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**EDUCATION** 

## Purdue University, IN

Ph.D. Candidate, Agricultural Economics, (Expected May 2019)

- Dissertation (in progress): Behavioral responses to post-harvest challenges in East Africa: learning from field experiments.
- Committee: Jacob Ricker-Gilbert (Chair), Joseph V. Balagtas, Evan Calford, Jonathan Bauchet, Gerald E Shively.

## Cornell University, NY

M.S., Applied Economics and Management, 2013

- Thesis: Scalability of remotely sensed livestock insurance in East Africa.
- Committee: Joshua Woodard (Chair), Calum Turvey.
- Fulbright scholar.

#### Institute of Business Administration, Pakistan

Bachelors in Business Administration, 2010

# PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Channa, Hira. "Potential for Index Insurance in Barani Areas of Pakistan." *Pakistan Journal of Applied Economic.* 28, no.1 (2018): 1-17.

Zafar, Syed Nabeel, Adil A. Shah, **Channa, Hira**, Mustafa Raoof, Lori Wilson, and Nabil Wasif. "Comparison of rates and outcomes of readmission to index vs nonindex hospitals after major cancer surgery." *JAMA surgery* (2018).

Mekonnen, Dawit K., **Channa, Hira** and Ringler Claudia. "The impact of water users' associations on the productivity of irrigated agriculture in Pakistani Punjab." *Water international* 40, no. 5-6 (2015): 733-747.

Kong, Rong, Calum Greig Turvey, **Channa Hira**, and Yanling Peng. "Factors affecting farmers' participation in China's group guarantee lending program." *China Agricultural Economic Review* 7, no. 1 (2015): 45-64.

#### BOOK CHAPTER

Ali Mubarik, Ahmed Faryal, **Channa, Hira**, Davies Stephen, 2014. "Pakistan's Fertilizer Sector: Structure, Policies, Performance and Impacts". In *Agriculture and Rural Poverty Reduction in Pakistan*, D.J. Spielman, S.J. Malik, P. Dorosh, and N. Ahmed, eds. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

# Works in Progress

Channa, Hira, Amy Z. Chen, Patricia Pina, Jacob Ricker-Gilbert, Daniel Stein. 2018 "What drives smallholder farmers' willingness to pay for a new farm technology? Evidence from an experimental auction in Kenya." Revise and Resubmit at Food Policy

Channa, Hira, Jacob Ricker-Gilbert, Hugo De Groote, Jonathan Bauchet. 2018 "Willingness to pay for a new farm technology given risk preferences: Learning from an experimental auction." *In preparation* 

**Channa, Hira**, Jacob Ricker-Gilbert, Feleke Shiferaw, Tahirou Abdoulaye. 2018 "Helping Smallholder Farmers Make the Most of Maize through Loans and Storage Technology: Insights from a Randomized Control Trial in Tanzania." *In preparation* 

Mekonnen Dawit, **Channa**, **Hira** Haile Beliyou, and Ringler Claudia. 2018. "Where to invest in the Indus Basin Irrigation System in Pakistan to improve land and water productivity? Insights from a hierarchical model." *In preparation* 

# OTHER PUBLICATIONS

John H. Sanders, Abou Berthe, Botorou Ouendeba, **Channa, Hira**, 2015. "Development of Sorghum and Millet Production Systems in Mali and Burkina Faso." In *In Development of Sorghum and Millet Production Systems in Mali and Burkina Faso*, John H Sanders, Botorou Ouendeba, Ababacar Ndoye, Soungalo Traore and Niaba Teme,eds.West Lafayatte Purdue University.

## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### Research Assistant

December 2016-Present

- Department of Agricultural Economics
- Purdue University
- Supervisor: Jacob Ricker-Gilbert.
- Designing and managing field experiments in Kenya and Africa related to postharvest issues Africa and academic audiences.
- Synthesizing results and communicating findings to USAID, agricultural entrepreneurs in Eastern Africa and academic audiences.

## Teaching Assistant

2014 - 2015

- Agec 552 Introduction to Mathematical Programming
- Purdue University
- Supervisor: Dr. Paul Preckel
- Grading, tutoring and assisting with lab sessions.

### Research Analyst

July 2013-July 2015

- Pakistan Strategy Support Program, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Islamabad, Pakistan
- Supervisors: Dr.Stephen Davies, Dr. Mubarak Ali
- Part of the core team evaluating Pakistan's fertilizer policy for the Ministry of Planning with recommendations leading to budget reallocations
- Worked on research projects connected to participatory irrigation systems, agriculture credit, and seed markets.
- Coordinated a team of 85 researchers to conduct a plot-level production survey of 1010 agricultural households across Pakistan.
- Engaged in the collection, cleaning and merging of three rounds of the Pakistan Rural Household Panel Survey (2090 households).

# Management Trainee

September 2010-July 2011

- Standard Chartered Bank, Karachi, Pakistan.
- Evaluated existing operational process flows and prepared reports.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2017 Purdue University's Jim and Neta Hicks Small Grants Program. \$5,000 USD.
- Fulbright Scholarship. 2011-2013.
- Higher Education Commission Pakistan-Merit Scholar. 2006-2010.

# Presentations

- 2018 : Agriculture and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meetings. Washington D.C.
- 2018: International Association of Agricultural Economists Conference, Vancouver Canada.
- 2018: Agrilinks Seminar, Washington D.C. (Invited Seminar)
- 2017: Talk to ag-entrepreneur on scaling of moisture meters. Kenya, Nairobi.
- 2017: AAEA Annual Meetings. Chicago, IL. (Poster)

SERVICE

• Elected treasurer. Agriculture Economics Graduate Students Organization. Purdue University. 2018-2019.

COMPUTING SKILLS

• R, Stata, GAMS, ArcGIS(basic).

Languages

• English (fluent), Urdu (native), Sindhi (native), Hindi (fluency only spoken)

References

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