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Current Position

08/2021 - present: Assistant Professor of Economics, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Recent Past Position

08/2020 - 07/2021: DECRG, World Bank, Young Fellow, FCDO-UNHCR-World Bank Program in Forced Displacement

Education

2014–2020	Ph.D., Economics, University of Virginia
	Fields: International Trade, Development Economics, Applied Micro
2011–2013	M.Sc., Economics, University of Copenhagen
2008–2010	M.Sc., Economics, Addis Ababa University
2003–2006	BA., Economics, Bahir Dar University

Fields of research

[1] International Trade

[2] Development Economics

[3] Applied microeconomics

Working Papers and works in progress

[1] "Buy Tractors and Keep the Children in School": Agricultural Mechanization, Teenage Labor Supply, and High School Enrollment (with Jianfeng Wu)

[2] Gains from trade boom, regional redistribution and inequality (with Huiqing Li, and AKM Mahbub Morshed) *under review*

[3] Moving Under Uncertainty: Heterogeneous Migration Responses to Trade Liberalization (with Jianfeng Wu)

[4] Agricultural Mechanization and Structural Change *R&R World Bank Economic Review*

[5] Tastes, trade costs and the agricultural productivity gap

Publications and accepted papers

[1] Kebede, Hundanol A. and McMillan, Margaret (2026). "Firm capacity underutilization and the measurement of productivity" *Accepted at Journal of Development Economics*

[2] Kebede, Hundanol A. (2025) "Trade shock and structural transformation: Evidence from the phase-out of multifiber arrangement" *Review of International Economics*

[3] Kebede, Hundanol A. (2025) "Import trade liberalization and structural transformation: Evidence from China" *World Bank Economic Review*

[4] Kebede, Hundanol A. (2024) "Gains from market integration: Welfare effects of new rural roads in Ethiopia" *Journal of Development Economics, Volume 168, May 2024, 103252*

[5] Kebede, Hundanol A. (2022) "Market Integration and Separability of Production and Consumption Decisions in Farm Households" *Journal of Development Economics, Volume 158, September 2022, 102939*

[6] Kebede, Hundanol A. (2022)."The Pass-Through of International Commodity Price Shocks to Producers' Welfare: Evidence from Ethiopian Coffee Farmers" *World Bank Economic Review, Vol. 36, No. 2*

[7] Kebede, Hundanol A. (2022). "Risk aversion and gender gaps in technology adoption by smallholder farmers: Evidence from Ethiopia" *Journal of Development Studies, Volume 58, 2022 - Issue 9*

[8] Kebede, Hundanol A. and ,Wassie, Berhanu,(2013). "How Efficient Are the Ethiopian Microfinance Institutions in Extending Financial Services to the Poor? A Comparison with the Commercial Banks." *Journal of African Economies, Volume 22, Issue 1, January 2013, Pages 112–135*

Teaching Experience

08/2021–present — Assistant Professor, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Undergraduate Courses: Introduction to Microeconomics, Introduction to International Economics, International Trade and Finance

Graduate Courses: Foreign Trade, Development Economics

Conferences/workshop presentations

[1] "Heterogeneous migration response to trade policy" 2026 Midwest International Trade Conference, April 10-12, Ohio State University

[2] ""Buy Tractors and Keep the Children in School": Agricultural Mechanization, Teenage Labor Supply, and High School Enrollment" 2025 Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), USC, March 08/2025

[3] "Agricultural Mechanization and structural change" SEA 94th Annual Meeting November 23-25, 2024 Washington, DC

[4] "Gains from trade boom, public goods provision and regional inequality" Midwest econometric group conference Nov 1-2, 2024 university of Kentucky)

[5] ”Gains from trade boom, public goods provision and regional inequality” Midwest International Trade Conference, Oct 18-20, 2024 University of Rochester

[6] “Agricultural Mechanization and structural change” 58th Canadian Economics Association Conference 2024 (On-line Conference), May 24th, 2024

[7] “Agricultural Mechanization and structural change” 2024 Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), April 08/2024

[8] “Firm capacity underutilization and the measurement of productivity” 33rd Annual Conference International Trade & Finance Association, 2023

[9] “The Effects of Refugee Camps on Children of Host Communities: Evidence from Ethiopia” 14th Conference on Migration & Development, Sept 2021

[10] “Gains from market integration: Welfare effects of new rural roads in Ethiopia” Dynamic Trade Institute, The university of Rochester 2020 Virtual PhD Workshop, 2020

[11] “Gains from market integration: Welfare effects of new rural roads in Ethiopia” Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC), Purdue University, 2020

[12] “Market Integration and Separability of Production and Consumption Decisions in Farm Households” Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), UC-Berkeley, 2020

[13] “Market Integration and Separability of Production and Consumption Decisions in Farm Households” Washington Area Development Economics Seminar (WADES), Washington DC, 2019

Referee services

- 2026: Journal of Development Economics, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, World Development, Journal of European Economic Association
- 2025: Journal of Development Economics(x2), Food Policy, Journal of Development Studies, Economic Modeling
- 2024: Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Geography, Economic Inquiry, Food policy
- 2023: Journal of Development economics; Journal of Economic Geography; Journal of Agricultural Economics; Review of Development Economics; Economics of Education Review; Journal of Development Studies
- 2022: Journal of Development Studies; Bulletin of Economic Research

Selected Honours and Awards

[1] Summer Faculty Research Grant, SIU 2026

[2] Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, SIU 2026

[3] Summer Faculty Research Grant, SIU 2024

[4] Bankard Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2019

[5] Acknowledgment for best summer paper, University of Virginia , 2016.

[6] Danish Government Scholarship for Outstanding Students, 2011

References

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[2] John McLaren, sage@virginia.edu, (434) 924-3994

[3] Margaret McMillan, Margaret.McMillan@tufts.edu,