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Fields

Development Economics, Econometrics, Environment and Resource Economics, Poverty and food security

Education

PhD 2010. Economics, Norwegian University of Life Sciences-UMB (Norway).

MSc 2004. Development and Resource Economics, Agricultural University of Norway.

B.A 1999. Economics (Distinction), Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia).

Others:

- Visiting Student, Cornell University (USA). 2006

Positions and Experiences

2012-todate *Research Fellow*; Norwegian University of Life Sciences

2010-2011 *Assistant Professor*; Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

2005-2010 *PhD Candidate*; Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway

2004, 2000-2002 *Lecturer/Instructor*; Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

Awards and Fellowships

AWARD fellowship (2011-2013): African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) is a professional development program of CGIAR. The fellowship is a competitive fellowship with applicants from 10 African countries.

Quota Scholarship (2005-2010): A competitive Norwegian government scholarship that financed my PhD studies in Norway. It also covered costs for five months study visit in USA.

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NORAD Fellowship (2002-2004): A competitive Norwegian government fellowship that financed my MSc studies in Norway including the costs of field survey in Ethiopia.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Publications

Papers in Peer Reviewed International Journals

Bezu, Sosina, G. T. Kassie, B. Shiferaw and J. Ricker-Gilbert (2014). "Impact of Improved Maize Adoption on Welfare of Farm Households in Malawi: A Panel Data Analysis." World Development **59**: 120-131.

Bezu, Sosina and S. Holden (2014). "Demand for Second-stage Land Certification in Ethiopia: Evidence from Household Panel Data" Land Use Policy. **41**: 193-205

Bezu, S., & Holden, S. (2014). "Are Rural Youth in Ethiopia Abandoning Agriculture?" World Development, **64**(0), 259-272

Gebru, B. and Sosina Bezu (2014). "Environmental resource collection: implications for children's schooling in Tigray, northern Ethiopia." Environment and Development Economics **19**(02): 182-200.

Bezu, Sosina, C. B. Barrett and S. T. Holden (2012). "Does the Nonfarm Economy Offer Pathways for Upward Mobility? Evidence from a Panel Data Study in Ethiopia." World Development **40**(8): 1634-1646.

Bezu, Sosina and C. Barrett (2012). "Employment Dynamics in the Rural Nonfarm Sector in Ethiopia: Do the Poor Have Time on Their Side?" The Journal of Development Studies **48**(9): 1223-1240.

Bezu, Sosina and S. Holden (2008). "Can food-for-work encourage agricultural production?" Food Policy **33**(6): 541-549.

Selected Working Papers

Stein T. Holden and Sosina Bezu (2014). [Joint Land Certification, Gendered Preferences, and Land-related Decisions: Are Wives Getting More Involved? CLTS Working Paper No. 6/2014.](#) Centre for Land Tenure Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås, Norway.

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Stein T. Holden and Sosina Bezu (2014). [Are Wives less Selfish than their Husbands? Evidence from Hawk-Dove Game Field Experiments. CLTS Working Paper No. 3/2014.](#) Centre for Land Tenure Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås, Norway.

Sosina Bezu and Stein T. Holden (2013). [Generosity and social distance in dictator game field experiments with and without a face. CLTS Working Paper No. 1/2013.](#) Centre for Land Tenure Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås, Norway.

Conference Presentations

Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty 2014. Washington DC, USA: *March 2014*
Title: *Are the rural youth in Ethiopia abandoning agriculture?*

47th Annual Conference of Canadian Economics Association. Montreal, Canada: *June 2013*
Title: *Generosity and social distance in dictator game field experiments with and without a face*

Nordic Conference in Development Economics, Bergen, Norway: *June 2013*
Title: *Unbundling Land Administrative Reform in Ethiopia*

Six Session of World Urban Forum: Youth Round Table. Naples, Italy: *September 2012.*
Title: *Research on Youth and Land*

Nordic Conference in Development Economics. Oscarsborg, Norway: *June 2009.*
Title: *Activity choice in rural nonfarm employment: survival versus accumulative strategy*

Nordic Conference in Development Economics. Copenhagen, Denmark: *June 2007.*
Title: *Can food-for-work encourage agricultural production?*

TEACHING

Courses taught:

- Microeconomic Policy (graduate course)
- Development and Environment Economics (graduate course) -TA
- Intermediate Microeconomics
- Quantitative methods
- Introduction to Statistics
- Principle of economics
- Ethiopian Economy

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Supervision:

- MSc theses (full year, full-time projects)
- B.A theses (full year, six credit projects)

Administrative:

- Curriculum development committee member
- Faculty disciplinary committee member

OTHER RECENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Consultancy:

1. Youth Rural-urban Migration in Ethiopia. 2013-2014
Project Owner: UN-Habitat, Global Land Tool Network (GLTN)
2. Land Access and Youth Livelihood Opportunities in Southern Ethiopia. 2012-2013.
Project Owner: UN-Habitat -Global Land Tool Network (GLTN)
3. Impact of improved maize adoption in Malawi. 2012-2013.
Project Owner: International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CYMMIT)

Invited expert:

- Measuring the poverty impacts of agricultural research. A workshop organized by the CGIAR's Independent Science and Partnership Council's Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA). July 2014. Minneapolis, USA.
- Youth, Gender and Land Rights: Global Initiatives and Local Actions. A workshop organized by UN-Habitat, Global Land Tool Network. June 2013. Oslo, Norway
- UN-habitat e-forum on the Youth Responsiveness Criteria. March 2014

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Skills and Proficiencies

- ***Excellent research skill:*** published several articles in peer-reviewed international journals; organized and supervised surveys; and managed large scale panel data
- ***Proficient in Applied Econometrics:*** versed in various applied econometric models as well as econometric softwares such as STATA,LIMDEP, SHAZAM
- ***Computer skills:*** Proficient in the use of Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Office Programs and Internet. Some experience with setting up a web site and blogging
- ***Excellent presentation skill:*** Experienced and skilled in formal and informal presentations including in international conferences, seminars, expert meetings and classes.
- ***Excellent interpersonal skill:*** Have experience working and bonding with diverse groups and backgrounds and can easily adapt to changes
- ***Ability to manage multiple tasks in a pressured environment***

Professional Membership

Research Fellow: Environment for Development Initiative. <http://www.efdinitiative.org>

Resource Person: Partnership for Economic Policy. <http://www.pep-net.org/>

Member: Agriculture and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)

Member: Canadian Economics Association (CEA)

Member: Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA)

References

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2. Christopher B. Barrett (Professor), Department of Applied Economics and Management, 315 Warren Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-7801 USA. cbb2@cornell.edu , (phone) 607-255-4489, (fax) (607) 255-9984.
3. Ragnar Oygard (Chair), Department of Economics and Resource Management (IOR), Norwegian University of Life Sciences, P.O.Box 5003, 1432 Aas, Norway. ragnar.oygard@nmbu.no , (phone) +47 6496 5698, (fax) +47 6496 5696.