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EDUCATION

PhD, Geography, Clark University (expected 2022)

Working dissertation title: *Greening Energy: The Politics of Wind in Senegal*.

Advisor: Dr. James McCarthy

MSc, Anthropology and Development, London School of Economics (2008)

Title: *Globalization and its Discontents: Place-making in the Niger Delta: The Ogoni Movement*.

Advisor: Dr. Andrew Fischer

BA, Anthropology & Latin American Studies, Union College (2006)

Cum laude, Dean's List 2002–06

Title: *Guatemala: Reconsidering Land and Development*. Received the *Albert C. Ingham Prize* for the most outstanding piece of scholarly work in the Social Sciences

Advisor: Dr. Derek Pardue

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Journal Issues

Nisbett, N., **van den Bold, M.**, Harris, J., Gillespie, S. (2021). Stories of Change in Nutrition: Lessons from Africa and Asia. *Food Security*.

Gillespie, S., Bhavani, BV, Dangour, A., Poole, N., **van den Bold, M.** (2019). Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia. *Food Policy (Special Issue)* 82: 1-82.

Gillespie, S., **van den Bold, M.**, Nisbett, N., Menon, P. (Eds.). (2017). Stories of Change in Nutrition. *Global Food Security (Special Issue)* 13: 1-88.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Nisbett, N., Heady, D., Harris, J., **van den Bold, M.**, Gillespie, S., Adeyemi, O., Becquey, E., Drimie, S., Iruhiriye, E., Aryeetey, R., Salm, L., Aberman, L. (2022). Stories of change in nutrition: lessons from a new generation of studies from Africa, Asia and Europe. *Food Security Series on Stories of Change in Nutrition: Lessons from Africa and South Asia* (under review).

Adeyemi, O., Toure, M., Covic, N., **van den Bold, M.**, Nisbett, N., Headey, D. Understanding drivers of stunting reduction in Nigeria from 2003 to 2018: a regression analysis. (2022). *Food Security Series on Stories of Change in Nutrition: Lessons from Africa and South Asia* (accepted).

Kampman, H., Nichols, C., **van den Bold, M.** (2021). Forging just dietary futures: bringing mainstream and critical nutrition into conversation. *Agriculture and Human Values*.

van den Bold, M. (2021). In pursuit of diverse energy futures: the political economy of electricity in Senegal. *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*. Special Issue on Electricity Capital.

- Aryeetey, R., Atuobi-Yeboah, A., Billings, L., Touré, M., **van den Bold, M.**, Nisbett, N. (2021). Stories of Change in Nutrition in Ghana: focus on stunting and anemia among children under 5 years (2009-2018). *Food Security Series on Stories of Change in Nutrition: Lessons from Africa and South Asia*.
- Turowska, Z., Buttarelli, E., Sombié, I., Touré, M., Nisbett, N., **van den Bold, M.** Stories of Change in Nutrition in Burkina Faso. *Food Security Series on Stories of Change in Nutrition: Lessons from Africa and South Asia* (under review).
- Adeyemi, O., **van den Bold, M.**, Nisbett, N., Covic, N. How has the enabling environment for nutrition changed in Nigeria? *Food Security Series on Stories of Change in Nutrition: Lessons from Africa and South Asia* (under review).
- Gillespie, S., Harris, J., Nisbett, N., **van den Bold, M.** (2021). Stories of change in nutrition from Africa and Asia: an introduction to a special series in *Food Security*. *Food Security* 13: 799-802.
- van den Bold, M.**, Bliznashka, L., Ramani, G., Olney, D.K., Quisumbing, A.R., Pedehombga, A., Ouedraogo, M. (2021). Nutrition-sensitive agriculture program impacts on time use and associations with maternal and child health and nutrition outcomes in Burkina Faso. *Maternal and Child Nutrition* 17:e13104.
- Gillespie, S., Poole, N., **van den Bold, M.**, Bhavani, R.V., Dangour, A., Shetty, P. (2019). Leveraging agriculture for nutrition in South Asia: What do we know, and what have we learned? *Food Policy (Special Issue)* 82: 2-11.
- Gillespie, S., **van den Bold, M.**, Hodge, J. (2019). Nutrition and the governance of agri-food systems in South Asia: a systematic review. *Food Policy (Special Issue)* 82: 12-26.
- Gillespie, S., Hoddinott, J., Nisbett, N., Arifeen, S., **van den Bold, M.** (2018). Evidence to Action: Highlights from Transform Nutrition Research (2012 – 2017). *Food and Nutrition Bulletin* 39(3): 335-360. DOI: 10.1177/0379572118788155.
- Gillespie, S., **van den Bold, M.** 2017. Stories of Change in Nutrition: an overview. In Gillespie, S., **van den Bold, M.**, Nisbett, N., and Menon, P. (Eds.) Stories of Change in Nutrition, *Global Food Security (Special Issue)* 13: 1-11. DOI: 10.1016/j.gfs.2017.02.004.
- Kohli, N., Avula, R., **van den Bold, M.**, Becker, E., Nisbett, N., Haddad, L., Menon, P. 2017. What will it take to accelerate improvements in nutrition outcomes in Odisha? Learning from the past to prioritize the future. In Gillespie, S., **van den Bold, M.**, Nisbett, N., and Menon, P. (Eds.) Stories of Change in Nutrition, *Global Food Security (Special Issue)* 13: 38-48. DOI: 10.1016/j.gfs.2017.04.002.
- Nisbett, N., **van den Bold, M.**, Gillespie, S., Menon, P., and the Stories of Change Study Team. 2017. Community-level perceptions of nutrition's drivers of change: evidence from South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. In Gillespie, S., **van den Bold, M.**, Nisbett, N., and Menon, P. (Eds.) Stories of Change in Nutrition, *Global Food Security (Special Issue)* 13: 74-82. DOI: 10.1016/j.gfs.2017.01.006.

