

# Abigail Barr: Curriculum Vitae

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## TERTIARY EDUCATION

Oct. 1993 - Sept. 1996: **D. Phil. in Economics**, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford  
Thesis title: *Entrepreneurial networks and economic growth*

Sept. 1987 - Sept. 1988: **M.A. in Economics**, University of Warwick  
Thesis title: *The concept of capacity in SAM based models*  
Prize: The Examiners' Prize for the best overall performance

Sept. 1984 - July 1987: **B.A. in Economics with Econometrics**, 1st, University of Sheffield  
Prize: The Tassie Medallion for best overall performance

## EMPLOYMENT

Sept. 2011 - present: **Associate Professor**, School of Economics, University of Nottingham

Sept. 2010 - Aug. 2011: **Researcher**, Oxford Department of International Development,  
University of Oxford (details of funding below)

Feb. 1998 - Aug. 2010: **Researcher**, Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of  
Oxford (details of funding below)

Sept. 1997 - Feb. 1998: **Visiting Professor**, Department of Economics, University of Addis  
Ababa (secondment funded by a technical assistance grant from the  
European Union)

Sept. 1996 - Sept. 1997: **Researcher**, Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of  
Oxford (details of funding below)

Oct. 1993 - Sept. 1996: **Research Student**, University of Oxford (funded by ESRC)

May 1991 - May 1993: **Economic Advisor**, Bank of Papua New Guinea, Papua New Guinea

Nov. 1988 - Nov. 1990: **Overseas Development Institute Fellow**, Department of Finance and  
Planning, Papua New Guinea

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

Attanasio, O., A. Barr, J.C. Cardenas, G. Genicot and C. Meghir 'Risk Pooling, Risk Preferences,  
and Social Networks', forthcoming in *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.

Barr, A., M. Dekker and M. Fafchamps 'Who shares risk with whom under different enforcement  
mechanisms?' forthcoming in *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.

Barr, A., D. Serra and P. Serneels 'Intrinsic motivations and the non-profit health sector: Evidence  
from Ethiopia', *Personality and Individual Differences* 51(3), 309-314, August 2011.

Barr, A. and D. Serra 'Corruption and Culture: An experimental analysis', *The Journal of Public  
Economics* 94(11-12), 862-869, December 2010.

