

# Gwyneth Miner

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## Academic Appointments

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2025- present     Assistant Professor of Economics, Brigham Young University

## Education

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2025     **University of California, Berkeley**, Ph.D. Economics  
*Advisors:* Edward Miguel, Marco Gonzalez-Navarro, Enrico Moretti  
*Field Courses Passed:* Development, Labor

2019     **Boston College**, B.A. Economics, *Summa Cum Laude*

## Working Papers

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*Reducing Migration Uncertainty: The Impact of an Income Smoothing Program in Kenya*

Migration to cities can be a gamble for the rural poor in developing countries: a trade-off between potential higher urban income and foregone rural earnings. In Kenya, I offer young male workers in rural villages access to an unemployment benefit program, conditional on migration to Nairobi. The migration rate under this program triples over seven months and results in more persistent moves, even after the program ends, compared to control and cash transfer arms.

*The Social Network Effects of Cash, or Does Money Buy Influence? Experimental Evidence from Kenya*  
(with Dennis Egger, Edward Miguel, and Michael Walker)

## Research Grants

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*Reducing Migration Uncertainty: The Impact of an Income Smoothing Program in Kenya:*

CEGA Development Economics Challenges (\$44k), Weiss Fund for Development Economics (\$36k), Rocca Dissertation Fellowship (\$8k), UCB Economics Summer Grant (\$3k), Opportunity Lab (\$2.5k), Simpson ABD Fellowship (\$2.5k)

## Invited Conference and Seminar Presentations

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2025     Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC), Saint Mary's College, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Advances in Field Experiments (AFE), Urban Economics Association (UEA), Northeastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC)

2024     Brigham Young University, 17th International Conference on Migration and Development, Warwick Economics PhD Conference, UC Berkeley Development Seminar, University of San Francisco

2023     The Opportunity Lab, UC Berkeley Development Lunch

2022     UC Berkeley Development Lunch Seminar, BYU Economics Graduate Student Conference

## Teaching Experience

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### Brigham Young University

Statistics for Economists (Econ 378)

### University of California Berkeley, *Graduate Student Instructor*

Introduction to Economics (Econ 1 & Econ 2), Econometrics (Econ 140), Case Studies in Economic Development (Econ 172), Microeconomic Theory - Quantitative (Econ 101A), Data & Decisions (MBA 200S)

## Professional Service

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**Journal Referee:** *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*

**Department Committee Service:** Belonging Committee (2025-present)

**Graduate School Service:** Coordinator for Development Lunch Seminar at UC Berkeley (2021-2022)

## Employment

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2/2017 – 4/2019    Research Assistant for Asim Khwaja, Evidence for Policy Design, Harvard Kennedy School

1/2017 – 12/2018    Research Assistant for Anant Nyshadham, Boston College

## Other Information

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Software & Tools    Stata, R, Python

Languages    English (native), French (professional working proficiency)