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Education

Ph.D. in Economics Ecole Doctoral d'Economie et Gestion de Montpellier (EDEG) & L'Institut Agro, Montpellier, France	Feb 2022 – June 2025
• <i>Title:</i> Complexity of smallholder farmers decisions and sustainability: the interconnection of preferences, monetary incentives and social capital • <i>Advisors:</i> Dr. Damien Jourdain (UMR G-EAU) and Françoise Gérard (UMR SENS) • <i>Jury:</i> David Ortega, Anne Rozan, Cesar Mantilla, Raphaële Preget	
M.S. Economics – Public Policy and Development Toulouse School of Economics (TSE), Toulouse, France	Sept. 2018 – June 2020
B.S. Economics University of Rennes 1, Rennes, France	Sept. 2016 – June 2017

Research Experience

Research Fellow (PhD candidate) , CIRAD – UMR G-EAU, Montpellier, France	Feb. 2022 – Feb. 2025
• Doctoral research within the EU-funded project Resilience Building for Agroecological Intensification in Zimbabwe (RAIZ). Project website. • Designed and implemented four quantitative surveys in rural Zimbabwe, including household surveys, discrete choice experiments, and two lab-in-the-field experiments. • Responsible for data collection in the field as well as subsequent cleaning, management, and econometric analysis. • <i>Research stays:</i> University of Zimbabwe (2022–2024); University of Pretoria (2024).	
Research Assistant , CIRAD & University of Montpellier	June 2020 – Aug. 2021
• <i>Project:</i> TYPOCLIM – Economic impact of collective irrigation schemes in Senegal. • <i>Activities:</i> design and implementation of a household survey; data cleaning and analysis.	
Research Assistant , Prof. Paul Seabright, Toulouse School of Economics	April - May 2020
• <i>Research subject:</i> How do religious organizations influence health decisions?	
Research Assistant , Prof. Paul Seabright, Toulouse School of Economics	April - Aug. 2019
• <i>Research subject:</i> Understanding religious organizations as competing platforms.	

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant , Toulouse School of Economics	Sept. - Dec. 2019
• First-year Macroeconomics.	

Professional Experience

Program Improvement Associate , The Taimaka Project, Gombe, Nigeria	April 2025 – present
• Research and program evaluation in Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM). • Analysis of non-response and relapse in child treatment outcomes using program data. • Design of caregiver surveys and structured observation tools to improve program quality. • Capacity-building with health staff on patient–provider interactions and counselling practices.	

Publications and Working Papers

Published

Belard, A., Farolfi, S., Jourdain, D., Manyanga, M., Pedzisa, T., Willinger, M. (2025). They know each other, but do they trust each other? Social capital and selected beneficiaries of community-based development projects: A lab-in-the-field in rural Zimbabwe. *World Development Perspectives*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wdp.2025.100729>

In Review

Belard, A., Jourdain, D., Manyanga, M., Pedzisa, T., Gérard, F., Falconnier, G., Affholder, F. *Understanding Smallholder Farmers' Preferences for Sustainable Agricultural Practices in Sub-Saharan Africa: Insights from Rural Zimbabwe*.

Submitted / Working Paper

Belard, A., Jourdain, D., Farolfi, S., Bayle, G., Pedzisa, T., Gérard, F., Affholder, F. *Individual, Collective, or Both? Testing Payment Mechanisms to Enhance Adoption of Sustainable Agricultural Systems*. Submitted; available on [HAL](#) (2025)

Conferences and Presentations

- “They know each other, but do they trust each other? Social capital and selected beneficiaries of community-based development projects” — presented at the 13th Conference of the French Association of Experimental Economics (ASFEE), Montpellier, France, May 25–26, 2023.
- (Same paper) — also presented at the Economic Science Association (ESA) Africa Regional Conference, University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa, December 14–15, 2023.

Research Grants

- **International Growth Centre (IGC)** — *Risk Preferences and Adoption of Sustainable Agricultural Practices: Insights from Smallholder Farmers in Zambia*. Competitive research grant, March 2025 – September 2026. Role: Principal Investigator. Amount awarded: £40,000. [Project page](#).

Additional Skills

- **Statistical and econometric software:** R, Stata, basic knowledge of Python and SQL.
- **Data collection tools:** Survey Solutions, KoboToolBox, ODK.
- **Other:** LaTeX.

Languages

- French: native.
- English: bilingual (C2).

References

- Damien Jourdain — Senior Researcher, UMR-G-EAU, CIRAD (PhD Supervisor)
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- Stefano Farolfi — Senior Researcher, UMR G-EAU, CIRAD (Coworker and Co-author)
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- Marc Willinger — Professor, CEE-M, University of Montpellier (Co-author)
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- Jennifer Ostrowski - Research Director at Taimaka (Manager)
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