- Barr, A. and D. Clark 'Do the poor adapt to low income, minimal education and ill-health?' *Journal of African Economies*, 19(3), 257-293, June 2010.
- Henrich, J., J. Ensminger, R. McElreath, A. Barr, C. Barrett, A. Bolyanatz, J. C. Cardenas, M. Gurven, E. Gwako, N. Henrich, C. Lesorogol, F. Marlowe, D. Tracer and J. Ziker 'Markets, religion, community size and the evolution of fairness and punishment', *Science*, 327(5972), 1467-1468, 19 March 2010.
- Barr, A. and D. Serra 'The effects of externalities and framing on bribery in a petty corruption experiment', *Experimental Economics*, 12(4), 488-503. December 2009.
- Barr, A., M. Lindelow & P. Serneels 'Corruption in public service delivery: An experimental analysis', *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 72(1), 225-39, October 2009.
- Barr, A. and P. Serneels 'Reciprocity in the Workplace', *Experimental Economics*, 12(1), 99-112, March 2009.
- Barr, A. and G. Genicot 'Risk sharing, commitment and information: An experimental analysis', *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 6(6), 1151-85, December 2008.
- Marlowe, F., J. Berbesque, A. Barr, C. Barrett, A. Bolyanatz, J. C. Cardenas, J. Ensminger, M. Gurven, E. Gwako, J. Henrich, N. Henrich, C. Lesorogol, R. McElreath, D. Tracer & J. Ziker 'More 'altruistic' punishment in larger societies', *Proceedings of the Royal Society: Biological Sciences*, 275(1634), 587-90, March 2008.
- Serneels, P., M. Lindelow, J. Montalvo and A. Barr 'For public service or money: understanding geographical imbalances in the health workforce', *Health Policy and Planning*, 22(3), 128-38, May 2007.
- Henrich, J., R. McElreath, A. Barr, J. Ensminger, C. Barrett, A. Bolyanatz, J. C. Cardenas, M. Gurven, E. Gwako, N. Henrich, C. Lesorogol, F. Marlowe, D. Tracer, J. Ziker 'Costly Punishment across human societies', *Science*, 312(5781), 1767-70, June 2006.
- Barr, A. and M. Fafchamps 'A client-community assessment of the NGO sector in Uganda', *Journal of Development Studies*, 42(4), 611-39, May 2006.
- Henrich, J., R. Boyd, S. Bowles, C. Camerer, E. Fehr, H. Gintis, R. McElreath, M. Alvard, A. Barr J. Ensminger, N. Henrich, K. Hill, F. Gil-White, M. Gurven, F. Marlowe, J. Q. Patton, and D. Tracer "Economic Man' in Cross-cultural Perspective: Behavioral experiments in 15 small-scale societies', *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 28(6), 795-855, December 2005.
- Republished in (1) *Data Collection*, edited by W. P. Vogt, in the SAGE Benchmarks in Social Research Methods series (2) *Judgment and Decision-making*, edited by N. Chater, Sage Publications (3) *Recent Developments in Behavioral Economics*, edited by S. Maital. International Library of Writings in Economics.
- Barr, A., M. Fafchamps and T. Owens 'The governance of non-governmental organizations in Uganda', *World Development*, 33(4), 657-79, April 2005.
- Barr, A. 'Forging Effective New Communities: The evolution of civil society in Zimbabwean resettled villages', *World Development*, 32(10), 1753-66, October 2004.
- Barr, A. 'Trust and Expected Trustworthiness: Experimental evidence from Zimbabwean villages', *Economic Journal*, 113(489), 614-30, July 2003.
- Barr, A. and A. Oduro 'Ethnic Fractionalization in an African Labour Market', *Journal of Development Economics*, 68(2), 355-79, August 2002.
- Barr, A. 'The Functional Diversity and Spillover Effects of Social Capital', *Journal of African Economies*, 11(1), 90-113, March 2002.

Barr, A. 'Social Capital and Technical Information Flows in the Ghanaian Manufacturing Sector', *Oxford Economic Papers*, 52, 539-59, July 2000.

Jones, P., A. Barr 'Learning by doing in sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Ghana', *Journal of International Development*, 8(3) 445-466, 1996.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Barr, A and D. Clark 'A Multidimensional Analysis of Adaptation in a Developing Country Context' forthcoming in (ed.), *Adaptation, Poverty and Development*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Barr, A, J. Ensminger and J. Johnson 'Social networks and trust in cross-cultural economic experiments', in K. Cook, M. Levi, and R. Hardin (eds), *Whom can we trust?* New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2009.

Barr, A. 'Kinship, familiarity, and trust: an experimental investigation', in J. Henrich, R. Boyd, S. Bowles, H. Gintis, E. Fehr and C. Camerer (eds), *Foundations of Human Sociality*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Barr, A., T. Packard, and D. Serra 'Is turning out to vote a public good contribution? Evidence from a new democracy', mimeo, October 2011.

Barr, A., J. Burns, L. Miller, and I. Shaw 'Individual notions of distributive justice and relative economic status', Nottingham School of Economics Discussion Paper Series 2011/10.

Barr, A. and A. Zeitlin 'Conflict of interest as a barrier to local accountability', CSAE Working paper WPS/2011-13.

Serra, D., A. Barr, T. Packard 'Education Outcomes, School Governance and Parents' Demand for Accountability: Evidence from Albania', World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 5643, 2011.

Barr, A. and A. Zeitlin 'Dictator games in the lab and in nature: External validity tested and investigated in Ugandan primary schools', CSAE Working paper WPS/2010-11.

Barr, A. 'Revisiting Michael McBride's Experiment about Money, Happiness and Aspirations', Nuffield Centre for Experimental Social Sciences Discussion Paper Series 2010-003.

