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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: impact evaluations, quantitative analysis, mixed methods, gender

Secondary: social protection, child and adolescent well-being, gender-based violence

EDUCATION

Expected 2025	PhD in Public Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Committee: Sudhanshu Handa (Chair), Clare Barrington, Amber Peterman, Douglas Mackay, Agnes Quisumbing <i>Dissertation:</i> Economic stress, intimate relationship quality, and partner violence during adolescence and early adulthood in Malawi; Exploring youth relationships, partner violence, and help-seeking behaviors in the Malawi Social Cash Transfer Program; Examining empowerment transitions: A panel analysis from two countries
2014	MS in Public Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Certificate in Public Health Economics, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
2011	BA in Economics and French, University of California, Davis

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2024 - Present	Impact Evaluation Consultant, Evaluation Office, <i>UNICEF New York</i>
2023 - 2023	Gender & Social Inclusion Consultant, <i>International Fund for Agricultural Development</i>
2022 - 2023	Gender Consultant, <i>Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</i>
2020 - Present	Population Sciences Trainee (T32 funded), <i>Carolina Population Center, UNC Chapel Hill</i>
2020 - 2023	Consultant, <i>International Food Policy Research Institute</i>
2020 - 2020	Senior Research Analyst, <i>International Food Policy Research Institute</i>
2018 - 2020	Research Analyst, <i>International Food Policy Research Institute</i>
2015 - 2017	Social & Economic Policy Consultant, <i>UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti</i>
2015 - 2016	Consultant, Health, Poverty & Nutrition Practice, <i>World Bank</i>
2014 - 2015	Monitoring & Evaluation Advisor, <i>Jhpiego</i>

EXTRAMURAL FUNDING

1. Cash Transfers, Relationship Dynamics, and Intimate Partner Violence among Youth in Malawi. Cash Transfer and Intimate Partner Violence Research Collaborative. Co-Principal Investigator (with Sudhanshu Handa). 2021-Present.

PUBLICATIONS

[h-index score 15 in [Google Scholar](#)]

