, I. Speizer, E. Sully, K. Holt, J. Gausman, K. MacQuarrie, and S. Vincent.\*\* *Testing New Measures of Preference-Behavior Alignment in Family Planning: Evidence from a Survey Experiment*.
- 2026 **Karra, M.**, J. Wilde, D. Canning, and S. Vincent\*\*. *An Economic Theory of Family Planning*.
- 2026 Pechar, S.\*\*, D. Maggio, and **M. Karra**. *Family Planning and the (In)Stability of Fertility Preferences in Urban Malawi*.
- 2026 Montas, M.\*\*, S. Vincent\*\*, and **M. Karra**. *The Causal Effects of Counseling Quality on Reproductive and Fertility Outcomes: Evidence from a Family Planning Intervention in Malawi*.
- 2026 Herrera Almanza, C.\* and **M. Karra**\*. *Determinants of Family Planning Access and Use in Lower-Income Countries*. In: *The Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Fertility and Reproductive Health*, Oxford University Press.
- 2025 **Karra, M.** *Revisiting Supply-Side Versus Demand-Side Unmet Need: A Global Analysis* (Submitted, *Population and Development Review*).
- Karra, M.**, M. Del Bono, W. Cunningham, S. Gupta, and J. Wilde. *Liberian Women Count: Evidence from a Macrosimulation of the Gender Dividend* (World Bank Policy Research Paper 10425.).
- Anukriti, S.\*, C. Herrera Almanza\*, S. Hossain\*\*, and **M. Karra**\*. *Son Preference, Intergenerational Household Dynamics, and Women's Mental Health in India* (Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Development Economics*).
- 2024 **Karra, M.**, D. Maggio\*\*, and D. Canning. *Family Planning, Women's Employment, and Household Labor*

- Supply (Working paper, Submitted, *Journal of Development Economics*).
- Cardona, C., K. Zhang, P. Anglewicz, and **M. Karra**. *Attribute-Method Contraceptive Concordance: Cross-Sectional and Panel Evidence from Urban Malawi*. (In progress).
- Cardona, C., E. Gummerson, **M. Karra**, and P. Anglewicz. *Does Contraceptive Use Facilitate Women's Economic Empowerment? Evidence from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Nigeria, and Burkina Faso*. (In progress).
- 2023 Wilde, J. and **M. Karra**. *Twenty-Five Years of the Demographic Dividend: A Critical Reflection and Beyond*. (Manuscript draft in preparation for the *Population and Development Review* 50th Anniversary Special Issue).
- Wilde, J. and **M. Karra**. *Savings and the Demographic Dividend* (Working paper.).
- Karra, M.\*** and S. Mako\*. *Exploring the Effect of the Iraq War on Women's Health Care Seeking Behavior and Well-Being* (Manuscript draft in preparation for submission to *Social Science and Medicine*).
- 2022 Liu, Y.\*\*, L. Were. and **M. Karra**. *A Comparison of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Western Medicine in the Management of Chronic Conditions in China* (In progress).
- Radin, M.\*\*, **M. Karra**, S. Mapila, N. Madise, and B. Wong. *A cost-benefit analysis of a post-partum family planning intervention in Malawi* (Working paper. In preparation for submission.).
- 2020 Canning, D., **M. Karra**, R. Dayalu, M. Guo\*\*, and D.E. Bloom. *The association between age, COVID-19 symptoms, and social distancing behavior in the United States* (MedRxiv working paper, revise and resubmit at *PLOS One*).
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 \*\* **Denotes student / post-doctoral fellow author.**

## Policy Briefs, Technical Reports, Blog Posts, Op-Eds, and Media

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- 2026 Anukriti, S.\*, C. Herrera Almanza\*, and **M. Karra**. \* "Peer support boosts reproductive agency where vouchers fall short." *VoxDev*. 21 Apr 2026.
- 2024 **Karra, M.** *PNAS Front Matter* Expert Interview on "Fertility Transitions in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: The Role of Preferences" with Carolyn Wilke. 16 Oct 2024.
- 2024 Herrera Almanza, C., **M. Karra**, and A. Paola Paredes. *Community-Based Family Planning Distribution through PLAFAM in Venezuela: A Scoping Assessment*. Maxmind Technical Report.
- 2023 **Karra, M.** *Nature*. Expert Interview on "Diminishing benefits of urban living for children and adolescents' growth and development" with Lauren Young. *Scientific American*. 31 Mar 2023.
- 2023 Arbuzova, A.\*\*, T. Getahun, A. A. Malik, and **M. Karra**. *Gendered Differences in Mobility and the Demand for Transport in Ethiopia*. International Growth Centre (IGC) Policy Brief.
- 2023 Arbuzova, A.\*\*, T. Getahun, A. A. Malik, and **M. Karra**. *Need a Ride? Understanding Gender Differences in the Demand for Travel in Urban Ethiopia*. International Growth Centre (IGC) Blog Post.
- 2023 **Karra, M.** *Around the Halls: Maternal and Child Health: Developments and Setbacks in 2022*. BU Human Capital Initiative Blog Post.
- 2022 Maggio, D.\*\*, **M. Karra**, and D. Canning. *Access to Family Planning Services Improves Child Growth Patterns and Cognitive Development Findings from the Malawi Family Planning Study (MFPS)*. BU Global Development Policy Center Brief.
- 2022 **Karra, M.**, L. Aquino\*\*, A. Arbuzova\*\*, and Y. Kurt\*\*. *Around the Halls: Human Capital Initiative Summer 2022 Fieldwork*. BU Human Capital Initiative Blog Post.
- 2022 **Karra, M.** *Around the Halls: The State of Human Capital Development After Two Years of COVID-19, Maternal and Child Health*. BU Human Capital Initiative Blog Post.
- 2021 **Karra, M.**, D. Canning, D. Maggio\*\*, M. Guo\*\*, and B. Ngwira. *Increased Access to Postpartum Family Planning Services Encourages Modern Contraceptive Use and Healthy Birth Spacing: Findings from the Malawi Family Planning Study (MFPS)*. BU Global Development Center Policy Brief.
- 2021 Maggio, D.\*\*., **M. Karra**, D. Canning, M. Guo\*\*, and B. Ngwira. *Increased Access to Postpartum Family Planning Services Encourages Modern Contraceptive Use and Healthy Inter-Birth Intervals*. *Economics That Really Matters* Blog Post.
- 2021 **Karra, M.** and K. Zhang\*\*. *Understanding Women's Preferences for and Use of Family Planning in Urban Malawi*. BU Global Development Center Policy Brief.
- 2021 **Karra, M.** "Devising Ways to Measure Unmet Need in Family Planning: A Thought Experiment." *BU Global Development Policy Center*. Blog Post. 2 August 2021. <https://www.bu.edu/gdp/2021/08/02/devising-ways-to-measure-unmet-need-in-family-planning-a-thought-experiment>.
- 2021 Zhang, K.\*\* and **M. Karra**. "Tailored couples counseling helps Malawian women choose contraceptives" BU Rafik B. Hariri Institute. Blog Post. 25 May 2021. <https://www.bu.edu/hic/2021/05/25/tailored->