- Gillespie, S., **van den Bold, M.** 2017. Agriculture, food systems and nutrition: making the connection. *Global Challenges* 1600002. DOI: 10.1002/gch2.201600002.
- Kim, S., Avula, R., Ved, R., Kohli, N., Singh, K., **van den Bold, M.**, Kadiyala, S., Menon, P. 2017. Understanding the role of intersectoral convergence in the delivery of essential maternal and child nutrition interventions in Odisha, India: a qualitative study. *BMC Public Health* 17:161. DOI: 10.1186/s12889-017-4088-z.
- van den Bold, M.**, Dillon, A., Olney, D., Ouedraogo, M., Pedehombga, A., Quisumbing, A. 2015. Can integrated agriculture-nutrition programs change gender norms on land and asset ownership? *Journal of Development Studies* 51(9): 1155-1174. DOI: 10.1080/00220388.2015.1036036.
- van den Bold, M.**, Kohli, N., Gillespie, S., Zuberi, S., Rajeeesh, S., Chakraborty, B. 2015. Is There an Enabling Environment for Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture in South Asia? Stakeholder perspectives from India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan. *Food and Nutrition Bulletin* 36(2): 231-247. DOI: 10.1177/0379572115587494.
- Gillespie, S., **van den Bold, M.**, Hodge, J., Herforth, A. 2015. Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia and East Africa: Examining the enabling environment through stakeholder perceptions. *Food Security* 7(3): 463-477. DOI: 10.1007/s12571-015-0449-6.
- Doss, C., Kovarik, C., Peterman, A., Quisumbing, A., **van den Bold, M.** 2015. Gender inequalities in ownership and control of land in Africa: Myth and reality. *Agricultural Economics* 46(3): 403-434. DOI: 10.1111/agec.12171.
- Quisumbing, A. R., Rubin, D., Manfre, C., Waithanji, E., **van den Bold, M.**, Olney, D., Johnson, N. Meinzen-Dick, R. 2015. Gender, assets, and market-oriented agriculture: learning from high-value crop and livestock projects in Africa and Asia. *Agriculture and Human Values* 32(4): 705-725. DOI: 10.1007/s10460-015-9587-x.
- Avula, R., Kim, S., Kohli, N., Chakrabarti, S., Tyagi, P., Singh, K., **van den Bold, M.**, Kadiyala, S., Menon, P. 2015. At-scale delivery of Essential Nutrition Interventions (ENIs) in India is limited by variable gaps in policy, design, implementation and demand. *The FASEB Journal* 29(1), Supplement 898.32.

