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RESEARCH AREAS	Environmental Economics Development Economics	Agricultural Economics
PUBLICATIONS	Wang, J., Konar, M., Baylis, K., Estes, L., <b>Hadunka, P.</b> , Caylor, K., & Xiong, S. (2023). "Potential impacts of transportation infrastructure improvements to maize and cassava supply chains in Zambia" <i>Environmental Research: Infrastructure and Sustainability</i>	
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IN REVIEW	Wang, J., Konar, M., Anderson, P., <b>Hadunka, P.</b> , & Mulenga, B.P. (2024). "Weather extremes drive crop diversification in smallholder agriculture in Zambia" <i>Climate Risk Management - R &amp; R</i> .	
	Cecil, M., Estes, L., Caylor, K., <b>Hadunka, P.</b> , Evans, T., Chilenga, A., Gitonga, J., & Wolf, A. (2024). "Advantages and Limitations of Multiple Sensors for Smallholder Maize Land Surface Phenology Estimation" <i>Remote Sensing of Environment</i> .	
	Lewin, G., Molitor, C., Cohen, J., Cognac, S., Proctor, J., Baylis, K., <b>Hadunka, P.</b> , & Carleton, T. (2024). "Monitoring Maize Yield Variability over Space and Time with Unsupervised Satellite Imagery Features" <i>Remote sensing</i> .	
	Sullivan, J., Baylis, K., <b>Hadunka, P.</b> , & Konar, M., (2024). "Urban Legend: Disparities in Household Diets and Food Security Along a Rural-Urban Continuum" <i>Global Environmental Change</i> .	
WORKING PAPERS AND RESEARCH IN PROGRESS	<b>Hadunka, P.</b> , Baylis, K., Green, R & Zimmer, A. (2024) "The effect of invasive pests on food security: An understudied effect of climate change".	
	<b>Hadunka, P.</b> "The Impact of Pest Shocks on Charcoal Production and Deforestation in Zambia"	
	<b>Hadunka, P.</b> , & Mulenga, B.P. (2024) "Does minimum tillage mitigate the effects of rainfall variability on maize yield? The case of smallholder maize farmers in Zambia"	
	<b>Hadunka, P.</b> , Baylis, K., Cardell, L., & Michelson, H. (2024) "What causes adverse outcomes in the maize markets?"	

**Hadunka, P.**, Baylis, K., & Thornton, R. (2022) “Does the providing efficient transportation improve the price knowledge among rural households? Evidence from Malawi”

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE	<p>Principal Investigator, International Growth Center - FRA project: A think tank supervised by Oxford University and London School of Economics, Remote Dec 2023 - Jun 2024</p> <p>Consultant, International Growth Center, Remote Jan 2024 - Apr 2024</p> <p>Research and Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, IL 2017 - To date</p> <p>Teaching Assistant (Part-time) - Machine Learning for Applied Economists, University of Bonn, Remote Aug 2021 - Sept 2021 (20 PhD students)</p> <p>Data Quality Controller, Musika Development Initiative, World Food Program, and Business Development Services Africa - SME, Zambia Oct 2016 - Nov 2019</p> <p>Research Intern, Musika, Zambia Dec 2016 - May 2017</p> <p>Research Intern, Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI) Sep 2016 - Dec 2016</p> <p>Field Supervisor, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CYMMIT) Oct 2015 - Dec 2015</p>
TEACHING	<p><b>Applied Microeconomics (90 Undergraduates), Environmental Economics (70 Undergraduates), Applied Statistical methods &amp; Data Analytics (90 Undergraduates)</b></p> <p>University-wide “List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent” (Spring 2021), UIUC</p> <p>University-wide “List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent” (Spring 2023), UIUC</p> <p>University-wide “List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent” (Fall 2023), UIUC</p> <p>University-wide “List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent” (Spring 2024), UIUC</p>
POLICY REPORTS	<p><b>Hadunka, P</b> &amp; Teschemacher, C. (2024) “<a href="#">The effect of Zambia’s Food Reserve Agency on agricultural market outcomes</a>” International Growth Center, Project report.</p> <p><b>Hadunka, P</b> &amp; Janzen, J. (2023) “<a href="#">Weather Shocks and Seasonal Commodity Market Returns: Evidence from Zambia’s Maize Market</a>” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, farmdoc.</p> <p>Kasanda, E., <b>Hadunka, P.</b>, Lubinga, F., Mumba, K., Sakala, M., Arneson, S., Harper, T &amp; Sichilima, T. (2017) “<a href="#">A Needs Assessment of Rural Agribusinesses: The Commercial Viability of SMEs</a>” Musika Development Initiatives, Zambia.</p> <p>Kasanda, E., Chanda, J, <b>Hadunka, P</b> &amp; Sichilima, T. (2017) “<a href="#">The Status of Smallholder Dairy Markets and Farmers’s Perceptions of Formal Markets in Western Province</a>” Musika Development Initiatives, Zambia.</p> <p>Chela, J &amp; <b>Hadunka, P.</b> (2017) “<a href="#">A Qualitative Needs Assessment of Village Chicken Producers in Southern Province</a>” Musika Development Initiatives, Zambia.</p>
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PRESENTATIONS	<p>2024: Led a discussion with senior officials from the Presidential Delivery Unit, Ministry of Agriculture, International Growth Center, and Food and Reserve Agency (FRA) on reforming the FRA (Lusaka, Zambia).</p> <p>2023: Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (Portland, ME)</p> <p>2023: Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (Washington, DC)</p> <p>2022: Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (Anaheim, CA)</p> <p>2022: Center for the Study of Africa Economies-University of Oxford (UK) (virtual)</p> <p>2022: Midwest International Economic Development Conference (Minneapolis, MN)</p> <p>2022: Sustainability and Development Initiative Conference (Virtual)</p> <p>2019: Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA)</p>	
SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP	<p>Member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee - Dept. Student Representative 2024</p> <p>Member of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Graduate Programs Committee (2018 - Present)</p> <p>Abstract reviewer - Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (Annual meetings) - 2022, 2023</p> <p>Guest Editor - Frontiers in Environmental Economics (special issue)</p>	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	<p>Software proficiency: Stata, R, python, LATEX, GIS, GAMS, Microsoft Office</p> <p>Languages: English, Tonga (native), Bemba, Lozi, Nyanja, and Shona (Basic)</p>	
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**The Impact of Pest Shocks on Charcoal Production and Deforestation in Zambia.**

Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) is home to some of the world's highest rates of deforestation. One driver may be negative agricultural shocks that drive households to consume natural resources as a coping mechanism. This paper uses primary household panel data from Zambia to estimate the effect of introducing an agricultural pest, fall armyworms (FAW), on charcoal production. I exploit exogenous variation in the intensity of exposure to FAW across households and years to identify their effect. I find a positive and significant effect of FAW on charcoal production and deforestation. The estimates indicate that having FAW in the village increases the probability of a farmer producing charcoal by 3.48 percentage points, from 22 percent to 25 percent, leading to an increase in deforestation of 13.6 percent. The results also indicate that when methods to mitigate FAW damage are available, farmers are less likely to resort to charcoal production as a coping strategy. Having the ability to reduce the share of maize, diversify the crops produced, use pesticides, or migrate for off-farm employment are associated with a lower propensity to switch to charcoal production in response to FAW. Farmers' coping strategies in response to FAW attacks reduce charcoal production by 15 to 80 kg during an invasion.

**The effect of invasive pests on food security: An understudied effect of climate change.**

Insect pest invasions have been exacerbated by climate change, threatening global agricultural production and food security. While the direct effect of climate change on agricultural production has received a lot of attention in the literature, less work estimates the indirect effect of climate change on agricultural production and food security through insect pests. In this paper, we use the example of the introduction of Fall armyworms (FAW) to Africa to study the effect of insect pests on agricultural production and food security in the face of climate change. We use a panel of primary farmer data to evaluate the effect of this pest and analyze which characteristics make farmers more vulnerable to food insecurity in the face of an FAW invasion. We find that an increase in FAW severity decreases maize yield by 43.3 percent and can increase food insecurity by up to 9 percent, similar in magnitude of a drought in a 30 year time period. Further, we find that increased temperatures are related to a higher incidence of FAW. When we include this effect, we find that increased pest pressure magnifies the effect of climate change on yield by 5.4 percent. Farmers can mitigate the effects of both FAW and higher temperatures associated with climate change by using early maize varieties and hybrids. Our work points to the importance of considering the indirect effect of climate change on agriculture through insect pests when evaluating both the costs of and adaptation to climate change.

**Negative returns to storage in the maize markets? Evidence from Zambia.**

Recent research shows that around 16 % of grain markets in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) experience negative returns, discouraging storage. This paper explores the unexpected negative storage returns in Zambia's staple grain markets, where prices are often lower during the lean season than at harvest, contradicting traditional beliefs. Using panel data from district markets, I analyze how factors like rainfall, transport costs, and government policies—such as grain purchases and export bans—affect these negative returns. My findings indicate a significant correlation between rainfall variability and negative returns, particularly after favorable rainfall seasons. Additionally, maize purchases and stock releases by the Food Reserve Agency (FRA) during the lean season lower prices and reduce returns. Export bans further exacerbate negative returns, especially in isolated markets, which account for 48 % of those reporting negative outcomes. The study demonstrates that isolated markets are more vulnerable to negative returns due to thin market conditions, with rainfall shocks and FRA interventions having a more pronounced effect compared to non-isolated markets. Interestingly, while export bans mitigate negative returns in isolated markets, their impact varies in non-isolated ones. These findings emphasize the role of market isolation and policy interventions in understanding storage returns in Zambia's grain markets.