



**East Africa Social Science Translation (EASST)
Research Symposium
UC Berkeley
October 19, 2015
9:00-11:00am**

The [East Africa Social Science Translation \(EASST\)](#) Collaborative at the Center for Effective Global Action is pleased to invite you to the EASST Research Symposium, to be held October 19th, 2015 in 248 Giannini Hall at UC Berkeley.

EASST is a multi-institution research network with a mission to promote scientific evaluation of social and economic development programs in East Africa. EASST seeks, in the short-term, to build regional leadership in the generation of rigorous, policy-relevant social science research. In the long-term, the network seeks to increase the use of high quality evidence in the design of social policies, programs, and institutions throughout the East Africa region, including Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda.

The Collaborative is administered by the [Center for Effective Global Action \(CEGA\)](#), a center of excellence in development research based at the University of California (UC), in coordination with the School of Social Science at Makerere University. The Center for Effective Global Action designs and tests solutions for the problems of poverty, generating actionable evidence for policy-makers in less developed countries. Using rigorous field trials, behavioral experiments, and tools from data science, CEGA measures and maximizes the impacts of economic development programs throughout the world.

The symposium will feature an overview of the EASST network and the latest rigorous research undertaken by EASST fellows and CEGA faculty in East Africa. Visiting researchers from East Africa will present evaluations of programs in primary education, child health, land rights, and more. We'll also hear from UC faculty & PhD students about their collaborations with East African researchers, sponsored by the EASST Collaborative.



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| 9:00-9:25 | Breakfast |
| 9:25-9:30 | Welcome and Overview of EASST
<i>Alexandra Orsola-Vidal, UC Berkeley, CEGA Executive Director</i> |
| 9:30-10:00 | Improving Early Grade Learning Outcomes in Tanzania
<i>Karthik Muralidharan, Assistant Professor of Economics, UC San Diego</i> |
| 10:00-10:15 | Teacher's Productivity and Student Achievement in a Centralized Deployment System: Experimental Evidence from Uganda
<i>Saint Kizito Omala, Fall 2015 EASST Visiting Fellow</i>
<i>Senior Examinations Office, Uganda National Examinations Board</i> |
| 10:15-10:30 | Tenure Security and Household Welfare: Evidence from Ethiopia
<i>Hailemariam Ayalew Tiruneh, Fall 2015 EASST Visiting Fellow</i>
<i>PhD Candidate in Economics, University of Copenhagen</i> |
| 10:30-10:45 | IT in Taxation: The Impact of Electronic Fiscal Devices on Tax Compliance in Tanzania
<i>Fredrick Manang, Spring 2015 EASST Visiting Fellow</i>
<i>PhD Economics, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)</i> |
| 10:45-11:00 | Working With Village Health Teams To Increase Use of ORS and Zinc to Treat Child Diarrhea in Uganda: A Randomized Controlled Trial
<i>Zachary Wagner, EASST Researcher</i>
<i>PhD Candidate in Health Policy, UC Berkeley</i> |