1. **Pereira A**, Handa S, Chunga J, Maxton T. Economic stress, intimate relationship quality, and partner violence during adolescence and early adulthood in Malawi. *Under review*.
2. Ahmed A, Coleman F, Ghostlaw J, Hoddinott J, Menon P, Parvin A, **Pereira A**, Quisumbing A, Roy S, Younus M. [Increasing production diversity and diet quality: Evidence from Bangladesh](#). *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. 2023 Aug 25, 1-22.
3. Ibrahim M, Chen Y, **Pereira A**, Musa T, Bathia D, Handa S. 2023. [The psychology of poverty: A replication based on Zimbabwe's Harmonised Social Cash Transfer Programme](#). *Journal of African Economies*. ejad013.
4. Ahmed A, Coleman F, Hoddinott J, Menon P, Parvin A, **Pereira A**, Quisumbing A, Roy S. 2023. [Comparing delivery channels to promote nutrition-sensitive agriculture: A cluster-randomized controlled trial in Bangladesh](#). *Food Policy*. 118, p.102484.
5. **Pereira A**, Akaligaung AJ, Aborigo R, Peterman A, Palermo T, Barrington C. 2023. [‘Joy, not sorrow’: Men’s perspectives on gender, violence, and cash transfers targeted to women in northern Ghana](#). *Social Science & Medicine - Qualitative Research in Health*. 3:100275.
6. Handa S, **Pereira A**, Holmqvist G. 2023. [The rapid decline of happiness: Exploring life satisfaction among young people across the world](#). *Applied Research in Quality of Life*. 18, 1549–1579.
7. Heckert J, Martinez EM, Seymour G, **Pereira A**, Roy S, Kim SS, Malapit H, Gender Assets and Agriculture Project Phase 2 (GAAP2) Health and Nutrition Study Team. 2022. [Development and validation of a health and nutrition module for the project-level Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index \(pro-WEAI+ HN\)](#). *Maternal & Child Nutrition*. 2022 Dec 8:e13464.
8. Doss C, Meitzen-Dick R, **Pereira A**, Pradhan R. 2022. [Women’s empowerment, extended families and male migration in Nepal: Insights from mixed methods analysis](#). *Journal of Rural Studies*. 90:13-25
9. Quisumbing A, Akhter A, Hoddinott J, **Pereira A**, Roy S. 2021. [Designing for empowerment impact in agricultural development projects: Experimental evidence from the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Gender Linkages \(ANGeL\) Project in Bangladesh](#). *World Development*. 146, p.105622.
10. **Pereira A**, Handa S, Holmqvist G. 2021. [Estimating the prevalence of food insecurity of households with children under 15 years, across the globe](#). *Global Food Security*. 28:100482.
11. Heckert J, **Pereira A**, Doss C, Myers E, Quisumbing A. 2021. [Structural transformation and gendered transitions to adulthood among rural youth: Cross-national evidence from low and middle-income countries](#). *Journal of Development Studies*. 57(4), pp.614-634.
12. **Pereira A**, Peterman A, Neijhoft AN, Buluma R, Daban RA, Islam A, Kainja ET, Kaloga IF, Kheam T, Johnson AK, Maternowska MC, Potts A, Rottanak C, Samnang C, Shawa M, Yoshikawa M, Palermo T. 2020. [Disclosure, reporting and help seeking among child survivors of violence: a cross-country analysis](#). *BMC Public Health*. 20(1): 1-23.
13. Hall B, Garabiles M, de Hoop J, **Pereira A**, Prencipe L, Palermo T. 2019. [Perspectives of adolescent and young adults on poverty related stressors: A qualitative study in Ghana, Malawi, and Tanzania](#). *BMJ Open*. Oct 14;9(10): e027047
14. Palermo T, **Pereira A**, Neijhoft N, Buluma R, Diem P, Kaloga IF, Daban R, Islam A, Kheam T, Lund-Hendriksen B, Maksud N, Maternowska MC, Potts A, Rottanak C, Shawa M, Peterman A. 2019. [Risk](#)

factors for childhood violence and polyvictimization: A cross-country analysis from three regions. *Child Abuse and Neglect*. 88:348-361.

15. Handa S, Daidone S, Peterman A, Davis B, **Pereira A**, Palermo T, Yablonski J on behalf of the Transfer Project. 2018. Myth-busting? Confronting six common perceptions about unconditional cash transfers as a poverty reduction strategy in Africa. *World Bank Research Observer*. 33(2):259-298.
16. Peterman A, **Pereira A**, Bleck, J, Palermo T, Yount KM. 2017. Women's individual asset ownership and experience of intimate partner violence: Evidence from 28 international surveys. *American Journal of Public Health*. 107(5): 747-755.
17. Shekar M, Kakietek J, D'Alimonte MR, Rogers HE, Eberwein JD, Akuoku JK, **Pereira A**, Soe-Lin S, Hecht R. 2017. Reaching the global target to reduce stunting: an investment framework. *Health Policy and Planning*. 1;32(5): 657-68.
18. Campbell OMR, Benova L, MacLeod D, Goodman C, Footman K, **Pereira AL**, Lynch C. 2015. Who, what, where: an analysis of private sector family planning provision in 57 low- and middle-income countries. *Tropical Medicine & International Health*. 20(12): 1639-1656
19. LeFevre A, Mpembeni R, Chitama D, George A, Mohan D, Urassa D, Gupta S, Feldhaus I, **Pereira AL**, Kilewo C, Chebet JJ, Cooper C, Besena G, Lutale H, Bishanga D, Mtete E, Semu H, Baqui A, Killewo J, Winch P. 2015. Profile, knowledge and work patterns of a cadre of maternal, newborn and child health community health workers focusing on preventive and promotive services in Morogoro Region, Tanzania. *Human Resources for Health*, 13:98

