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Education

PhD Economics, Norwegian University of Life Sciences-UMB (Norway). 2010
MSc Development and Resource Economics, Agricultural University of Norway. 2004
B.A Economics, Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia).1999
Others: - Cornell University (USA). 2006; University of Oslo (Norway). 2005

Positions and professional experiences

2016---to date	Senior Researcher; Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Norway
2012-2015	Research Fellow; Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway
2010-2011	Assistant Professor; Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
2005-2010	<i>PhD Candidate</i> ; Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway
2000-2002	Lecturer; Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

Fellowships and Awards

2011	AWARD Fellow. AWARD- African Women in Agricultural Research and Development- is a competitive fellowship for professional development of women
2005-2010	Norwegian Quota Scholarship (for PhD), Norwegian University of Life Sciences
2002-2004	NORAD Scholarship (for MSc), Agricultural University of Norway (NMBU)

Publications

Papers in Peer Reviewed International Journals

1. Holden, Stein and Sosina Bezu (2016). Preferences for Land Sales Legalization and Land Values in Ethiopia" Land Use Policy (in Press).
2. Bezu, Sosina and Stein Holden (2015). "Generosity and sharing among villagers: Do women give more?" Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics. **57**: 103-11.
3. Bezu, Sosina, G. T. Kassie, B. Shiferaw and J. Ricker-Gilbert (2014). "Impact of Improved Maize Adoption on Welfare of Farm Households in Malawi: A Panel Data Analysis." World Development **59**: 120-131.
4. Bezu, Sosina and S. Holden (2014). "Demand for Second-stage Land Certification in Ethiopia: Evidence from Household Panel Data" Land Use Policy. **41**: 193-205

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5. Bezu, S., & Holden, S. (2014). "Are Rural Youth in Ethiopia Abandoning Agriculture?" World Development, **64**(0), 259-272
6. Gebru, B. and Sosina Bezu (2014). "Environmental resource collection: implications for children's schooling in Tigray, northern Ethiopia." Environment and Development Economics **19**(02): 182-200.
7. Bezu, Sosina, C. B. Barrett and S. T. Holden (2012). "Does the Nonfarm Economy Offer Pathways for Upward Mobility? Evidence from a Panel Data Study in Ethiopia." World Development **40**(8): 1634-1646.
8. Bezu, Sosina and C. Barrett (2012). "Employment Dynamics in the Rural Nonfarm Sector in Ethiopia: Do the Poor Have Time on Their Side?" The Journal of Development Studies **48**(9): 1223-1240.
9. Bezu, Sosina and S. Holden (2008). "Can food-for-work encourage agricultural production?" Food Policy **33**(6): 541-549.

Selected Working Papers and reports

10. Sosina Bezu, Espen Villanger, Abel Alfred Kinyondo (2018). *Can Smallholders benefit from the new market opportunities from the extractive industry in Tanzania?* CMI Report R 2018:8.
11. Kendra Dupuy, Sosina Bezu, Arne Knudsen, Halvorsen, S., Kwauk, C., Braga, A., & Kim, H. (2018). *Life skills in non-formal contexts for adolescent girls in developing countries*. CMI Report R 2018:6. Chr. Michelsen Institute.
12. Stein T. Holden, Sosina Bezu and Mesfin Tilhaun (2016). *How Pro-poor are Land Rental Markets in Ethiopia?* CLTS Working Paper. No. 1/2016. Land Tenure Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås, Norway.
13. Stein T. Holden and Sosina Bezu (2014). *Tools, Fertilizer or Cash? Exchange Asymmetries in Productive Assets*. CLTS Working Paper No. 13/2014. Centre for Land Tenure Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Aas, Norway. (Revise and resubmit at World Development journal)
14. Sosina Bezu and Stein Holden (2014). *Rural-urban youth migration and informal self-employment in Ethiopia*. CLTS Report No.1 /2014 Research report. Centre for Land Tenure Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås, Norway.
15. Stein T. Holden and Sosina Bezu (2014). *Are Wives less Selfish than their Husbands? Evidence from Hawk-Dove Game Field Experiments*. CLTS Working Paper No. 3/2014. Centre for Land Tenure Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås, Norway

Selected Conference Presentations

1. EADI General Conference 2017: Globalization at the Crossroads. Bergen, Norway: August 2017
2. 49th Annual Conference of Canadian Economics Association. Toronto, Canada: May 2015
3. Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty 2014. Washington DC, USA: *March 2014*
4. 47th Annual Conference of Canadian Economics Association. Montreal, Canada: June 2013
5. Six Session of World Urban Forum: Youth Round Table. Naples, Italy: September 2012.