- couples-counseling-helps-malawian-women-choose-contraceptives.
- 2021 **Karra, M.** “Prioritising maternal and child health in the COVID-19 era.” *Open Access Government*. Blog Post. 14 April 2021. <https://www.openaccessgovernment.org/maternal-and-child-health-2/108570>.
- 2021 Radin, M. and **M. Karra**. *A Cost-Benefit Analysis of Postpartum Family Planning Counseling in Malawi*.
- 2019 Kohler, H. P. and **M. Karra**. *The Benefits and Costs of Scaling up Family Planning in Africa*. Copenhagen, Denmark: Copenhagen Consensus Center Policy Brief.  
**Media Coverage:** *The Economist* (November 2019)
- 2013 Belohlav, K. and **M. Karra**. *Household Decisionmaking and Contraceptive Use in Zambia*. Washington, DC: PopPov Network Policy Brief, Population Reference Bureau.
- 2012 **Karra, M.** and M. Lee. *The Economics of Reproductive Health in Accra, Ghana*. Washington, DC: PopPov Network Policy Brief, Population Reference Bureau.
- 2012 **Karra, M.** and J. Gribble. *Costs of Induced Abortion and Cost-Effectiveness of Universal Access to Modern Contraceptives in Uganda*. Washington, DC: PopPov Network Policy Brief, Population Reference Bureau.
- 2012 **Karra, M.** and M. Lee. *The Effects of an Economic Crisis on Contraceptive Use*. Washington, DC: PopPov Network Policy Brief, Population Reference Bureau.
- 2012 **Karra, M.** and M. Lee. *Human Capital Consequences of Teenage Childbearing in South Africa*. Washington, DC: PopPov Network Policy Brief, Population Reference Bureau.
- 2010 Foreit, K., **M. Karra**, and T. Pandit-Rajani. *Disentangling the Effects of Poverty and Place of Residence for Strategic Planning*. Washington, DC: Futures Group, Health Policy Initiative, Task Order 1.
- 2010 **Karra, M.**, S. Sharma, and M. Vargas. *Fostering Public-Private Partnerships to Reduce Health Inequities in Peru*. Washington, DC: Futures Group, Health Policy Initiative, Task Order 1.
- 2009 Sharma, S. and **M. Karra**. *Effective Policy Approaches to Address Inequities in Health: Examples from Jordan and Egypt*. IUSSP Health Equity Conference Paper, November 2–4.