BOOK CHAPTERS AND REPORTS

1. FAO. 2023. *The status of women in agrifood systems. Co-led sections on women's empowerment, social protection, and gender-based violence*. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations: Rome, Italy
2. Martinez EM, Myers EC, **Pereira A**. 2020. The Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI). Edited by Sachs CE, Jensen L, Castellanos P, Sexsmith K. 2020. *Routledge Handbook of Gender and Agriculture*. Routledge: New York
3. Peterman A, Kumar N, **Pereira A**, Gilligan D. 2019. *Toward gender equality: A critical assessment of evidence on social safety nets in Africa*, In Quisumbing A, Meinzen-Dick R and Njuki J. 2019. *Gender Equality in Rural Africa: From Commitments to Outcomes*. IFPRI: Washington, DC
4. Ahmed A, Malapit H, **Pereira A**, Quisumbing A, Rubin D. 2019. Tracking empowerment along the value chain: Testing a modified WEAI in the Feed the Future Zone of Influence in Bangladesh. IFPRI: Dhaka, Bangladesh

PRESENTATIONS

1. 'Joy, not sorrow': Men's perceptions of gender, violence, and cash transfers targeted to women in Ghana. 2022. *Poster at Population Association of America Annual Meeting*
2. Designing for empowerment impact in the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Gender Linkages (ANGeL) Project in Bangladesh. 2019. *Sustainability and Development Conference*
3. Comparing empowerment transitions of men and women in rural Bangladesh. 2019. *Seeds of Change Conference: Gender Equality Through Agricultural Research for Development*

4. The Monster-in-Law Effect: Linking qualitative observations to quantitative analysis on household structure, migration, and empowerment in Nepal. 2019. *Seeds of Change Conference: Gender Equality Through Agricultural Research for Development*
5. Women's individual asset ownership and experience of intimate partner violence: Evidence from 28 international surveys. 2017. *IUSSP International Population Conference*
6. Subjective well-being among young people across the world. Poster. 2017. *IUSSP International Population Conference, Cape Town, South Africa*
7. Disclosure, reporting and help seeking among child survivors of violence – an analysis from six countries. 2017. *Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum (SVRI)*
8. Building global estimates of child food insecurity. 2016. *Seventh Annual International Conference on Agricultural Statistics (ICAS VII)*

TEACHING, SKILLS, AND OTHER EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant for PLCY 460: Quantitative Analysis for Public Policy. Fall 2024

Course development and instruction: pro-WEAI Distance Learning Modules on Survey Fieldwork and Calculating the Index. 2022-23

Data Collection Experience: Benin, Ghana, India, Malawi, Tanzania

Courses: Demographic and Health Survey eLearning Survey Sampling Training Course, 2019; Multidimensional Poverty Analysis Training at the University of Oxford, 2018; GIS Summer Workshop 2014, City College of San Francisco

Software Skills: Stata, ATLAS.ti, DeDoose, R (basic), L^AT_EX, Tableau, ArcGIS (basic)

Language Skills: English (native); French (intermediate); Spanish, Kannada (basic)

SERVICE

Student Representative to Public Policy PhD Admissions Committee, UNC Chapel Hill (2023-24)

Committee member, Policy Graduate Student Association, UNC Chapel Hill (2023-Present)

Pre-Graduate Advisor at University Career Services, UNC Chapel Hill (2021-23)

Graduate and Professional Student Government Senator for Public Policy (2021-22)

Peer Reviewer: BMC Public Health; Food and Nutrition Bulletin; Food Policy; Food Security; Global Health Research and Policy; Health and Social Care in the Community; International Health; Journal of Demographic Economics; Journal of Development Effectiveness; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of Agriculture and Food Research; Journal of Gender, Agriculture and Food Security; Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition; Journal of Rural Studies; Maternal and Child Nutrition; Oxford Development Studies; PLOS ONE; Women's Studies International Forum