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Academic Appointments

2024- 3M Career Development Assistant Professor of Environmental Economics, MIT
2021-2024 Prize Fellow in Economics, History and Politics, Harvard University

Education

2021 Ph.D. in Economics, MIT
2016 A.B. in Economics with a Secondary Field in Mathematics, Harvard University

Publications

Moscona, J. and Sastry, K. “Does Directed Innovation Mitigate Climate Damage? Evidence from US Agriculture.” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 138(2): 637-701. *Lead Article*.

Moscona, J., Nunn, N., and Robinson, James A. “Segmentary Lineage Organization and Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa.” *Econometrica*, 88(5): 1999-2036.

Moscona, J., Nunn, N., and Robinson, James A. “Keeping it in the Family: Lineage Organization and the Scope of Trust in Sub-Saharan Africa.” *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings* 107(5): 565-571.

Acemoglu, D., Moscona, J., and Robinson, James A. “State Capacity and American Technology: Evidence from the 19th Century.” *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings* 106(5): 61-67.

Working Papers

Moscona, J. and Seck, A. A. “Age Set vs. Kin: Culture and Financial Ties in East Africa.” Conditionally Accepted, *American Economic Review*.

Moscona, J. and Sastry, K. “Inappropriate Technology: Evidence from Global Agriculture.” Revision Requested, *American Economic Review*.

Moscona, J. “The Management of Aid and Conflict in Africa.” Revision Requested, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.

Moscona, J. “Environmental Catastrophe and the Direction of Invention: Evidence from the American Dust Bowl.”

Moscona, J. “Flowers of Invention: Patent Protection and Productivity Growth in US Agriculture.”

Lerner, J., Liu, J., Moscona, J., and Yang, D. “Appropriate Entrepreneurship? The Rise of China and the Developing World.”

Hsiao, A., Moscona, J., and Sastry, K. “Food Policy in a Warming World.”

Moscona, J. “Agricultural Development and Structural Change, Within and Across Countries.”

Moscona, J. and Levy, A. “Specializing in Density: Industrial Geography and Comparative Advantage.”

Professional Activities

Conference Presentations:

- 2023** ASSA Annual Meeting; Twelfth Annual Conference of the Julis-Rabinowitz Center for Public Finance at Princeton; Development Rookiefest at Northwestern; Princeton Macro Development Conference (discussant); Duke Strategy Research Conference; NBER Development / BREAD Program Fall Meeting
- 2022** Columbia-NYU Trade Day; WIDER Development Conference in Bogota; European Meeting of the Econometric Society; NBER Summer Institute, Environmental and Energy Economics; NBER Summer Institute, Macroeconomics and Productivity; NBER Summer Institute, Development of the American Economy; Brown Conference on the Roots of Comparative Development; BREAD Development Conference at Northwestern
- 2021** RIDGE Forum, Towards Sustainable Growth; NEUDC; CEPR/LEAP Workshop in Development Economics; NBER Development Economics/BREAD Fall Program Meeting; European Economics Association/ Econometric Society Congress; NBER Summer Institute, Environmental and Energy Economics; NBER Summer Institute, Innovation
- 2020** UC Berkeley Advanced Climate Economics Workshop
- 2019** Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention
- 2017** North East Universities Development Consortium

Invited Seminars:

- 2024** Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition; University of Toronto (Rotman); The Growth Lab at the Harvard Kennedy School; Brown; Georgetown; Auburn University
- 2023** HBS Entrepreneurial Management Unit; Chicago Economics; Chicago Booth; Stanford Economics; Stanford GSB; Harvard; MIT; UC Berkeley; Yale; Princeton; Cornell; LEAP Stellenbosch; Hong Kong University; ShanghaiTech; Chinese University of Hong Kong at Shenzhen; Sciences Po/Paris School of Economics; Ecole Polytechnique; Fundacao Getulio Vargas Sao Paulo; PUC Rio; Northwestern (Kellogg); University of Minnesota (Applied Economics)
- 2022** University of Southern California; UC Berkeley Economics; UC Berkeley Haas School of Business; UC San Diego; Harvard; Stanford; Penn State; IIES Stockholm; Stockholm School of Economics; NYU
- 2021** University of Hawaii; University of British Columbia

Refereeing:

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Journal of Political Science, Climate Policy, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic History, Journal of the European Economics Association, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics, Journal of Public Economics, PNAS, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Quarterly Journal of Economics

Grants and Awards

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| 2023 | Participant in China Star Tour |
| 2020 | Hausman Dissertation Fellowship, MIT |
| 2018, 2019 (x3) | George and Obie Shultz Fund Grant, MIT |
| 2017-2018 | Kenneth & Doreen Wang (1971) Fellowship, MIT |

2016-2017	John Krob Castle Fellowship, MIT
2016	Thomas T. Hoopes Prize (for an outstanding undergraduate thesis), Harvard
2016	Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard
2013	Lawrence Lader Prize, Harvard

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