## Ongoing Research

- 2026 Liddie, J., X. Hu, and **M. Karra**. *The Causal Impact of US State-Level Regulations on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance Concentrations in Community Water Systems*.
- 2026 **Karra, M.** and S. Vincent.\*\* *Decomposing the Mechanisms of Integrated Family Planning Interventions: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial in Malawi*.
- 2026 **Karra, M.** and S. Vincent.\*\* *Pooling Experimental Evidence to Evaluate the Causal Impact of Family Planning Interventions on Fertility, Reproductive Health, and Well-Being*.
- 2025 Vincent, S.\*\*, C. Herrera Almanza, N. Sawadogo, R. Babaekpa, E. Anahata, H. Ceyrac, P. Phillips-Howard, J. Rubli, and **M. Karra**. *A Landscape Assessment of the Menstrual Health and Hygiene Management Environment in Urban Burkina Faso: Findings from a Mixed-Methods Analysis*.
- 2024 Fitzpatrick, A. A. Sameere, X. Liu, M. Dieci, and **M. Karra**. *Testing Community-Led Outreach Clinics to Improve Health in Rural Areas in Uganda*.
- 2024 Marshall, J., D. Groves, N. Osalador, and **M. Karra**. *A National-Scale Field Experiment on Radio Messaging and Family Planning in Nigeria*.
- 2023 Anglewicz, P., S. Ahmed, C. Cardona, C. Karp, C. Herrera Almanza, and **M. Karra**. *Randomised Controlled Trials of Marie Stopes International’s Public Service Strengthening (PSS) and Outreach in Northern Nigeria and DRC*.
- 2022 **Karra, M.**, A. Malik, A. Arbuzova\*\*, and T. Getahun. *Gendered Differences in Mobility and the Demand for Transport: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Urban Ethiopia*.
- 2021 Ahumada Paras, A.\*, M. Fiszbein\*, N. Guida-Johnson\*, and **M. Karra\***. *Poverty, Human Capital, and Unemployment*.
- 2020 **Karra, M.**, Y. Kurt\*\*, and K. Zhang\*\*. *User-Centered Counseling and Male Involvement in Contraceptive Decision-Making: Long-Term Evidence from a Field Experiment in Urban Malawi*.  
**Karra, M.**, L. Aquino\*\*, T. Gautier\*\*, and D. Mookherjee. “Can I get that in writing?” *Lessons from a Contracting Field Experiment in Urban Malawi*.
- 2018 Anukriti, S.\*, C. Herrera-Almanza\*, and **M. Karra\***. *The causal impact of social networks on young women’s reproductive health, fertility, and well-being: Evidence from a field experiment in rural India*.
- 2017 **Karra, M.**, H. Leslie, M. Kruk, and D. Canning. *Assessing the Relationship between Service Provision Quality, Family Planning Use, and Fertility Intentions in Malawi*.
- 2014 Shah, I., D. Canning, T. Baernighausen, et al. *Studying the impact and performance of institutionalizing immediate postpartum IUD services as a routine part of antenatal counselling and delivery room services in Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Nepal*.

## Fieldwork

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2021 - Present	<b>Ethiopia Women's Transport Study, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</b> Collaboration with EconInsight Center for Development Research, Ethiopia Ministry of Transport, Addis Ababa City Roads Authority, International Growth Centre (IGC).
2016 - Present	<b>Malawi Family Planning Study, Lilongwe, Malawi</b> Collaboration with Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), Malawi Reproductive Health Directorate (RHD) and Population Services International (PSI Malawi).
2019 - Present	<b>Malawi Behavioral Biases Study, Lilongwe, Malawi</b> Collaboration with Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Malawi, Malawi Reproductive Health Directorate (RHD) and Population Services International (PSI Malawi).
2019 - 2025	<b>Malawi Print Shop Study, Lilongwe, Malawi</b> Collaboration with Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Malawi, Malawi Stationery Association.
2018 - 2020, 2022 - Present	<b>Jaunpur Social Networks Study, Jaunpur MIL-DIL Study, Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh, India</b> Collaboration with World Bank, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign.
2014 - 2020	<b>Immediate Postpartum IUD (PPIUD) Study, Sri Lanka, Nepal</b> Collaboration with Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (SLCOG) in Sri Lanka and Center for Research on Environment Health and Population Activities (CREHPA) in Nepal.
2018 - 2020	<b>Willows Reproductive Health Study, Turkey, Pakistan, Tanzania, Ghana</b>
2013 - 2015	<b>Burundi Family Planning Study, Bujumbura, Burundi</b> Collaboration with Health Systems and Development Consult (HSD Consult), Burundi Ministry of Health (MOH), National Program of Reproductive Health (PNRSR), and Population Services International (PSI Burundi).

## Individual Grants, Fellowships, Honors

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2024 - 2025	Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship (sabbatical funding), <i>Göttingen, Germany</i>
2020 - 2022	Max Planck Sabbatical Award Laureate (EUR €150,000)
2017 - 2018	Boston University Blended Learning Challenge (BLC) Teaching Fellowship (USD \$5,000)
2015	Clarence James and Sarah Bradley Gamble Endowment Scholarship (\$5,000)
2015	Uwe Brinkmann Memorial Travel Fellowship (USD \$2,500)
2015, 2016	Harvard Center for African Studies Summer Grant (USD \$5,000 x 2)
2014 - 2015	Dillon Family Fellowship (USD \$10,000)
2014	Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS) Research Grant (USD \$3,000)
2013, 2014	Harvard Center for African Studies J-Term Grant (USD \$4,000 x 2)
2013 - 2014	Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies Seed Grant (USD \$10,000)
2013	Michael von Clemm Traveling Fellowship, <i>Bujumbura, Burundi</i> (USD \$1,500)
2012 - 2014	John F. and Virginia B. Taplin Fellowship (Tuition, 2 years)

## Funded Research

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2025 - 2026	<b>Testing New Measures of Preference-Behavior Alignment in Family Planning and Reproductive Health Decision-Making</b> Role: Principal Investigator Funders: HCI Incubation Award USD \$13,700
2025 - 2027	<b>Testing Community-Led Outreach Clinics to Improve Health in Rural Areas</b> Role: Co-Principal Investigator Funders: J-PAL Gender and Economic Agency (GEA) Initiative Prime Award to IPA Uganda: USD \$240,000 Funders: The Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics Prime Award to BU: USD \$81,378
2023 - 2027	<b>Randomised Controlled Trials of Marie Stopes International's Public Service Strengthening (PSS) and Outreach in Northern Nigeria and DRC</b> Role: Co-Principal Investigator Funders: MaxMind and Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) Prime Award: USD \$3,900,000, Sub-Award to BU: USD \$87,521.90

