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## **Abraham Abebe Asfaw**

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- Current Affiliation** • **Bates College**,  
Visiting Assistant Professor July 2019-Present
- Recent Past Affiliation**
- **Tulane University, Department of Economics**,  
Postdoctoral Fellow July 2017-June 2019
  - **Northern Illinois University**,  
Instructor Spring 2014- Spring 2016
  - **Addis Ababa University**,  
Lecturer Fall 2009- Spring 2012
- Education**
- **Ph.D in Economics**, Northern Illinois University, USA. May 2017
  - **M.Sc. in Economics**, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. July 2009
  - **B.A. in Economics**, University of Gondar, Ethiopia. July 2006
- Research Fields**
- Primary Field: Applied Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics and Health Economics
  - Secondary Field: Development Economics and Applied Econometrics.
- Publication**
- "The effect of Prescription drug insurance on health behavior; Evidence from Medicare Part D." **Health Economics**, 28(3), 2019.
  - "The child health effects of terrorism: evidence from the Boko Haram Insurgency in Nigeria." **Applied Economics** 5(16), (2019): 624-638. ( With Ekhaton, Uche Ekeosa)
  - "The distributional effect of investment in early childhood nutrition: A panel quantile approach." **World Development** 110 (2018): 63-74.
  - "The effect of coffee price shock on school dropout: new evidence from the 2008 global financial crisis." **Applied Economics Letters** 25, no. 7 (2018): 482-486
- Research Papers**
- The Trade-off between Moral Hazard and cost-offsets: the effects of closing the coverage gap in Medicare Part D (with Mary Olson) (Reject and resubmit *at Journal of Public Economics*).
  - The Intergenerational Health Effects of early childhood circumstances (Revise and resubmit *at Review of Economics of the Households*).
  - The Trade-off between Moral Hazard and Health: The effect of Income support programs on Job search and COVID-19 (Revise and resubmit *at Economics and Human Biology*)
  - The effect of Contract Relief on social distancing behavior and COVID-19 in Africa (Under review).
  - The effect of patient cost-sharing on opioid drug use: Evidence from the Medicare Part D coverage gap (submitted).
- Working Papers**
- The spillover financial risk consequence of out-of-pocket drug prices: Evidence from Medicare Part D .
  - Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs and Infant Health ( With Kevin Callison and Koray Caglayan)
- Work in Progress**
- The effect of outdoor gathering on COVID-19: Evidence from anti-lockdown and Black Lives Matter protests (with Kosali Simon, Charles Courtemanche, Aaron Yelowitz and Thuy Nguyen).
  - Information friction and out-of-pocket drug prices: Evidence from the Gag Clauses in the US drug market

## Teaching Experience

### Principles of Microeconomics

- Bates College
- Northern Illinois University

Fall 2019-Fall 2020  
Summer 2015-Spring 2016

### Health Economics

- Tulane University (for graduate and advanced undergraduate students) Spring 2018 and Spring 2019
- Bates College

Fall 2019-Fall 2020

### Labor Economies for Developing countries

- Northern Illinois University

Fall 2016

### Econometrics

- Addis Ababa University

Fall 2009-Spring 2012

### Intermediate Microeconomics

- Addis Ababa University

Fall 2009-Spring 2012

### Public Finance

- Addis Ababa University

Fall 2009-Spring 2012

### Macroeconomics and the Global Economy

- Johns Hopkins University, Center for Talented Youth

Summer 2014

### Probability and Game Theory

- Johns Hopkins University, Center for Talented Youth

summer 2016

### Teaching Assistant, Northern Illinois University

#### Graduate Course

- Mathematical Economics (recitation)
- Labor Economics I

Fall 2016

Fall 2016

#### Undergraduate Course

- Environmental Economics
- Principle of Microeconomics

Fall 2013

Fall 2012-Spring 2013

## Other Experience

- **OXFAM Ethiopia,**  
*Survey Coordinator*
- **United Nation Development Program, Ethiopia**  
*Short Term Consultant*
- **Inter-Africa Group,**  
*Research Assistant)*
- **World Vision Ethiopia**  
*Economic Development Facilitator*
- **Development Bank of Ethiopia**  
*Junior Research Officer*

February 2012-July 2012

December 2009-August 2010

March 2008-August 2009

March 2007-October 2007

September 2006-March 2007

## Awards and Scholarships

- The American Society of Health Economists 2019 Diversity Scholarship Recipients, June 2019
- The University Senate COR Fellowship Award at Tulane University \$ 9645 ( with Kevin Callison and Koray Caglayan) , 2019-2020

- Economics Department support to purchase data (\$ 6500) (With Mary Olson), 2018-2019
- La Tourette Scholarship in Economics, 2016-2017
- Dissertation Completion Fellowship Award (Alternate) 2016-2017
- Outstanding PhD Student, Economics Department 2015-2016
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Graduate School 2015-2016
- African Economic Research Consortium Scholarship 2008-2009

### **Conference and Seminar Presentations**

- Virginia Tech University, virtual seminar presentation, Blacksburg, VA, October 8, 2020
- The 9th Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Virtual Conference, St. Louis, MO, June 8-9, 2020
- The 8th Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, The Crossroads of Public Policy and Health Economics, Washington DC June 23-26, 2019
- Association For Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) 40th Annual Fall Research Conference : DC, November 8-10, 2019
- Southern Economics Association 88th Annual Meetings; DC, November 18-20, 2018.
- The 7th Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Economics and Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, June 10-13, 2018 ( poster presentation).
- Innovation and Behavior in Health Markets: New Orleans, Tulane University, March 16, 2018
- The Annual Bank Conference on Africa: The Challenges and Opportunities of Transforming African Agriculture, University of California—Berkeley, June 1-2, 2017.
- The 26th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Econometrics Group, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, Illinois, October 21-22, 2016.
- The 6th Biennial Conference of the American Society of Health Economists , New Frontiers in Health Policy and Health Care, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA June 12-15, 2016. ( poster presentation)
- The 80th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Economics Association, Evanston, Illinois, April 1-3, 2016.
- The 45th Illinois Economic Association, De Paul University, Chicago, Illinois, USA October 16-17, 2015.

### **Referee**

- Health Economics, Economics Letters, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, World Development, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Applied Economics, Applied Economics Letters, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of African Development, and African Conflict and Peace Building Review.

### **Members of Professional Association**

- American Economic Association
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- American Society of Health Economics
- Southern Economic Association

**Computing Skill** STATA, R, SAS, C++, Julia(basic), Python(basic), Matlab(basic)

## References

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