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Research grant and projects

1. *Youth Business Groups for Sustainable Development: Lessons from the Ethiopian Model*. Research project. The study is based on youth surveys, focus group discussions and behavioral experiments in Ethiopia. *Funding-* Research Council of Norway (NORGLOBAL2). (Role: researcher, 2019-2022).
2. *Creating a political and social climate for climate change adaptation*. Research project. The study is based on surveys and behavioral experiments in Ethiopia and Bangladesh. *Funding-* Research Council of Norway (NORGLOBAL2). (Role: researcher, 2018-2020).
3. *Evaluations of Norwegian development assistance to private sector development and job creation*. *Funding-*Commissioned work for Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD). (Role: Consultant 2018-2019)
4. *Evaluation of the implementation and long-term impact of performance based financing of health services*. (2015-2019). This is a research project funded by Research Council of Norway (GLOBVAC). The research evaluates the implementation and impact of performance based financing of health care in Tanzania. (Role: researcher)
5. *Impact of a food Value Chain Development intervention in Tanzania* (2016-2019). Research project. The study is based on farm household surveys in Southern Tanzania. *Funding-* Norwegian Embassy, Dar es Salaam. (Role: researcher)
6. *Life Skills in Non-Formal Contexts for Adolescent Girls in Developing Countries* (2016-2017): Research project. This multi-country project examines the broad spectrum of life skills programs in three countries: Ethiopia, Lebanon, and Tanzania. (Role: co-manager of project)
7. *Appraisal of the ILO program SCORE - Sustaining Competitive and Responsible Enterprises* (2017). *Funding-*Commissioned work for Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD). (Role: Consultant, April – May 2017)
8. *Evaluation of the Quality of Reviews and Decentralized Evaluations in Norwegian Development Cooperation*. 2016. *Funding-* Commissioned work for Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD). (Role: Consultant June – November 2016)
9. *Land Access and Youth Livelihood Opportunities in Southern Ethiopia* (2012-2013). Research project. The study is based on a survey of youth and their parents in Southern Ethiopia. *Funding-* UN-Habitat and Norwegian University of Life Sciences. (Role: researcher)
10. *Rural-urban youth migration* (2013-2014). Research project. The study is based on survey of rural households and tracked youth migrant from these households. *Funding-* UN-Habitat and Norwegian University of Life Sciences. (Role: researcher)
11. *Youth informal self-employment* (2014-2015): Research project. The study is based on a survey of youth working in informal sector in two urban centres in Ethiopia. (Role: researcher).
12. *Impact of joint land certification in Ethiopia* (2012-2015). Research project. The study is based on household surveys in two regions of Ethiopia. *Funding-* project funded by Research Council of Norway.

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Teaching and supervision

Teaching:

1) School of Economics, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia; 2) School of Economics and Business, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway; and 3) Norwegian School of Economics (guest lecturer)
Courses: Microeconomic Policy, Development and Environment Economics, Development Economics

Supervision of graduate students:

Co-supervise one PhD student (from March 2016), Makerere University, Uganda
Supervised 5 Master Students (2010-2011), Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

Other professional activities

Reviewer(sample)

Journals: American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Journal of Development Studies, World Development, Food Policy, Journal of Agricultural Economics, Land Use Policy, Forum for Development Studies, and many others.

Research Funding Organization: WOTRO Science for Global Development

Regular conference paper and working paper series –Annual World Bank Land and Poverty conference (since 2013), PEP-Net working paper series

Invited expert (sample):

- Skills, Attitudes and Behaviors that Shape Girls' Academic and Life Outcomes in Developing Countries. 2018. Graduate School of Education, University of California, Berkeley, USA.
- Measuring the poverty impacts of agricultural research. A workshop organized by the CGIAR's Independent Science and Partnership Council's Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA). July 2014. Minneapolis, USA.
- Youth, Gender and Land Rights: Global Initiatives and Local Actions. A workshop organized by UN-Habitat, Global Land Tool Network. June 2013. Oslo, Norway

Professional membership

Member: Agriculture and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)

Member: Canadian Economics Association (CEA)

Member: Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA)

Resource Person: Partnership for Economic Policy. <http://www.pep-net.org/>