2023 - 2027 **The Africa POWER Consortium**  
 Role: Principal Investigator  
 Funder: The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation  
 Amount: USD \$1,000,000 (2023 - 2025), \$1,400,000 (2025 - 2027)

2023 - Present **BU & Scope 3 Emissions: Measuring Water Consumption Levels**  
 Role: Co-Principal Investigator  
 Funder: BU Campus Climate Lab  
 Amount: USD \$4,250 (Summer 2023), \$2,376 (Fall 2023)

2022 - 2023 **Gendered Differences in Mobility and the Demand for Transport: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Urban Ethiopia**  
 Role: Principal Investigator  
 Funder: International Growth Centre (IGC)  
 Amount: GBP £18,400  
 Funder: BU Initiative on Cities (IOC)  
 Amount: USD \$9,100  
 Funder: Pardee School Faculty Research Grant  
 Amount: USD \$9,225

2021 - 2025 **Networks and Global Health: Longer-Term Evidence of Women's Social Networks, Reproductive Health, and Well-Being in Rural India**  
 Role: Co-Principal Investigator  
 Funder: World Bank  
 Amount: USD \$100,000 (2021 - 2023), USD \$100,000 (2023 - 2025)

2021 - 2022 **Understanding Low-Income Traps: The Long-term Effects of Poverty on Human Capital and Development**  
 Role: Co-Principal Investigator  
 Funder: BU Global Development Policy Center  
 Amount: USD \$15,000

2020 - 2022 **The Impact of Gendered Transport on Women's Empowerment, Mobility, and Market Access: Evidence from a Field Experiment**  
 Role: Principal Investigator  
 Funder: Max Planck Institute of Demographic Research (MPIDR)  
 Amount: EUR €150,000

2020 - 2022 **Networks and Global Health: Experimental Evidence of Women's Social Networks, Reproductive Health, and Well-Being in Rural India**  
 Role: Principal Investigator  
 Funder: BU Global Programs and BU Foundation-India (BUFI)  
 Amount: USD \$29,500

2020 - 2023 **The Program on Women's Empowerment Research (POWER)**  
 Role: Principal Investigator  
 Funder: The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation  
 Amount: USD \$500,000

2019 - 2020 **"Can I get that in writing?" Lessons from a Contracting Field Experiment in Urban Malawi**  
 Role: Principal Investigator  
 Funder: BU Hariri Institute of Computing  
 Amount: USD \$29,912

2018 - 2020 **Women's Decision-Making and Empowerment in Reproductive Health: Experimental Evidence from Malawi and India**  
 Role: Principal Investigator  
 Funder: The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation  
 Amount: USD \$100,000

2017 - 2019 **The Impact of a Comprehensive Family Planning Intervention in Malawi: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial**  
 Role: Co-Principal Investigator  
 Funder: The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation  
 Amount: USD \$275,000

2017 - 2019 **Examining the impact of social networks on young women's reproductive health, fertility, and well-being: Evidence from a field experiment in rural India**  
 Role: Co-Principal Investigator  
 Funder: Northeastern University Tier-1 Grant

2014 - 2017 Amount: USD \$47,280  
**The Impact of Family Planning Interventions in Africa: Evidence from Two Randomized Trials**  
Role: Co-Investigator  
Funder: The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation  
Amount: USD \$675,000

## Other Funding

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2018 - 2024 **Boston University Human Capital Initiative**  
Role: Associate Director  
Funder: Boston University Global Development Policy Center  
Amount: USD \$150,000 (2018-2019), \$175,000 (2019-2021), \$100,000 (2021-2022), \$75,000 (2022-2023), \$130,000 (2023-2024)

## Conference Presentations

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2026 Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2026, *St. Louis, MO*  
EDEG German Development Economics Conference, *Kiel, Germany*

2025 2026 American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) Annual Meeting, *Minneapolis, MN*  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2025, *Washington, DC*  
16th World Congress of the International Health Economics Association, *Bali, Indonesia*  
2025 IUSSP International Population Conference (IPC2025), *Brisbane, Australia*  
2025 International Conference on Family Planning, *Bogota, Colombia*  
CSAE Conference 2025, *Oxford, UK*

2024 Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2024, *Columbus, OH*  
9th UAPS African Population Conference, *Lilongwe, Malawi*  
African Transport Research Conference 2024, *Cape Town, South Africa*  
Digital Technologies and Sustainable Development Workshop, *Oxford, UK*

2023 Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2023, *New Orleans, LA*  
15th World Congress of the International Health Economics Association, *Cape Town, South Africa*  
2023 American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) Annual Meeting, *St. Louis, MO*  
20th Midwest International Economic Development Conference, *Houston, TX*  
16th AFD-World Bank International Conference on Migration and Development, *Boston MA*

2022 Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2022, *Atlanta, GA*  
2022 Conference on Behavioral Economics and Development, Stanford University, *Stanford CA*  
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, *Chicago, IL (virtual)*  
Eastern Economic Association (EEA) Annual Conference, *Jamaica*  
CSAE Conference 2022, *Oxford, UK (virtual)*  
2022 American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) Annual Meeting (Presenter, Session Chair, Discussant), *Austin, TX*  
3rd Brazilian Meeting on Family and Gender Economics, *Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (virtual)*  
2022 International Conference on Family Planning, *Pattaya City, Thailand*