Discussion papers

- Gillespie, S., **van den Bold, M.** 2015. Stories of Change in Nutrition – A Tool Pool. IFPRI Discussion Paper No. 01494. Washington, D.C.: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- Quisumbing, A. R., Rubin, D., Manfre, C., Waithanji, E., **van den Bold, M.**, Olney, D., Meinzen-Dick, R. 2014. Closing the Gender Asset Gap. Learning from value chain development in Africa and Asia. *IFPRI Discussion Paper 01321*. Washington, D.C.: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- Doss, C., Kovarik, C., Peterman, A., Quisumbing, A., **van den Bold, M.** 2013. Gender inequalities in ownership and control of land in Africa: Myth and reality. *IFPRI Discussion Paper 1302*. Washington, D.C.: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- van den Bold, M.**, Pedehombga, A., Ouedraogo, M., Quisumbing, A., Olney, D. 2013. Can

integrated agriculture-nutrition programs change gender norms on land and asset ownership? *IFPRI Discussion Paper 1315*. Washington, D.C.: International Food Policy Research Institute.

van den Bold, M., Quisumbing, A., and Gillespie, S. 2013. Women's Empowerment and Nutrition: An Evidence Review. *IFPRI Discussion Paper 1294*. Washington, D.C.: International Food Policy Research Institute.

Book chapters

Menon, P., Kohli, N., **van den Bold, M.**, Becker, E., Nisbett, N., Haddad, L., and R. Avula. 2016. Chapter 17: 25 Years of Scaling Up: Nutrition and Health Interventions in Odisha, India in *Nourishing Millions. Stories of Change in Nutrition*. Washington, D.C.: International Food Policy Research Institute.

Reports, briefs, short articles

Kohli, N., **van den Bold, M.**, Becker, E., Avula, R., Nisbett, N., Haddad, L., and Menon, P. 2016. Odisha, India country brief. *Stories of Change in Nutrition*. Brighton, UK: Transform Nutrition.

Le Port, A., **van den Bold, M.**, Birba, O., Iruhiriye, E., Bliznashka, L., Rawat, R., Olney, D. 2016. Helen Keller International's Changing Homestead Agriculture for Nutrition and Gender Equity (CHANGE) Program in Burkina Faso: Results from a Process Evaluation. Washington, D.C.: International Food Policy Research Institute.

Abu-Jawdeh, M., Becquey, E., Birba, O., Golan, J., Le Port, A., Olney, D., Rawat, R., **van den Bold, M.** 2015. Helen Keller International's Creating Homestead Agriculture for Nutrition and Gender Equity (CHANGE) program in Tanzania. Baseline report. Washington, D.C.: International Food Policy Research Institute.

Becquey, E., Birba, O., Golan, J., Le Port, A., Olney, D., Rawat, R., **van den Bold, M.** 2015. Helen Keller International's Creating Homestead Agriculture for Nutrition and Gender Equity (CHANGE) program in Burkina Faso. Baseline report. Washington, D.C.: International Food Policy Research Institute.

Olney, D., Behrman, J., Iruhiriye, E., **van den Bold, M.**, Pedehombga, A. 2014. Helen Keller International's Homestead Food Production Program in Burkina Faso: Results from an Operations Research Study. Washington, D.C.: International Food Policy Research Institute.

van den Bold, M. 2014. Women's empowerment and nutrition: what does the evidence tell us? Transform Nutrition research brief, Issue 02.

van den Bold, M., Pedehombga A, Ouedraogo M, Quisumbing A, Olney D. 2013. An Integrated Agriculture-Nutrition Program in Burkina Faso Can Change Gender Norms on Land and Asset Ownership. In *Gender, Agriculture, and Assets: Learning from Eight Agricultural Development Interventions in Africa and South Asia*, edited by A. Quisumbing, R. Meinzen-Dick, J. Njuki, and N. Johnson. Washington, D.C.: International Food Policy Research Institute.

