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- RESEARCH INTERESTS** Development Economics, Health Economics, Labour Economics, Experimental Economics
- EDUCATION** **University of Toronto**, Toronto, ON, Canada: Ph.D., Economics (2002)
University of Western Ontario, London, ON, Canada: M.A., Economics (1996)
University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON, Canada: B.Soc.Sci, Economics (1995)
- EMPLOYMENT**
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| McGill University , Montreal, QC, Canada | |
| Associate Director, Institute for the Study of International Development | 2013 - Present |
| Associate Professor, Department of Economics | 2010 - Present |
| Assistant Professor, Department of Economics | 2003 - 2010 |
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Ryerson University , Toronto, ON, Canada | |
| Assistant Professor, Department of Economics | 2001 - 2003 |
- PUBLICATIONS**
- Grimard, F. and **S. Laszlo**. 2014. "Long term effects of civil conflict on women's health outcomes in Peru." *World Development* Vol. 54: 139-155.
- Hunt, J. and **S. Laszlo**. 2012. "Is Bribery Really Regressive? Bribery's Costs, Benefits and Mechanisms." *World Development* Vol. 40 (2): 355-372.
- Engle-Warnick, J., J. Escobal and **S. Laszlo**. 2011. "Ambiguity Aversion and Portfolio Choice in Small-Scale Peruvian Farming." *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy* Vol. 11 (1): Article 68.
- Grimard, F., **S. Laszlo** and W. Lim. 2010. "Health, Aging and Childhood Socio-Economic Conditions in Mexico" *Journal of Health Economics* Vol. 29 (5): 630-640.
- Laszlo, S.** and E. Santor. 2009. "Migration, Social Networks and Credit: Empirical Evidence from Peru" *Developing Economies* Vol. 47 (4): 383-409.
- Engle-Warnick, J., J. Escobal and **S. Laszlo**. 2009. "How do Additional Alternatives Affect Individual Choice under Uncertainty?" *Canadian Journal of Economics* Vol. 42 (1): 113-140.
- Laszlo, S.** 2008. "Education, Labour Supply and Market Development in Rural Peru." *World Development* Vol. 36 (11): 2421-2439.
- Escobal, J. and **S. Laszlo**. 2008. "Measurement Error in Access to Markets." *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics* Vol. 70 (2): 209-243.
- Laszlo, S.** 2005. "Self-Employment Earnings and Returns to Education in Rural Peru" *Journal of Development Studies* Vol. 41 (7): 1247-1287.

- WORKING PAPERS Engle-Warnick, J., and **S. Laszlo**. “Learning-by-doing in an Ambiguous Environment.” (Revision requested)
- Raeburn, K., J. Engle-Warnick, and **S. Laszlo**. “Resolving ambiguity as a public good: Experimental evidence from Guyana.”
- Sayour, N., J. Engle-Warnick, and **S. Laszlo**. “Experimental Evidence on the Relation between Personality Traits and Preferences”
- Engle-Warnick, J., **S. Laszlo**, N. Mishagina, and E. Strumpf. “Coordination, Common Knowledge and an H1N1 Outbreak.” CIRANO working paper 2013s-10.
- Engle, J., Engle-Warnick, J., and **S. Laszlo**. “Social Exchange and Risk and Ambiguity Preferences.”
- Grimard, F. and **S. Laszlo**. “Civil Conflict and the Political Economy of Delivering Health Services in Peru.”
- Raeburn, K., J. Engle-Warnick, and **S. Laszlo**. “Learning in a bandit game and the technology choice of farmers in a developing country.”
- Raeburn, K., J. Engle-Warnick, and **S. Laszlo**. “Determinants of household food consumption choices: Experimental evidence from St. Kitts.”
- OTHER WRITING Lowitt, K., G. M. Hickey, Saint Ville, A., Raeburn, K., Thompson-Coln, T., **Laszlo, S.** and L. E. Phillip. 2015. “Factors affecting the innovation potential of smallholder farmers in the Caribbean Community” *Regional Environmental Change* Vol. 15(7): 1367-1377.
- Engle-Warnick, J., J. Escobal and **S. Laszlo**. 2014. *Technical Report: Technology adoption in Peruvian potato farming: Evidence from a Coordination Game experiment on farmer beliefs about strategies to combat Late Blight*. Technical report for CARICOM Food Security Project, McGill University, Quebec, Canada.
- Engle-Warnick, J., **S. Laszlo** and K. Raeburn. 2014. *Technology adoption as a public good: evidence from an economics experiment in Guyana*. Technical report for CARICOM Food Security Project, McGill University, Quebec, Canada.
- S. Laszlo**. 2013. *Breaking Down the Barriers to Rural Education: Recent Evidence from natural and Randomized Experiments in Developing Countries*. ISID - CIDA Research to Practice Policy Brief PB-2013-20.
- Laszlo, S.**, T. Thompson-Colón and L. Sjolander. 2013. *Producer Household Survey: Report on General Baseline Findings for Guyana, St Lucia, Trinidad-Tobago and St Kitts-Nevis*. CARICOM Food Security Project, McGill University, Quebec, Canada.
- Thompson-Colón, T. and **S. Laszlo**. 2013. *Producer Household Survey Methodology Report for the Baseline Survey Data Collection in Guyana, St. Lucia, Trinidad-Tobago, and St. Kitts-Nevis*. CARICOM Food Security Project, McGill University, Quebec, Canada.
- Berry, A., R. Compton and **S. Laszlo**. 2010. “Funding for Development Economics Research in Canada.”
- Engle-Warnick, J., and **S. Laszlo**. 2008. “Experimental Economics: A Revolution in Understanding Behaviour.” CIRANO Burgundy Report 2008RB-01.

