

Joseph R. Cummins

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Current Employment

Assistant Professor - Dept. of Economics, University of California, Riverside (2014-)

Education

Ph.D. Economics - University of California, Davis (2014)

M.A. Economics - University of California, Davis (2011)

B.A. Philosophy - University of Arizona (2002)

Magna cum Laude; Honors in English

Research and Teaching Fields

Primary: Development, Health, Microeconometric Methods; **Secondary:** Labor

Professional Experience

Previous Employment

Research Assistant, UC Davis Dept. of Ag. Econ. and RDNS (2010-2014)

Teaching/Research Assistant, UC Davis Dept. of Economics (2009-2010)

Broadcast Videotape Operator, Fox Soccer Channel/Fox Sports Español (2004-2007)

Other

Co-Organizer, Pacific Conference for Development Economics (2017)

Co-Organizer, UCR Applied Microeconomics Seminar (2014-)

Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences Summer Institute (2014)

Western Economic Assoc. Intl. Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop (2013)

Visitor, Center for Labor Economics, UC Berkeley (Spring 2012)

Co-Investigator, Rang-Din Nutrition Study [RDNS] (2012-2016)

Grants and Awards

Rang-Din Nutrition Study, FANTA-3 (UCR share ~\$50,000)

UC Davis Provost Dissertation Year Fellowship (2013-14)

Research

Peer-Reviewed

[Maternal and Child Supplementation with Lipid-Based Nutrient Supplements, but Not Child Supplementation Alone Decreases Self-Reported Household Food Insecurity in Some Settings](#) **Journal of Nutrition** (forthcoming)

With Katie Adams, Kathryn Dewey, Stephen Vosti, Mary Arimond, Seth Adu-Afarwuah, Anna Larrey, Emmanuel Ayifah, Ken Maleta, Ulla Ashorn, Thokozani Phiri, Chiza Kumwenda, Malay Kanti Mridha, Susana L Matias and Sohrab Hussein

[*Month of Birth and Child Height in 40 Countries](#) **Economics Letters** (2017)

with Neha Agarwal, Anaka Aiyar, Arpita Bhattacharjee, Christian Gunadi, Deepak Singhanian, Matthew Taylor and Evan Wigton-Jones

[Lipid-based nutrient supplementation in the first 1000 days improves child growth in Bangladesh: a cluster-randomized effectiveness trial](#)

American Journal of Clinical Nutrition (2017)

With Kathryn Dewey, Malay Mridha, Susana Matias, Charles Arnold, Md. Showkat Khan, Zeina Maalouf-Manasseh, Zakia Siddiqui, Md. Barkat Ullah, Stephen Vosti

[*Heterogeneous Treatment Effects in the Low Track: Revisiting the Kenyan Primary School Experiment](#) **Economics of Education Review** (2017)

[Lipid-based nutrient supplements for pregnant women reduce newborn stunting in Bangladesh](#) **American Journal of Clinical Nutrition** (2016)

with Malay Mridha, Camila Chaparro, Rina Paul, Sohrab Hussain, Stephen Vosti, Susana Matias, Kassandra Harding, Louise Day, Stacy Saha, Janet Peerson and Kathryn Dewey

[Malthus, Wages and Pre-Industrial Growth](#), **Journal of Economic History** (2012)

with Greg Clark and Brock Smith

Technical Reports

[The Rang-Din Nutrition Study in Rural Bangladesh: The Costs and Cost- Effectiveness of Programmatic Interventions to Improve Linear Growth at Birth and 18 Months, and the Costs of These Interventions at 24 Months](#). Washington, DC: FHI 360/Food and Nutrition (2017)

with Jacob Humber, Stephen A. Vosti, Malay Mridha, Susana L. Matias and Kathryn Dewey

[Effectiveness of a Lipid-Based Nutrient Supplement \(LNS\) Intervention on Pregnancy and Birth Outcomes in Bangladesh](#) Washington, DC: FHI 360/Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance III Project (FANTA) (2016)

with Kathryn Dewey, Malay Mridha, Susana Matias, Janet Peerson, Charles Arnold, Rebecca Young, and Stephen Vosti.

Working Papers

[**On the Use and Misuse of Child Height-for-Age Z-score in the Demographic and Health Surveys*](#)

[**Age-Profile Estimates of the Association between Economic Growth and Child Health*](#)
with Anaka Aiyar

Work in Progress

**Nutritional Status and Health Care Seeking During Pregnancy*
with RDNS group.

**Accidental Experimental Variation: Using a Program Interruption to Explore Nutritional Policy Targeting Over the Course of Pregnancy*
with RDNS group.

Understanding Synthetic Controls
with Douglas Miller, David Simon and Brock Smith

Professional Activities

Graduate Student Advising:

Dissertation Chair

Deepshikha (expected 2019, co-chair with Anil Deolalikar)
Christian Gunadi (expected 2019)

Dissertation Committees (Completed)

Arpita Bhattacharjee (2017); Post-Doctoral Researcher, University of Leeds
Deepak Singhania (2017); Fellow, Evidence for Policy Design (EPoD)
Anaka Aiyar (2016); Post-Doctoral Fellow, Cornell University
Shreya Bhattacharjee (2015); Quantitative Modeling Associate, Key Bank

University and Professional Service:

Ad hoc grant reviewer

National Science Foundation (2016), UC Mexus (2016)

Committee Service

Department Graduate Affairs Committee (2017-)

University Search Committee for Cluster in Causal Inference (2015-16)

University Search Committee for Cluster in Community Translational Health (2015-16)

Department Search Committee for open-rank Development Economist (2014-16)

Department Computer & Website Committee (2014-16, Chair 2015-16)

Development Field Exam Committee (2014-; Coordinator 2015-17)

Seminar and Conference Presentations

2017: Stunting: Past, Present, and Future, London School of Economics; WEAI 92nd Annual Conference; UC Davis Alumni Conference; Pacific Conference for Development Economics; UCR Applied Microeconomics Brown Bag

2015: USC Development Economics Seminar; UC Riverside Psychology Brown Bag; UC Riverside Blum Initiative Workshop

2014: UC San Diego Development Lunch

2013: WEAI 88th Annual Conference; UC Davis Labor Seminar; UC Davis Program in International Community Nutrition Seminar; UC Berkeley Development Lunch

2012: Pacific Conference for Development Economics; UC Davis Program in International Community Nutrition Seminar; UC Davis Applied Micro Brown Bag; UC Davis Poverty Center Graduate Student Retreat

Invited Lectures

“Child Undernutrition Locally and Globally”

UCR Palm Desert Green Living Series (2015)

“Empirical Methods in Social Science Research: Water and Sanitation”

UC Riverside IGERT Proseminar (2015)

Referee

American Economic Review, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Econometric Reviews, Economic Development & Cultural Change, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Nutrition, Journal of Policy Analysis & Management, Journal of Quantitative Economics, Social Science & Medicine.