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PERSONAL DETAILS

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GRADUATE STUDIES

2008-2013 University of California – Davis, CA

PhD Agricultural and Resource Economics.

Thesis: “Norms, values and the effect of churches on an excluded community: the case of the Roma in Eastern Europe”.

2007-2008 University of California – Davis, CA

Master of Science in Agricultural and Resource Economics.

2006-2007 Zagreb University-Faculty of Agriculture – Zagreb, Croatia

Master of Science in Agricultural Economics: Program put on hold due to University of California, Davis PhD acceptance

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

1999–2002 Wesleyan University – Middletown, CT

B.A., Economics and East Asian Studies

2001 Sophia University – Tokyo, Japan

B.A., Economics and East Asian Studies – study abroad (4 months)

1998-1999 New York University – New York, NY

B.A., Economics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013-Present. Kagin’s Consulting, Vacaville, CA.

Development consulting firm that aims to alleviate poverty worldwide and specializes in local-economy wide impact evaluations, poverty analysis including multidimensional poverty among excluded groups, small-holder farmers, nutrition economics, and financing innovations for aiding the poor.

Founder/CEO

2017-Present. United Nations Development Programme Istanbul Regional Center, Istanbul, Turkey.

Consultant on survey design and implementation for the 2017 Regional Roma Survey.

Defining and constructing indicators using the survey data from 2011 and 2017.

Constructing a multidimensional poverty indicator.

Economic Consultant.

2013-Present. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the University of California, Davis, CA.

Cost minimization and optimization for the delivery of Micronutrients. Constructing cost models for different delivery platforms. Developing and implementing GAMS nutrition cost effectiveness optimization models. Project supervised by Dr. Steven Vosti.

Economic Consultant.

2011-Present. The Journal of Development Studies (JDS)

Journal Referee.

2010-Present. The American Journal of Agricultural Economics (AJAE)

Journal Referee.

2017. University of California, Davis.

Lectured for the development economics winter 2017 course. Prepared presentations, quizzes, exams, as well as taught and managed the three hour weekly course for three months.

Lecturer.

2016-2017. International Labour Organization and the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, Malawi.

Cost-benefit Economic Simulation Analysis of Social Protection and Agricultural Policy Options in Malawi. Providing evidence-based alternatives for increasing coordination and coherence between the social protection and ag sectors with the objectives of reducing poverty, improving food security and enhancing agricultural production/productivity. Includes micro-level econometric data analysis of household and business surveys and computer local economy modeling.

Economic Consultant.

2016-2017. United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, Zambia.

Cost-effectiveness Economic Simulation Analysis of Social Protection and Agricultural Policy Options for Zambia. Providing evidence-based alternatives for increasing coordination and coherence between the social protection and ag sectors with the objectives of reducing poverty, improving food security and enhancing agricultural production/productivity. Includes micro-level econometric data analysis of household and business surveys and computer local economy modeling.

Economic Consultant.

2014-2016. Tanzania Gatsby Trust, Tanzania.

Micro-level econometric data analysis of household and business surveys. Local Economy-Wide Impact Evaluation (LEWIE) of improvements in the cotton sector on the poor. Project funded by the Gatsby Trust.

Economic Consultant.

2015-2016. United Nations Children's Fund, Ethiopia.

Local Economy-Wide Impact Evaluation (LEWIE) of the Tigray Social Cash Transfer Pilot Program. Includes micro-level econometric data analysis of household and business surveys and computer general equilibrium local economy modeling.

Economic Consultant.

2011-2014. United Nations Development Program Bratislava Regional Center – Bratislava, Slovakia

Survey design, performance evaluation, and data analysis for the socio-economic situation of marginalized Roma in Central and Southeastern Europe. Specific contributions include: co-author on a methodology paper for the UNDP background papers, creating indicators for poverty, housing, health, and employment for the Roma, and consulting on the analysis and reports from the 2011 UNDP/World Bank/EU Roma Regional Survey.

Statistician and Economic Consultant.

2012-2013. World Bank-Washington D.C/University of California, Davis, CA.

Impact assessment of government orphan and vulnerable children cash transfers in 6 African countries. Methods used include STATA data analysis of household and business surveys and general equilibrium impacts using GAMS and a variation of CGE models called LEWIE (Local Economy-wide Impact Evaluation). Co-author of an American Journal of Agricultural Economics (AJAE) paper on our findings and methods used. The project included UNFAO, IFPRI, national and local government, and other global and local partners.

Economic Consultant for the World Bank (2012).

Research Assistant at UC Davis (2013).

2008-2013. Dr. Edward J. Taylor – University of California at Davis, Davis, CA.

Research on small farm production, migration and remittance decisions for Mexico. Administrated surveys to rural households in the Yucatan, Mexico. Data analysis of Mexican household surveys; programming in STATA and developing econometric models for farm production functions and poverty dynamics of rural households. Produced a paper on the relative productivity and efficiency of small farm agriculture published in the Journal of Development Studies (JDS).
Research Assistant.

2009 -2011 United Nations Development Program Bratislava Regional Center – Bratislava, Slovakia.

Research and writing for the UNDP 2011 Social Exclusion Report. Evaluation of National Action Plans (NAPs) for the Decade of Roma Inclusion. Article reviews, revisions and research.
Intern.

2007 – 2008 University of California, Davis – Davis, CA.

Assisted in teaching Econometrics, Linear Programming, and Introductory Finance.
Teaching Assistant.

2002 – 2007 Zagreb School of Economics and Management (ZSEM) – Zagreb, Croatia.

