

# Brendan Rice

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## EDUCATION

- 09/2017 - 05/2022 **Master of Science Sustainable International Agriculture**  
*Georg-August-Universität Göttingen*  
Specialization: Global Agribusiness and Rural Development Economics  
Thesis: *Determinants of certified seed use in Ethiopia: the role of agricultural commercialization*  
Coursework included Applied Microeconometrics, Data Analysis with R in Agricultural Economics, Organization of Food Supply Chains, and Agricultural Price Theory
- 09/2009 - 12/2012 **Bachelor of Arts in International Studies Summa Cum Laude (Regional Focus: Africa)**  
*University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) – Global and Community Leadership Honor Program*  
Thesis: *Conditions enabling the success of agricultural cooperatives: The case for institutional and organizational innovation*
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## WORK EXPERIENCE

- 04/2019 - present **Research Analyst**  
*IFPRI - Markets, Trade, and Institutions Division (Washington, DC/Rome, Italy)*
- Food and input price monitoring and analysis, including IFPRI's contribution to the AMIS Market Monitor (analysis of fertilizer markets).
  - Conducting research related to market intelligence and seed systems development.
  - Food crisis risk monitoring, including serving as the IFPRI representative to the Food Security Technical Working Group of the Food Security Information Network.
  - Developing and programming policy-relevant tools using R Shiny.
  - Survey development and programming.
  - Data collection and management.
  - Econometric analysis of datasets.
- 04/2018 – 03/2019 **Student Research Assistant**  
*University of Göttingen GlobalFood Research Group (Göttingen, Germany)*
- Supported tasks including survey design, data cleaning and analysis, and literature reviews.
- 06/2016 - 04/2017 **Operations Director**  
*KadAfrica (Fort Portal, Uganda)*
- Started up KadAfrica's outgrower/contract farming program, which provides inputs, training, and a ready market for small-scale farmers.
  - Developed operational processes.
  - Monitored performance in areas such as recruitment of farmers, contract implementation, logistics, extension, and service delivery.
- 04/2015 - 06/2016 **Agribusiness Consultant - International Consultant**  
*UN Food and Agriculture Organization Market Linkages and Value Chains Group (Rome, Italy)*
- Involved in project management activities of the EU-funded project Strengthening linkages between small actors and buyers in the Roots and Tubers sector in Africa.

- Supported the development and implementation of the Inclusive Business Model (IBM) approach to improve market linkages between producers and buyers.
- Wrote project reports.

01/2014 - 03/2015

**Family Farming Consultant - International Consultant**

*UN Food and Agriculture Organization (Rome, Italy)*

- Provided input to the working group on International Common Criteria on Family Farming.
- Provided input to family farming-related publications.
- Supported the implementation of activities of the UN International Year of Family Farming.

09/2013 - 01/2014

**Alliance Against Hunger and Malnutrition Assistant to the Coordinator**

*UN Food and Agriculture Organization (Rome, Italy)*

01/2013 - 05/2013

**Junior Consultant - Smallholder Commercialization Program**

*UN Food and Agriculture Organization (Freetown, Sierra Leone)*

- Worked on the Government of Sierra Leone's Smallholder Commercialization Program in the development of the country's Agricultural Business Center (ABC) model.
- Supported the training of ABC farmers in agribusiness skills.
- Developed video learning tools for farmers on best ABC management practices.

08/2012 - 05/2013

**Virtual Student Foreign Service eIntern**

*United States Department of State (home-based collaborating with USAID Kenya)*

05/2012 - 08/2012

**World Food Day Intern**

*UN Food and Agriculture Organization (Washington, D.C.)*

05/2011 - 08/2011

**Hunger-Free Communities Fellow**

*Alliance to End Hunger (Washington, D.C.)*

06/2010 - 08/2010

**Organizing Department Intern**

*Bread for the World (Washington, D.C.)*

08/2011 - 11/2011

**Food Policy Council Intern**

*Greater Birmingham Community Food Partners (Birmingham, Alabama)*

**LANGUAGES AND SKILLS**

Language:	English (mother tongue), French (intermediate prof.), Italian (intermediate prof.), German (basic prof.)
Data management and programming:	R, STATA, SQL
Data visualization:	R Shiny
Surveys:	Survey CTO and Qualtrics
Other:	MS Office (MS Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint), iSpring (e-learning software)

**NATIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS**

- Fulbright U.S. Student Award to Germany (2017-2018)
- President Clinton Hunger Leadership Award (2013)
- Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Award (2013)
- Truman Scholarship Finalist (2012)

**UNIVERSITY HONORS AND AWARDS**

- University of Alabama at Birmingham Commencement Speaker (2012)
- International Studies Student Engagement Award (2012)
- College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Leadership Award (2012)