

# Jeffrey Allen

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## Education

- Ph.D. Economics**, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon USA. 2009–2014
- **Dissertation:** "*The Macroeconomic Consequences of Poverty and Inequality*"
  - **Committee:** Shankha Chakraborty, George Evans, Bruce McGough
- B.A. Economics**, University of California, Riverside, Riverside, California USA. 2005–2009

## Academic Experience

- Pepperdine University: *Assistant Professor* August 2024–Present
- University of California, Riverside: *Adjunct Instructor* July 2021–June 2024
- University of Oregon: *Online Instructor* March 2019–June 2024
- University of Redlands: *Adjunct Instructor* August 2020–April 2022
- Bentley University: *Adjunct Instructor* May 2021–July 2021
- Colgate University: *Adjunct Instructor* January 2021–May 2021
- Bentley University: *Assistant Professor* July 2014–June 2018

## Research Interests

- Economic Growth, Economic Development, Macroeconomic Theory, International Economics, Informal Firms, Inequality

## Published Papers

- "Aspirations in the Long Run" with Shankha Chakraborty. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* (2022)
- "On the Tax Efficiency of Startup Firms" with Eric J. Allen, Sharat Raghavan and David H. Solomon. *Review of Accounting Studies* (2022)
- "Strict Duality and Overlapping Productivity Distributions between Formal and Informal Firms" with Tyler Schipper and Shanthi Nataraj. *Journal of Development Economics* (2018)
- "Aspirations, health and the cost of inequality" with Shankha Chakraborty. *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control* (2018)

## Working Papers

- "Pro-capitalist Culture and Long-Term Development" with Shankha Chakraborty
- "How Do Firms Adjust to Energy Shocks? Evidence from Power Outages" with Eric J. Allen, Sharat Raghavan, and James Zuberi
- "Informality, Entry Costs, and Differential Access to Public Goods" with Tyler Schipper
- "Subsistence Consumption and Structural Change"

## Teaching Experience

- Development Economics (global and U.S.)
- Economic Growth and Inequality
- International Economics
- Economics of Sports
- American Economic History
- World Economic History

- Health Economics
- Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Intermediate Microeconomics
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Principles of Microeconomics

## Professional Experience

**Convergence International**, Yucaipa, California USA. 2015–Present

- Co-founder and Vice President
- This non-profit works in the Eastern region of Ghana and helps local churches provide medical care and educational opportunities to their communities.
- Construction of first community health center expected to be completed in winter 2022 (originally scheduled for April 2020, but COVID-19 has delayed our operations).
- Our first school is operating with over 250 children.

**Bryant Street Baptist Church**, Yucaipa, California, USA. 2018–2020

- Minister of Youth and Administration
- Responsibilities: Oversaw executive functions (HR, building and grounds, etc) and mentored youth (6-12th grade)

## References

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- **Patrick Scholten**  
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