Barr, A., M. Dekker and M. Fafchamps 'The formation of community based organizations in sub-Saharan Africa: An analysis of a quasi-experiment', CSAE Working paper WPS/2010.21.

Barr, A., M. Dekker and M. Fafchamps 'Bridging the gender divide: An experimental analysis of group formation in African villages', BREAD Working paper 268, 2010.

Alvarez, S., A. Barr, K. Tehelen and B. Douthwaite 'Can we evaluate network brokerage initiatives using data that are byproducts of the network broking process?' CSAE Working paper WPS/2009-18.

Barr, A., C. Wallace, J. Henrich, J. Ensminger, R. McElreath, C. Barrett, A. Bolyanatz, J. C. Cardenas, M. Gurven, E. Gwako, C. Lesorogol, F. Marlowe, D. Tracer, and J. Ziker 'Homo Æqualis: A Cross-Society Experimental Analysis of Three Bargaining Games', CSAE Working Paper WPS/2009-02.

Barr, A. and M. Stein 'Status and egalitarianism in traditional communities: An analysis of funeral attendance in six Zimbabwean villages', CSAE Working Paper WPS/2008-26.

Ensminger, J., A. Barr, and J. Henrich 'Cross-cultural experimental methods, Sites, and variables' in J. Ensminger and J. Henrich (eds), *Experimenting with Social Norms: Fairness and Punishment in Cross-Cultural Perspective*, manuscript submitted for publication to The Russell Sage Foundation Press.

Henrich, J. J. Ensminger, A. Barr, R. McElreath 'Major empirical results: Markets, religion, community size, and the evolution of fairness and punishment' in J. Ensminger and J. Henrich (eds), *Experimenting with Social Norms: Fairness and Punishment in Cross-Cultural Perspective*, manuscript submitted for publication to The Russell Sage Foundation Press.

Barr, A. 'The Effects of Birthplace and current context on other regarding preferences in Accra' in J. Ensminger and J. Henrich (eds), *Experimenting with Social Norms: Fairness and Punishment in Cross-Cultural Perspective*, manuscript submitted for publication to The Russell Sage Foundation Press.

## RECENT PRESENTATIONS

'Individual notions of distributive justice and relative economic status' School of Economics, University of Nottingham, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2011.

'Using lab-type experiments to investigate public servant motivation and accountability relationships' 6<sup>th</sup> Annual CEDI Conference: Behavioural Development Economics, Brunel University, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2011

'Who should be charged with the duty of holding Ugandan primary school teachers to account?' Workshop on The Economics of Non-Profits, NGOs and Aid Effectiveness, Centre for Research in the Economics of Development (CRED), University of Namur, 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.

'Corruption and Culture' The Kellogg Centre, Oxford, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2011

'Using lab-type experiments to investigate accountability relationships' CSAE 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference 2011: Economic Development in Africa, University of Oxford, 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2011.

'Risk Sharing among Strangers and Neighbours Compared' 5<sup>th</sup> European Workshop on Experimental and Behavioral Economics, Bologna, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

'Dictator games in the lab and in nature: Evidence of external validity from Ugandan primary schools' Experiments and Games in Surveys Workshop, Institute of Fiscal Studies, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2010.

'Pro-social norms in lab-type experiments' UNICEF, New York, USA, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

'Participatory accountability in Albanian primary schools: Combining surveys and lab-type experiments' The World Bank, Washington DC, USA, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

'Just playing games? Lab-type experiments to investigate accountability relationships' The World Bank, Washington DC, USA, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

'Using lab-type experiments to investigate accountability relationships' Department of Economics, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010.