2021 Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2021, *St. Louis, MO (virtual)*  
14th World Congress of the International Health Economics Association, *Boston, MA (virtual)*  
Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference 2021, *Boston, MA (virtual)*  
2021 IUSSP International Population Conference (IPC2021), *Hyderabad, India (virtual)*  
91st Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, *Houston, TX (virtual)*  
16th Annual Himalayan Policy Research Conference *(virtual)*  
Global Digital Health Forum 2021 *(virtual)*

2020 2nd Population, Poverty and Inequality Research Conference, *Paris, France (virtual)*  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2020, *Washington, DC (virtual)*  
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, *Chicago, IL (virtual)*  
Eastern Economic Association (EEA) Annual Conference, *Boston, MA (virtual)*

2019 15th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, *New Delhi, India*  
8th UAPS African Population Conference, *Kampala, Uganda*  
IUSSP Population, Poverty and Inequality Research Conference, *Ann Arbor, MI*  
13th World Congress of the International Health Economics Association, *Basel, Switzerland*

2018	Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2019 (Presenter and Session Chair), <i>Austin, TX</i> International Conference on Family Planning (Presenter and Workshop Lead), <i>Kigali, Rwanda</i> Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2018, <i>Denver, CO</i> 5th International Conference on Nutrition & Growth, <i>Paris, France</i> Global Food+ Symposium, Tufts University, <i>Boston, MA</i>
2017	13th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, <i>New Delhi, India</i> 3rd Science Congress of the Ethiopian Academy of Sciences, <i>Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</i> XXVIII IUSSP International Population Conference, <i>Cape Town, South Africa</i> 12th World Congress of the International Health Economics Association, <i>Boston, MA</i> Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2017, <i>Chicago, IL</i>
2016	Malawi Conference on Population and Development, <i>Lilongwe, Malawi</i> European Population Conference 2016, <i>Mainz, Germany</i> Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2016, <i>Washington, DC</i> International Conference on Family Planning, <i>Bali, Indonesia</i>
2015	Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference 2015, <i>Providence, RI</i> Ninth Annual PopPov Conference, <i>Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</i> Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2015, <i>San Diego, CA</i>
2014	Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2014, <i>Boston, MA</i>
2013	Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference 2013, <i>Cambridge, MA</i> Harvard Latin American Relations Conference, <i>Cambridge, MA</i>
2012	Sixth Annual PopPov Conference, <i>Accra, Ghana</i>

## Workshops, Meetings, and Invited Seminars

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2026	Department of Economics, CUNY Hunter College (Invited), <i>New York, NY</i> Nuffield College Seminar Series, Oxford University (Invited), <i>Oxford, UK</i> Africa POWER Consortium Partner Retreat (Chair, Lead Organizer), <i>Nairobi, Kenya</i> ESE-RGHI-GHE Workshop, Erasmus School of Economics, <i>Rotterdam, Netherlands</i>
2025	Dickinson College Central Pennsylvania Consortium Economics Workshop (Invited), <i>Carlisle, PA</i> Africa POWER Consortium Partner Retreat (Chair, Lead Organizer), <i>Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</i> Max Planck Institute of Demographic Research Seminar (Invited), <i>Rostock, Germany</i> Florida International University, Department of Global Health Seminar (Virtual, Invited), <i>Boston, MA</i> Center for Research in Economics and Statistics (CREST) Seminar (Invited), <i>Paris, France</i> German Federal Institute for Population Research Seminar (Invited), <i>Wiesbaden, Germany</i> Heidelberg Global Health Seminar (Invited), <i>Heidelberg, Germany</i> Columbia Mailman School of Public Health Seminar (Invited), <i>New York, NY</i> Hong Kong University School of Public Health Seminar (Invited), <i>Hong Kong</i> FP2030 PME Working Group Meeting (Invited), <i>Washington, DC</i> Future of Family Planning Convening (Invited), <i>Washington, DC</i> PAA Fertility Goals Pre-Conference Workshop (Invited), <i>Washington, DC</i> UNFPA State of the World Population Report Launch Panel (Invited) <i>Norwegian Embassy, Washington, DC</i>
2024	Roundtable Panelist, "Towards Demographic Dividends in Africa: Action and Investments", <i>London, UK</i> University of Göttingen CeMIS Winter Colloquium (Invited), <i>Göttingen, Germany</i> IUSSP Family Planning Measurement Expert Meeting (Invited), <i>Mombasa, Kenya</i> Africa POWER Consortium - Partner Institution Retreat (Chair and Lead Organizer), <i>Lilongwe, Malawi</i> Demand-Side Family Planning Measurement Workshop (Lead Organizer), <i>Boston, MA</i> Walter Rodney Seminar, BU Africa Studies Center (Invited), <i>Boston, MA</i> Munich Center for Health Economics and Policy (M-CHEP) Seminar (Invited), <i>Munich, Germany</i> Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute Seminar (Invited), <i>Basel, Switzerland</i> Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Network Meeting (Invited), <i>Erlangen, Germany</i> Emory Rollins School of Public Health Seminar (Invited), <i>Atlanta, GA</i> Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Seminar (Invited), <i>Boston, MA</i> Brown University School of Public Health Seminar (Invited), <i>Boston, MA</i> University of California, Riverside Seminar (Virtual, Invited), <i>Boston, MA</i> University of Colorado, Boulder Seminar (Virtual, Invited), <i>Boston, MA</i> University of Pennsylvania Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Seminar (Virtual), <i>Boston, MA</i> University of California, San Francisco ANSIRH Seminar (Virtual, Invited), <i>Boston, MA</i>