Hunt, J. and **S. Laszlo**. 2005. "Bribery: Who Pays, Who Refuses and what are the Payoffs?" NBER Working Paper #11635.

MEDIA

S. Laszlo Sept 1, 2014. Toronto Star - Commentary. "[Medicine and military alone will not save world from Ebola](#)".

FIELD WORK

2015: Kenya

2012: Guyana, Peru

2011: St Kitts, St Lucia, Trinidad

2000, 2003, 2004, 2010: Peru

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Department for International Development and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation: \$952,466. "Improving Childcare Options to Create Better Economic Opportunities for Women in Nairobi Slums" PIs: Shelley Clark (McGill), Caroline Kabiru (African Population and Health Research Center, Kenya) (October 2014-October 2017)
- IDRC. Canadian International Food Security Fund (March 2011-September 2014): \$5M. "Improving the nutrition and health of CARICOM populations." PIs: Leroy Phillip (McGill) and Isabella Granderson (UWI)
- United Nations Population Fund Agency (UNFPA) (September 2010-August 2011): \$50,000. "Gender Equality, Sexual and Reproductive Health, and Poverty Reduction: Understanding the Links with Economic Growth and Improvements in Household Income", with Franque Grimard, Kathleen Fallon, Philip Oxhorn, Nata Duvvury (National University of Ireland, Galway), All Co-PIs.
- Fonds Quebecois de la Recherche sur la Societe et la Culture (FQRSC) (2009) \$460,000 (1 of 4 co-applicants including Jim Engle-Warnick, Claude Montmarquette, Paul Thomassin): "Tests de Théories et de politique économiques en laboratoire"
- Internal SSHRC Grant (2008): \$4,000.
- Faculty of Arts, McGill University (2007): \$5000.
- Paper Presentation Grant (2006): \$1000.
- Collaborative Research Seed Grant (Centre for Developing Area Studies, McGill) (2006): \$4900.
- Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, Latin American and Caribbean Research Exchange Grant (2005), \$6,023 awarded. Actual: \$5606.
- Internal SSHRC Grant (2004): \$4,900
- Prof. Galbraith's James McGill Grant (2003-2006, 2008-2009): \$5000-6000 yearly
- McGill Start-up Grant (2003-2005): \$11,000
- CIES - IDRC Award on Social and Policy Research in Peru (2003) \$5,100
- University of Toronto Open Fellowship (1996-2001): approx. \$7,200-\$8,000 yearly
- IDRC Doctoral Research Award (2000): approx \$10,900 for dissertation fieldwork in Peru
- Canadian International Labour Network (1999-2000): \$4,000 yearly
- University of Western Ontario Special Graduate Scholarship (1995): approx \$8,000
- University of Ottawa: graduated *Cum Laude*, Honours in Economics, 1995,

VISITING POSITIONS Visiting researcher at **DIAL**, Paris, France
Visiting researcher at **GRADE**, Lima, Peru

December 2010 and March 2011
Summer 2000, Summer 2003

REFEREE
EXPERIENCE

African Journal of Agricultural Economics; American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy; Canadian Journal of Economics; Canadian Journal of Development Studies; Comparative Economic Studies; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Empirical Economics; Indian Journal of Labour Economics; International Economics Journal; International Health; Journal of African Economies; Journal of Comparative Economics; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of Economic Geography; Journal of Economics and Business Statistics; Journal of Institutional Economics; Latin American Development Forum Series; Latin American Research Review; Revista de Análisis Económico SSHRC Standard Research Grants; CIHR Stars in Global Health; World Development; World Bank Economic Review .

PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS

Centre for Population Dynamics (McGill), Montreal, QC, Canada
Full member **2010 - Present**

CIRANO, Montreal, QC, Canada
Researcher **2008 - Present**

Institute for the Study of International Development (McGill), Montreal, QC, Canada
Member **2006 - Present**

GRADE, Lima, Peru
Affiliated Researcher **2004 - Present**

INVITED SEMINARS

2013: University of Ottawa, Dalhousie University
2012: Wilfred Laurier University, Université de Sherbrooke, GRADE
2010: DIAL
2009: University of Ottawa
2008: Bank of Canada, Carleton University
2006: Ryerson University
2005: Université de Laval, GRADE, McGill Social Statistics
2004: McGill Social Statistics, Frederick C. Dirks Lecture (Latin American Studies, Middlebury College)
2003: Guelph University, McGill University, University of Ottawa
2002: NPSIA (Carleton)
2001: Concordia University, Université de Montréal, Université de Québec à Montréal, McMaster University, York University, Ryerson University, GRADE, University of Ottawa
2000: GRADE

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

2015: Canadian Economics Association - Canadian Development Economics Study Group (CEA-CDESG) (Ryerson University, Toronto)
2013: CEA-CDESG (HEC, Montreal)
2013: Latin America and Caribbean Economics Association (LACEA) (Mexico City)
2012: CEA-CDESG (University of Calgary, Calgary)
2011: CEA-CDESG (University of Ottawa, Ottawa), International Health Economics Association (iHEA) (Toronto)
2010: CEA-CDESG
2009: Dynamic Institutions & Markets in Europe (DIME) Workshop “Experimental Methods and Innovation: Broadening and Challenging Existing Knowledge” Max Planck Institute of Economics and Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany; 3rd Annual Conference on Population,

Reproductive Health and Economic Development (University College Dublin)
2008: LACEA (Rio de Janeiro)
2007: CEA-CDESG (Dalhousie University, Halifax)
2006: LACEA (Mexico City), CEA-CDESG (Concordia University, Montreal), North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) (Cornell University), Societe Canadienne des Sciences Economiques (SCSE) (Montreal), International Symposium & Workshop on Employment Policy in the Andean Region of Latin America,
2005: LACEA (Paris), CEA-CDESG (Hamilton), NEUDC (Brown University), SCSE (La Malbaie)
2004: NEUDC (HEC Montreal), SCSE (Quebec), 75 Years of Development at Cornell
2002: Econometric Society (ASSA) (Montreal)
2001: NEUDC (Boston University), CEA (McGill, Montreal)
2000: NEUDC (Cornell University)
1999: Graduate Students Conference in Development Studies (Toronto)

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada

Graduate: Economic Development I, Economic Development II

Undergraduate: Economic Development I, Labour Market and Wages, Topics in Economic Development, Microeconomic Theory, Labour Economics

McGill University, ISID Executive Education

Member of the teaching team: "International Development: Bridging the Worlds of Theory, Policy and Practice" (Montreal, October 2013, October 2014)

Member of the teaching team: "Corporate Social Responsibility: Creating Value Through Collaborative Sustainable Development" (Dakar, Senegal, May 2014; Lima, Peru, June 2015)

Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, Canada

Undergraduate: Economic Development, Labour Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics II, Introductory Microeconomics, Economic Systems in the New Global Economy

EXTERNAL SERVICE

(2007 - Present): Member at Large, Executive Committee of the Canadian Economic Development Study Group (CDESG).

2014: External examiner for PhD Thesis at the University of Ottawa, Department of Economics
(2012 - 2013): Reviewer, Grand Challenges Canada - Stars in Global Health

(2009 - 2012): Member of the Canadian Scholarship Selection Committee, Social Sciences III sub-committee, Canadian Bureau for International Education.

2011: External examiner for PhD Thesis at UBC, Department of Economics

(2009 - 2010): Chair of the 2009, 2010 Al Berry Prize Committee (CDESG)

2008: Co-organiser and host of the Workshop in Economics Experiments in Developing Countries (held at CIRANO on October 24th to October 26th)

2007: Co-organiser of the Canadian Economic Development Study Group meetings held during May 2007 CEA meetings.

2006: Member of the Scientific Committee for the 2006 Congress of the Societe canadienne de sciences economiques; Local organiser of the Canadian Economic Development Study Group (CDESG) be held during the May 2006 CEA meetings.

2005: Co-founder and organizer of the Canadian Development Study Group (CDESG);

LANGUAGES

English (Native), French (Native), Spanish (Fluent)