Developed and taught “Principles of Microeconomics” and “Principles of Macroeconomics” creating syllabi, case studies, problem sets and other class material (8 semesters). Assisted in preparing and teaching “Business Ethics” (2 semesters). Developed an intensive summer Principles of Economics (Micro and Macro) Seminar.
Teacher.

Non-Profit Experience

2005-Present. Economic Diplomacy and Integrity Forum (EDI), Fuzine, Croatia.

EDI is a development seminar that uses moral principles with professional lectures to combat corruption, youth unemployment, poverty and other problems primarily in Croatia but also worldwide. 50 young leaders from Southeast Europe and abroad gather together in Fuzine, Croatia for two weeks each summer. Coordinate weekend EDI conferences in Albania, Romania, Serbia, Costa Rica, and the US.
Founder and Director.

2011-Present. Forum for Leadership and Reconciliation (FLR) - Seattle, WA.

FLR runs programs for young leaders in Southeast Europe for reconciliation, leadership and economic development.
Founder, Executive Team.

2005-2006 Renewing Our Minds (ROM), Fuzine, Croatia.

Renewing Our Minds selects leaders from the former Yugoslavia and abroad to teach moral principles. Principles focus mainly on forgiveness, reconciliation, and

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

J. Kagin, Taylor, E.J., Dublin, Y., Ouedraogo, L.M., Pigois, R., Vinci, V. (2018). **Social Capital and Income Spillovers: Ethiopia's Social Cash Transfer Pilot Programme in the Tigray Region**. Working Paper.

A. Gupta, **Kagin, J.**, Taylor, E.J., Filipski, M., Hlanze, L., Foster J. (2017). **Is Technology Change Good for Cotton Farmers? A Local-economy Analysis from the Tanzania Lake Zone**. European Review of Agricultural Economics. <https://doi.org/10.1093/erae/jbx022>.

Vosti, S.A., Kagin, J., Engle-Stone, R., Brown, K. (2015) **"An Economic Optimization Model for Improving the Efficiency of vitamin A interventions: An Application to Young Children in Cameroon"**. Food and Nutrition Bulletin.

J. Kagin, Vosti, S.A., Engle-Stone, R., Rettig, E., Brown, K., Nankap, M., Djebayi, A. (2015) **"Measuring the costs of VA interventions: institutional, spatial and temporal issues in the context of Cameroon"**. Food and Nutrition Bulletin.

J. Kagin, Taylor, E.J., Yunez, A. Yúnez-Naude. (2015) **"Inverse Productivity or Inverse Efficiency? Evidence from Mexico"**. Journal of Development Studies.

A. Ivanov, Kagin, J. (2014) **"Roma Poverty from a Human Development Perspective."** Roma Inclusion Working Papers. Istanbul: UNDP.

J. Kagin, Taylor, E.J., Alfani, F., Davis, B. (2014) **"Local Economy-wide Impact Evaluation (LEWIE) of Ethiopia's Social Cash Transfer Pilot Programme"**. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome.

Thome, K., Taylor, E.J., J. Kagin, Davis, B., Osei, R.D., Osei-Akoto, I. (2014) **"Local Economy-wide Impact Evaluation (LEWIE) of Ghana's Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) Programme"** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome.

Thome, K., Filipski, M., Kagin, J., Taylor, E.J. (2013) **"Agricultural Spillover Effects of Cash Transfers: What Does LEWIE Have to Say?"**. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 95(5): 1338-1344.

A. Ivanov, Kling, J., Kagin, J. (2012) **Integrated household surveys among Roma populations: one possible approach to sampling used in the UNDP-World Bank-EC Regional Roma Survey 2011**. Roma Inclusion Working Papers. Bratislava:United Nations Development Programme.

J. Kagin. (2011) **Roma, Church, Norms, and Development**. Presented at Giannini Agricultural and Resource Economics Student Conference (GARESC), Davis, CA., April 23, 2011.

J. Kagin and Taylor, E.J. (2011) **The Efficiency of Smallholders in Mexico's Modern Agricultural Economy**. Presented in Development Workshop-University of California at Davis. Classroom presentations in graduate and undergraduate development economic courses.

Franic, R., Babic, Z., Njavro, M., and Kagin, J. **Review of EU Accession and Croatian Rural Development**. International Conference on Agricultural Economics in

Opatija, Croatia, Feb 12-16, 2007.

Franic, R., Babic, Z., Njavro, M., and Kagin, J. **EU Accession and Croatian Rural Development**. International Conference at Sarajevo University, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, IES 2006 (in partnership with M.E. Sharp Journal of Eastern European Economics).

Kagin, J., Krkač, K., Mušura, A. **Time, Credit & Debt, An Essay in the Philosophy of Economics**. Published in: F. Stadler, M. Stolzner (eds.), Time and History, Pre-proceedings of the 28th International Wittgenstein Symposium, ALWS, Kirchberg am Wechsel, 2005, pp. 127-131.

Kagin, J. **Credit, Banking and Biblical Ethics**. Volume on Religion and Money, Edited by Ivan Koprik, Tipotisak Zagreb, 2005.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Jastro Graduate Research Fellowship. 2011

Jastro Graduate Research Fellowship. 2009

Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics Fellowship, UC-Davis. 2007

LANGUAGES AND COMPUTER SKILLS

Croatian – Fluent

Spanish – Intermediate

Computer Skills: MS Word/Excel/Access/Powerpoint, STATA, GAMS, arcGIS.

REFERENCES

Andrey Ivanov.

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