University of Oxford, Department of Social Policy and Intervention (Virtual, Invited), *Boston, MA*  
 UTSW Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health Seminar, (Virtual, Invited), *Boston, MA*  
 2023 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Demography and Ecology (Invited), *Madison, WI*  
 Donald J. Bogue Demography Workshop at the University of Chicago (Invited), *Chicago, IL*  
 USAID Population and Reproductive Health Seminar (Invited), *Washington, DC*  
 BU Human Capital Initiative (HCI) Research Symposium, *Boston, MA*  
 BU CAS Open House Guest Lecture, *Boston, MA*  
 IUSSP Webinar: New Directions and Frameworks for Family Planning Measurement (virtual)  
 Pardee Center Graduate Summer Fellows Mentoring Session, *Boston, MA*  
 BU School of Public Health Global Health Seminar, *Boston, MA*  
 2022 Population Reference Bureau Demography Talk Seminar (Keynote), *Washington, DC*  
 Max Planck Society Sabbatical Laureate Speaker Series (Keynote), *Berlin, Germany*  
 2021 Nanyang Technological University Economics Department Seminar (Invited), *Singapore (virtual)*  
 International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Research Seminar, *Boston, MA (virtual)*  
 CSIS Congressional Foresight Series, Demographics and Security, *Boston, MA (virtual)*  
 BosMUNXX Conference, *Boston, MA (virtual)*  
 Rhodes College Guest Lecture, INTS222: Global Health Politics, *Boston, MA (virtual)*  
 Guest Lecture, Epsilon Consulting and Development, *Boston, MA (virtual)*  
 Health Economics Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam (Invited), *Rotterdam, Netherlands (virtual)*  
 Rising Powers Initiative Panel, "Demographic Trends and the Making of a Superpower", *Boston, MA (virtual)*  
 Pardee School of Global Studies Book Event, "Interpreting Politics", *Boston, MA (virtual)*  
 2020 Perspectives from India: Gender Equity in Women's Health Webinar, *Boston, MA (virtual)*  
 Equity in Family Planning Strategic Planning Guide Meeting, *Boston, MA (virtual)*  
 IUSSP Panel Meeting, "Couples and Reproductive Health", *Boston, MA (virtual)*  
 IUSSP Panel Meeting, "Contraceptive Transition Theories", *Boston, MA (virtual)*  
 2019 PardeeWorks Careers in International Development Panel (Moderator), *Boston, MA*  
 Labor Productivity and Fertility – Using the Canning-Karra-Wilde Model Workshop (Invited), *Kampala, Uganda*  
 BU Questrom School of Business Executive MBA Lecture, *Boston, MA*  
 Willows Reproductive Health Speaker Series, Harvard School of Public Health, *Boston, MA*  
 BU Institute for Economic Development Seminar, *Boston, MA*  
 JSNS Delhi School of Economics Works-in-Progress Seminar, *New Delhi, India*  
 Malawi Ministry of Health (MOH) and Reproductive Health Dissemination Seminar (Invited), *Lilongwe, Malawi*  
 International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Research Seminar (Invited), *Lilongwe, Malawi*  
 World Bank Brown Bag Seminar, *Lilongwe, Malawi*  
 BU Undergraduate Economics Association Seminar, *Boston, MA*  
 "Social Statistics and Population Dynamics" Seminar Series (Invited), McGill University, *Montreal, Quebec*  
 2018 Willows Reproductive Health Speaker Series, Harvard School of Public Health, *Boston, MA*  
 Boston University UROP Research Workshop, *Boston, MA*  
 ideas42 Invited Speaker Series, *New York, NY*  
 PRB Expert Consultation: The Four Dividends, *Washington, DC*  
 Pardee School 7th Annual Student Conference on Advancing Human Progress, *Boston, MA*  
 Willows Reproductive Health Speaker Series, Harvard School of Public Health, *Boston, MA*  
 2017 Pardee Graduate Council Simulation - Improving International Access to Healthcare, *Boston, MA*  
 Second Annual Population Health Science Research Workshop (PHS2017), *Boston, MA*  
 Workshop on the Demographic Dividend in DRC (Invited), *Kinshasa, DRC*  
 2016 PRB-CREFAT Workshop - Modeling the Demographic Dividend (Invited), *Washington, DC*  
 2015 WHO Technical Meeting, Financing Family Planning, *Boston, MA*  
 National Academy of Sciences Workshop on Recent Trends in Fertility in Sub-Saharan Africa, *Washington, DC*  
 WHO Technical Meeting, Financing Family Planning, *Geneva, Switzerland*  
 WHO Technical Meeting, Financing Family Planning, *Washington, DC*  
 UNC CSPro Data Entry and CAPI Workshop, *Chapel Hill, NC*

## Referee Activities

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### Academic Journals:

*European Journal of Health Economics*  
*Journal of Development Economics*  
*World Development*  
*Studies in Family Planning*  
*The Lancet*  
*Social Science and Medicine*  
*Population Horizons*  
*Economics of Transition*  
*PLOS One*  
*Trials*  
*BMJ Open*  
*Reproductive Health*  
*International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*  
*Population Health Metrics*  
*Population Studies*  
*Population and Development Review*  
*Implementation Science*  
*Science Advances*  
*Demography*  
*Journal of Adolescent Health*  
*Journal of Economic Growth*  
*Economic Development and Cultural Change*  
*Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*

### Grants:

UKRI Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)

