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Education

University of California, Davis
Ph.D., Agricultural & Resource Economics, 2021.
University of Mary Washington
B.S., Anthropology and Economics, 2013.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Meinen-Dick, L., and Zavale, H. (2025). "Gender and tenure insecurity in a matrilineal customary system." *Land Use Policy*, 157.
- Iacocca, K., Vallen, B., Strandberg, A., and Meinen-Dick, L. (2025). "A descriptive investigation of the impact of statewide distribution policies and consumer vulnerabilities on COVID-19 vaccination in the United States." *Health Care Management Science*.
- Boonabaana, B., Kyoheirwe, F., Sanya, L., Meinen-Dick, L., Kavuma, S., Bantebya, G., Ludgate, N., and Okello, P. (2025). The influence of sociocultural factors on women smallholder farmers' empowerment in Uganda. Chapter in *Women and Smallholder Farming: Addressing Global Inequities in Agriculture*, Sachs, C., and Castellanos, P. (eds), Burleigh Dodds Science Publishers.
- Muhanguzi, F.K., Boonabaana, B., Sanya, L.N., Kavuma, S.N., Kyomuhendo, G.B., Ludgate, N. and Meinen-Dick, L. (2023). The meanings of resilience in climate justice: women smallholder farmers' responses to agricultural shocks in Uganda under the spotlight. *Agenda*.
- Engle-Stone, R., Kumordzie, S.M., Meinen-Dick, L. and Vosti, S.A. (2019). Replacing iron-folic acid with multiple micronutrient supplements among pregnant women in Bangladesh and Burkina Faso: costs, impacts, and cost-effectiveness. *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, 1444: 35-51.
- Engle-Stone, R., Vosti, S.A., Meinen-Dick, L. and Kumordzie, S.M. (2019). Transitioning from distribution of iron-folic acid supplements to multiple micronutrient supplements for pregnant women. *Current Developments in Nutrition*, 3 (Supplement 1).

Under Review

- Meinen-Dick, L. "Decentralization of land governance and elections in Burkina Faso."
- Meinen-Dick, L. "Customary tenure and agricultural investment in Uganda." (Revision requested at *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*)
- Lilly, C. and Meinen-Dick, L. "Examining the distributional effects of school quality on student outcomes."
- Huntington-Klein, N., Portner, C., and many coauthors. "The Sources of Researcher Variation in Economics" (Revision requested at *Journal of Economic Literature*)

Working Papers	<p>Bird, S., Carter, M., and Meinzen-Dick, L. "Using farmer groups to share information."</p> <p>Meinzen-Dick, L., Vosti, S. and James, J. "Markets and child nutrition in rural Burkina Faso."</p> <p>Meinzen-Dick, L. and Meinzen-Dick, R. "The congregational commons." (mimeo 2011).</p>
Awards and Fellowships	<p>Swift Family Assistant Professorship, Villanova 2023 - 2025</p> <p>Villanova School of Business Research Grant, 2024, 2023</p> <p>Moran Center for Global Leadership International Travel Support Grant, 2024</p> <p>Villanova Undergraduate Research Fellowship 2024, 2023</p> <p>American Agricultural Economics Association Teaching & Learning Section Graduate Student Teaching Award, 2021</p> <p>Henry A. Jastro Graduate Research Award, 2020, 2018</p> <p>Scott McNiven Community Service Award, 2016</p> <p>Graduate Student Association Travel Award, 2019</p> <p>Marjorie and Charles Elliot Fellowship, 2014 - 2015</p> <p>Irene Piscopo Rodgers Alvey Fellowship, 2009 - 2013</p>
Reports	<p>Jones-Casey, K., Meinzen-Dick, L. and Bizoza, A. (2014). The gendered nature of land and property rights in post-reform Rwanda. USAID Land Project.</p>
Research Experience	<p>Graduate Student Researcher/Short Term Consultant For Michael Carter, UC Davis and World Bank/DIME Team Impact evaluation of the Agriculture Cluster Development Project, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Uganda</p> <p>Graduate Student Researcher For Steve Vosti and Reina Engle-Stone, UC Davis Shifting from iron-folic acid to multiple micronutrient supplements: Cost, benefit, & cost-effectiveness estimates in the contexts of Bangladesh & Burkina Faso</p> <p>Graduate Student Researcher For Steve Vosti, UC Davis and Jenni James, Crunch Pack Associations between market characteristics and child health in Burkina Faso</p> <p>Consultant, USAID Land Project Rwanda (2014) The gendered nature of land rights in post-reform Rwanda</p> <p>Research Assistant For Nancy McCarthy, Lead Analytics and Talip Kilic, World Bank (2013) The nexus between gender, collective action for public goods, and agriculture: Evidence from Malawi</p>
Teaching Experience	<p>Instructor, World Food, Population, and Poverty (AFRE 206, MSU) Fall 2025</p> <p>Instructor, Econometrics (ECO 3137, Villanova) Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024</p> <p>Instructor, Political Economy of the Global South (ECO 4200, Senior Seminar, Villanova) Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024</p> <p>Instructor, Microeconomics of Development (ARE/ECN 115A, UC Davis) Spring 2020</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, Economics of Global Poverty (ARE/ECN 166, UC Davis) Spring 2017, Spring 2018</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, Economics of Small Farms (IAD 201, UC Davis) Winter 2016, Winter 2017, Winter 2018</p>

Presentations Southern Economic Association Conference 2025
 International Association for Feminist Economics Conference 2025
 Hamilton College Seminar 2025
 Tufts University Seminar 2025
 Michigan State University Seminar 2025
 University of Pennsylvania Development Research Initiative Seminar 2024
 University of Nevada Reno Seminar 2024
 International Conference of Agricultural Economists 2024
 Swarthmore Summer Economics Seminar Series 2024
 World Bank Land and Poverty Conference 2024, 2019
 Seminar at Purdue University Department of Agricultural Economics
 Northeast Agricultural & Resource Economics Association 2023
 Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting 2020, 2023
 Tata-Cornell Institute 10th Anniversary Conference 2023
 Eastern Economics Association 2022, 2023
 Seminar at Bates College Department of Economics 2022
 Centre for the Study of African Economies 2022
 Sustainability and Development Conference 2022
 International Conference in Development Economics 2021
 Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics 2021
 Development Seminar, UC Davis ARE, November 2020
 Working Group on African Political Economy Regional Meeting 2020
 Giannini Agricultural & Resource Economics Student Conference 2020
 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Student Conference 2020
 International Association for the Study of the Commons 2011

Service **Economics Seminar Series** Organizer, 2023 - 2024
Academic Standing Committee Member, 2021 - 2024
Economics Research Opportunities Committee Member, 2024
Adam Smith Prize Committee Member, 2022
PacDev Conference Program Organizer, 2018
Anti-Racism in ARE Working Group Co-organizer, 2020
Summit for Diversity in Economics Participant, 2018
Giananni Ag. & Resource Econ. Student Conference Organizer, 2017, 2018
Development Tea Student coordinator, 2017 - 2018
Development Seminar Series Student coordinator, 2016 - 2017

Professional Activities Refereeing:
Journal of Public Economics, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, World Development, Journal of Land Economics, Agricultural Economics, World Bank Economic Review, Oxford Development Studies, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association

Member of: American Economic Association, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association, Northeast Agricultural & Resource Economics Association, European Economic Association, Research Technical Assistance Center (USAID), International Association of Agricultural Economists