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## EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Public Policy & Economics, University of Michigan, 2022 (expected)  
M.S., Agricultural, Food, & Resource Economics, Michigan State University, 2012  
B.A., Political Science, Foreign Service, Alma College, 2009

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

### Graduate Research Assistant, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

*September 2017 to present*

- Implementing COVID-19 Response Survey for Mozambique: responsibilities include personnel and financial management, project administration, survey design, and data analysis – with **Dean Yang**
- Data analysis and management of fieldwork for a randomized evaluation of a community health and education in Mozambique; drafted funded proposal to analyze effect of recent cyclone on education – with **Dean Yang**
- Drafting report on the demographic trends affecting the Africa workforce in the 21<sup>st</sup> century – with **David Lam**
- Cleaning data from randomized evaluation of contract farming services and a mobile technology-enhanced trader alerts in Ugandan agricultural markets – with **Lauren Falcao-Bergquist**

## PUBLICATIONS:

Lam, David, Murray Leibbrandt, and **James Allen**, "[The Demography of the Labor Force in Sub-Saharan Africa: Challenges and Opportunities](#)," GLM|LIC Synthesis Paper No. 10, November 2019.

**Allen IV, James E.** "[Are agricultural markets more developed around cities? Testing for urban heterogeneity in separability in Tanzania](#)," *Food Policy* 79 (2018): 199-212.

## WORKING PAPERS:

Yang, Dean, **James Allen IV**, Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell IV, and Hang Yu, "[Knowledge, Stigma, and HIV Testing: An Analysis of a Widespread HIV/AIDS Program](#)," Working Paper, February 18, 2021.

Also see "[Populated Pre-Analysis Plan for Direct and Spillover Impacts of a Community-Level HIV/AIDS Program: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial in Mozambique](#)", accepted based on pre-results review at the Journal of Development Economics, July 2019. [[AEA Registry](#)]

## WORK IN PROGRESS:

**Allen IV, James**, Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell IV, Tanya Rosenblat, Dean Yang, and Hang Yu, "Learning about COVID-19: Improving Knowledge via Incentives and Feedback". [draft available upon request] [[AEA Registry](#)]

**Allen IV, James**, Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell IV, Tanya Rosenblat, Dean Yang, and Hang Yu, "Accelerating Changes in Norms about Social Distancing to Combat COVID-19". [draft available upon request] [[AEA Registry](#)]

**Allen IV, James**, "Scheduling Conflict: Effects of Overlap in the School and Farming Calendars on Education".

## REPORTS:

Allen IV, James, Patricia Freitag, Faustino Lessitala, Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell IV, Tanya Rosenblat, Dean Yang, and Hang Yu. 2020. "[Combatting COVID-19 in Mozambique: Round 1 Summary Report](#)." Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan.

Allen IV, James, Patricia Freitag, Faustino Lessitala, Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell IV, Tanya Rosenblat, Dean Yang, and Hang Yu. 2020. "[Combatting COVID-19 in Mozambique: Round 2 Summary Report](#)." Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan.

## GRANTS AWARDED & SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS: Co-authored grants total \$752,821.

Proposal Co-author and Researcher, "[Accelerating Changes in Norms about Social Distancing to Combat COVID-19](#)", Innovation for Poverty Action (IPA) Peace & Recovery Program through the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office awarded through (grant number MIT0019-X9), PI: Dean Yang – \$49,988

Proposal Co-author and Research Assistant, "[Accelerating Changes in Norms about Social Distancing to Combat COVID-19](#)", Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) Innovation in Government Initiative through a grant from The Effective Altruism Global Health and Development Fund (grant number IGI-1366), PI: Dean Yang – \$26,100

Proposal Co-author and Research Assistant, "[Educational Decision-Making in the Aftermath of a Disaster: Evidence from Cyclone Idai in Mozambique](#)", Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies and Dubai Cares through the E-Cubed Research Fund, PI: Dean Yang – \$676,733

## PRESENTATIONS:

**Allen, James, IV (presenter)**, Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell IV, Tanya Rosenblat, Dean Yang, and Hang Yu, "Accelerating Changes in Norms about Social Distancing to Combat COVID-19," Conference on Behavioral Economics Experiments & Insights on Covid-19, Johns Hopkins University and London School of Economics, February 18, 2021.

**Allen, James, IV (presenter)**, Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell IV, Tanya Rosenblat, Dean Yang, and Hang Yu, "Combatting COVID-19: Measuring and Changing Beliefs, Knowledge and Behaviors", Interdisciplinary Seminar in Health, History, Demography, and Development (H2D2), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI -- Part 1 on April 20, 2020 and Part 2 on December 01, 2020.

**Allen, James, IV (presenter)**, "Should We Worry about the Population Bomb in Sub-Saharan Africa?", Interdisciplinary Seminar in Health, History, Demography, and Development (H2D2), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, March 6, 2018. Also presented as a poster at on-campus events at the University of Michigan: African Studies Center 10th Anniversary Symposium (March 16, 2018), Ford School Gramlich Showcase of Student Work (March 16, 2018), and H2D2 Research Day (April 20, 2018).

## HONORS & AWARDS:

Population Studies Center Fellowship, University of Michigan – 2020-2021

Rackham Merit Fellow, University of Michigan – 2016-2021

Outstanding Third-Year Paper Award, \$1000 – 2019

Rackham Pre-Doctoral Research Grant, \$1500 – 2019

Fellow, Marshall Weinberg Population, Development & Climate Change Fellows Program, \$7500 – 2018-2019

## ADDITIONAL SERVICE:

Board Member, African Sky – August 2014 to Present

- African Sky is a small non-profit that does grassroots community development work in Mali, West Africa