## Professional Affiliations

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American Economic Association (AEA)  
European Association for Population Studies (EAPS)  
American Political Science Association (APSA)  
American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)  
The Econometric Society  
International Health Economics Association (iHEA)  
Population Association of America (PAA)  
Population and Poverty (PopPov) Research Network  
International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)  
Junior Fellow, Society of Family Planning (SFP)  
Union for African Population Studies (UAPS)  
American Society for Nutrition (ASN)  
American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies (AISLS)

## Professional Activities

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### External Service:

2025 - Present      **Board of Trustees Member**, *Population Reference Bureau*  
2025 - Present      **Member**, *FP2030 Performance Monitoring and Evidence Working Group*  
2025 - Present      **Nominee**, *IUSSP Council*  
2023 - Present      **Co-Editor**, *Studies in Family Planning*

2024 - 2025 **Early Career Researcher Mentor**, Union for African Population Studies (UAPS)  
 2024 - 2025 **Co-Chair, Scientific Subcommittee**, International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP)  
 2024 - 2025 **Mentor**, Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics (AMIE)  
 2024 - 2025 **Member**, International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) Scientific Subcommittee  
 2021 **Member**, Editor Search Committee, *Population and Development Review*  
 2020 - 2022 **Member**, Editorial Committee, *Studies in Family Planning*  
 2020 - 2021 **Member**, Editorial Advisory Committee, *International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*

Service to Columbia University:

2025 - Present **Founding Secretariat**, Africa POWER Consortium  
 2025 - Present **Member**, MPH Admissions Committee  
 2025 - Present **Member**, Class Speaker Committee

Service to Boston University:

2024 - 2025 **Founding Secretariat**, Africa POWER Consortium  
 2017 - 2024 **Co-Chair**, Pardee Research Seminar Series  
 2018 - 2025 **Member**, Pardee School General Education Committee  
 2020 - 2025 **Member**, Pardee School Academic Council  
 2018 - 2024 **Member**, Pardee Periodical Faculty Advisory Board  
 2018 - 2019 **Member**, Pardee School Faculty Search Committee  
 2019 - 2024 **Member**, BU UROP Faculty Advisory Committee  
 2019 - 2021 **Member**, BU University Council  
 2019 - 2025 **Member**, Pardee School M.A. Program Assessment Review Committee  
 2019 - 2025 **Member**, Pardee School MGP Curriculum Reform Committee  
 2022 - 2025 **Member**, Assessing Advising Subcommittee, BU Office of the Provost  
 2022 - 2024 **Member**, BU Africa Studies Center Internship Program Committee  
 2017 - 2022 **Spanish Language Examiner**, Pardee School  
 2017 - 2024 **M.A. Admissions Review**, Pardee School  
 2019 - 2020, 2022 **Faculty Mentor**, Pardee Graduate Council  
 2019 - 2021 **Faculty Mentor**, Sigma Xi Undergraduate Research Honor Society

Doctoral Committees:

2017 - 2018 **Zahra Akbari**, University of South Florida  
 2020 - 2024 **Dan Maggio**, Cornell University  
 First Placement: Assistant Professor of Economics, Rutgers University  
 2018 - 2022 **Kexin Zhang**, Boston University  
 First Placement: Assistant Professor of Economics, Renmin University of China  
 2021 - 2023 **Yunus Kurt**, Boston University  
 First Placement: Associate, Analysis Group  
 2021 - 2025 **Anastasiia Arbuzova**, Boston University  
 First Placement: Postdoctoral Fellow, Stockholm School of Economics and Assistant Professor of Economics, Kiel Institute  
 2021 - 2026 **Laura Aquino**, Boston University  
 First Placement: Associate, Analysis Group  
 2023 - 2026 **Shahadat Hossain**, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign  
 First Placement: TBD

Undergraduate Thesis Committees:

2018 **Terrens Muradzikwa**, Harvard College  
 Recipient of Rhodes Scholarship, Thomas T. Hoopes Prize for outstanding undergraduate thesis  
 2019 **Carolyn Hoffman**  
 Recipient of CAS Honors Research Travel Award, UROP Travel Award (Fall 2018)  
 2020 **Yuchen Liu**  
 Second Mentor at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (Fall 2021)  
 2022 **Hannah Patterson**  
 2023 **Charlotte Greenhill**

Recipient of the Pardee School Undergraduate Academic Excellence Award

Master's Thesis / Capstone Committees:

2018	<b>Xiaoyun Luo</b> <b>Xiao Sun</b>
2019	<b>Federico Pisani (Chair)</b> <b>Kuo Wang (Chair)</b> <b>Yue Wu</b> <b>Temur Hannan</b> <b>Salah Uddin</b> <b>Molly Joyce</b>
2020	<b>Amelia Dangerfield</b> <b>Sean Marquis</b> <b>Mary Rezk (Chair)</b>
2022	<b>Mariana Cabrera Figueroa</b> <b>Sultan Alqahtani</b> <b>Madison Dudley</b>
2023	<b>Greta Pais Marden Nanon (Chair)</b> Recipient of the Carol A. Chandler Citizenship Award <b>Samuel Banker (J.D. / M.A.) (Chair)</b> <b>Lysbet Jones</b>
2025	<b>Lucas Blaquièrè</b>
2026	<b>Maia Chareonsuphiphat</b> <b>Gabriela Gutierrez</b> <b>Charlaine Roberto</b> <b>Mavis Warner</b>

Undergraduate Research Advisor or Mentor:

2017 - 2019	<b>Shreyans Kothari</b> Recipient of UROP Award (Summer 2018, Fall 2018) <b>Anamika Sinha</b> Recipient of UROP Award (Summer 2018, Fall 2018)
2017 - 2021	<b>Prachi Aneja</b> Recipient of UROP Award (Spring 2019, Summer 2019, Fall 2019)
2018	<b>Xiao Chen</b>
2019 - 2021	<b>Sarah Safi</b> Recipient of UROP Travel Award (Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020) <b>Avantika Tandon</b> Recipient of UROP Travel Award (Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020) <b>Madison Calvert</b> Recipient of FLAS Scholarship (Spring 2020)
2020	<b>Lexie van Waes</b> <b>Maneesha Khalae</b> <b>Jackson Moore-Otto</b>
2022 - 2023	<b>Vishal Venkatesh</b> <b>Alexa Andanar</b> <b>Maecey Niksch</b> <b>Wentao Chen</b> <b>Ananya Agarwal</b> Recipient of UROP Travel Award (Summer 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024), CISS Social Sciences Internship (2024)
2023 - 2025	<b>Zheyuan Lin</b> <b>Malvika Dey</b> Recipient of CISS Social Sciences Internship (2024)

Graduate Research Advisor or Mentor (Masters):

2017  
**Sarah Dymecki**  
**Dina Wyler**  
**Sarah Ritterspach**  
**Jacob Howe**  
**Xinyi Min**  
**Kuo Wang**  
**Zach Crawford**  
**Federico Pisani**  
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2018  
**Amelia Dangerfield**  
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**Leah Eyob**  
**Mary Rezk**  
Recipient of Pardee School Graduate Travel Grant (Fall 2019)  
**Dan Maggio (M.A. Economics)**  
**Dixita Gupta (M.A. Economics)**  
Recipient of Manuel Abdala Research Grant (Summer 2019)  
**Sakshi Goel (M.A. Economics)**  
Recipient of Manuel Abdala Research Grant (Summer 2019)

2019  
**Maria Santarelli**  
**Ashini Patel**  
**Charles (CJ) Ray**  
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**Hyun Soo Suh (M.A. Economics)**  
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**Tanya Mishra (M.A. Economics)**  
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2020  
**Nikhil Kumar (M.A. Economics)**  
**Kareena Satia (M.A. Economics)**  
**Manav Sinha (M.A. Economics)**  
**Danielle Aron (M.A. Economics)**  
**José Ramos Morales (M.A. Economics)**  
**Jonathan Shaheen (M.A. Economics)**  
**Jeremy Schneider (M.A. Economics)**  
**Anastasia Demidova**  
**Swareena Jones (M.A. Economics)**  
**Supriya Ukey (M.A. Economics)**  
**Trevor Bergqvist (M.A. Economics)**  
**Christina Meyer (Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health)**  
**Lisette Martinez (Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health)**

2021  
**Vidhu Priya Mukundan**  
**Selin Yanik Koc**  
**Atibhi Sharma**

2022  
**Greta Pais Marden Nanon**  
Recipient of the Carol A. Chandler Citizenship Award  
**Laura Gormley**  
Recipient of Pardee School Graduate Academic Excellence Award  
**Angel Guzman**  
**Luke Detore**

2023  
**Amaury Heintz**  
**Samuel Banker (J.D. / M.A.)**  
**Rachel Hull**  
Recipient of BU Campus Climate Lab Research Grant  
**Victoria Bien-Aime**  
**Manpreet Singh**  
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**Yijing Wu**

**Jingwei Zhao**  
**Lydia Barski**  
**Emily Johnson**  
2024 **Seynedhee Avenie**  
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**Samantha Devin**  
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2026 **Rezwana Habib**

Graduate Research Advisor or Mentor (Doctoral):

2017 **Fatima Aqeel (Economics, BU)**  
2018 **Kexin Zhang (Economics, BU)**  
Recipient of Manuel Abdala Research Grant (Summer 2019)  
Recipient of Hariri Institute Graduate Student Fellowship (Fall 2019)  
**Thomas Pearson (Economics, BU)**  
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**Patrick Baxter (Economics and Public Policy, George Mason University)**  
2023 **Tanya Rajan (Economics, University of Chicago)**  
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**John Hassett (Economics, BU)**  
Recipient of Manuel Abdala Research Grant (Summer 2024)  
**Stefanie Pechar (Economics, Technical University of Munich)**  
2025 **Marie Montas (Population Health Sciences, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health)**  
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Post-Doctoral Fellow Supervisor:

2024 - Present **Sarah Vincent, POWER Post-Doctoral Fellow (Aix Marseilles School of Economics)**

Other Research Supervisor:

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Other Service to the Field:

2025 - Present **Tenure and Promotion Letter Writer (multiple)**

## Programming and Technical Skills

**Programming Languages:** Java, C++, HTML, CSS, JavaScript

**Mathematics and Statistical Software:** Maple, Matlab, Mathematica, DataLyser, Stata, SAS, SPSS, R

**Other Skills:** Microsoft Office suite,  $\LaTeX$  and applications ( $\LaTeX$ ,  $\text{LyX}$ ), CSPRO, ArcGIS, QGIS, Comm-Care, Atlas.ti, NVivo, SurveyCTO, ODK, Survey Solutions, Adobe suite (Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Fireworks)

## Languages

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English, Spanish, French, Telugu, Hindi, Arabic

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