'Using lab-type experiments to investigate accountability relationships' Department of Economics, University of Sussex, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

'Inequality, distributive justice and the individual' Distributive Justice Workshop, Nuffield Centre for Experimental Social Sciences, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

'Can we use Lab Experiments to Explore Worker Behaviour?' 4<sup>th</sup> ESRC Research Methods Festival, St. Catherine's College, Oxford, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

'Who associates with whom in African villages: A quasi experimental, longitudinal study of associational membership in 15 villages' International Network for Social Network Analysis Annual Conference, Riva Del Garda, Italy, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

'Dictator games in the lab and in nature: Evidence of external validity from Ugandan primary schools' Thurgau Experimental Economics Meeting, Konstanz, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

'Social preferences in the lab and in nature' Centre for the Study of African Economies Annual Conference, St. Catherine's College, Oxford, 22nd March 2010.

'Social preferences in the lab and in nature: Evidence of external validity from Ugandan primary schools' Improving Institutions for Pro-poor Growth Workshop, Oxford, 21st March 2010.

'Lab-type experiments in weird and wonderful places' Centre for Experimental Social Sciences, Nuffield College, Oxford, 16th March 2010.

## **FUNDING**

2010 - 2011: Principle investigator on a Fell Fund funded project entitled "Inequality, Distributive Justice and the Individual"

2010 - 2011: Joined Dr. Masooda Bano as a researcher on an ESRC funded project entitled "Ideas and Beliefs in Development"

2010 - 2010: Joined the research team on a DfID funded project entitled "Improving institutions for pro-poor growth"

2007 - 2010: One of three researchers on an ESRC and DfID funded project entitled "An experimental analysis of network and group formation for collective action"

2007 - 2009: Research team member on an ESRC and DfID funded project entitled "Finance and formalisation as mechanisms for poverty reduction in Africa"

2002 - 2006: Researcher in the ESRC funded "Global Poverty Research Group"

2001 - 2004: Research team member on a National Science Foundation funded project entitled "The roots of human sociality"

2001 - 2002: One of two researchers on a Russell Sage Foundation funded project entitled "Trust, trustworthiness, and the dynamics of trustfulness"

2000 - 2002: Sole researcher on an ESRC funded project entitled "From strangers to neighbours: Identifying the pre-conditions for social capital development"

1998 - 2000: Research team member on a World Bank funded project entitled "The economics of ethnicity and entrepreneurship in Africa"

## **TEACHING**

### **PhD. and DPhil. supervision:**

Ingrid Shaw (2009), University of Oxford, now a policy consultant and independent researcher

Danila Serra (2008), University of Oxford, now Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Florida State University

Tom LeQuesne (2005), University of Oxford, now Senior Policy Advisor, World Wide Fund for Nature

Truman Packard (2002), University of Oxford, now Lead Economist, Human Development, Europe and Central Asia Office, The World Bank

### **Graduate:**

Applied Behavioural Economics, 2011- , University of Nottingham

Development Policy Analysis, 2011- , University of Nottingham

### **Undergraduate:**

The Econometrics Project, 2011- , University of Nottingham

Mathematics for Economists, MSc in Development Economics, 1995-1996,  
University of Oxford

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

**Research Associate:** Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford; Centre for Experimental Social Science, Nuffield College, Oxford; Institute for Fiscal Studies, London.

**Member:** European Development Research Network; Royal Economics Society; Economic Science Association; International Network for Social Network Analysis.

### **REFEREEING**

**Journals:** American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Economic Journal, Journal of European Economic Association, European Economic Review, Oxford Economic Papers, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Experimental Economics, Journal of Evolutionary Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, World Development, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of International Development, Journal of African Economies, Environment and Development, Review of Income and Wealth, American Journal of Political Science, Current Anthropology, International Journal of Social Research Methodology.

**Funding bodies:** Economic and Social Research Council, British Academy, Department for International Development, Leverhulme Trust, National Centre for Research Methods, United States-Israel Bi-national Science Foundation, AUSAID, National Research Foundation South Africa.

**Ethics committees:** Centre for Experimental Social Science Ethics Committee.

### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

British Women's Paragliding Champion 2003, 2004, and 2005

1<sup>st</sup> Woman, All Africa Open Paragliding Championship 2003

Member of the British Paragliding Squad and British Paragliding Team 2004 and 2005