van den Bold, M., Uwejamomere, T., Vandermeer, K. 2010. Raising visibility and voices of the

urban poor. Civil Society's engagement in urban water and sanitation reform – experiences from WaterAid Country Programs. London, UK: WaterAid.

van den Bold, M. 2012. Hygiene Framework. London, UK: WaterAid.

van den Bold, M. 2006. René Préal: Haiti May Get One Last Chance in Spite of Washington's Best Efforts. Washington, D.C.: Council on Hemispheric Affairs.

van den Bold, M. 2006. Free Trade and Land. *Washington Report on the Hemisphere* 26.07: 4-5.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference papers

- 2022 Panelist, *From Food to Diet and Nutrition in Geographies of Food and Agriculture*, Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), February 26, 2022.
- 2021 *The politics and possibilities of a green energy transition in Senegal*, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Mini-Conference: Green Transitions in the Anthropocene, July 2, 2021.
- 2021 *Ramping up renewables: Situating Senegal's energy story*, Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), April 9, 2021.
- 2019 *Greening energy: the Politics of Wind and Solar in Senegal*, Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Washington, D.C., April 4, 2019.
- 2014 *Agriculture and Nutrition in South Asia: Politics, Policies, Institutions, Incentives*, Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Agriculture and Health (LCIRAH) – 4th Annual LCIRAH Conference, Birbeck College, London, UK, June 3, 2014.
- 2014 World Bank Land and Poverty Conference. Presentation title: Can Integrated Agriculture-Nutrition Programs Change Gender Norms on Land and Asset Ownership? Evidence from Burkina Faso. World Bank, Washington, D.C., March 25, 2014.
- 2013 CORE Group Fall meeting: Social Accountability, Health Equity, and Empowerment. Invited presentation: *Can Integrated Agriculture-Nutrition Programs Change Gender Norms on Assets and Ownership? Evidence from Burkina Faso*. Washington, D.C.

Invited talks

- 2022 Geography 018: Environment and Development (Clark University). Energy transitions & development. March 17, 2022.
- 2020 Deuxièmes journées de compréhension des Exploitations Familiales et de dissémination des évidences (workshop organized by SNV Netherlands Development Organization on evidence dissemination regarding family farming in Burkina Faso). Invited presentation: *Impacts sur l'utilisation du temps et associations avec la nutrition et la santé des mères et des enfants. Une analyse du program EHFP (2010-2012) au Burkina Faso*. Presentation to Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Health representatives in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

- 2014 University of South Dakota – Honors Colloquium. Invited presentation: Can Integrated Agriculture-Nutrition Programs Change Gender Norms on Land and Asset Ownership? Evidence from Burkina Faso. Washington, D.C.
- 2013 Gender Capacity Building workshop – Roots, Tubers, and Bananas (RTB) Consortium Research Program. Invited presentation: *Gender, Agriculture, and Nutrition. Methods and Tools for Incorporating a Gender-Nutrition Lens into Agricultural Research*. International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), Cali, Colombia.
- 2013 Maternal Nutrition in Emergencies – Technical Round Table. European Community Humanitarian Office (ECHO). Invited presentation: *Women’s Empowerment and Nutrition: Evidence of impact from (select) nutrition-sensitive interventions on women’s empowerment and nutrition outcomes*. Brussels, Belgium.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012 – 2021 International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) | Washington D.C.**
 2015 – 2021 *Senior Research Analyst*, Poverty, Health and Nutrition Division
Outposted: Senegal: Oct 2019 – Mar 2020; Burkina Faso/Senegal; Jan–March 2016
 2012 – 2015 *Research Analyst*, Poverty, Health and Nutrition Division

Core responsibilities:

- Oversee data collection and analysis processes for various research projects, as well as coordinate projects across countries in West Africa. Develop survey instruments for data collection; clean and analyze quantitative and qualitative data.
 - ♦ (Field) work travel: Colombia, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Ethiopia, India, Côte d’Ivoire, Rwanda, Senegal, Sri Lanka.
- Write papers for publication on nutrition, food security, agriculture, land tenure, and gender in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia; present papers at international conferences.

Selected examples of project-specific responsibilities:

- **Stories of Challenge (2019–2021)**. Research initiative that sought to better understand drivers of political attention to multiple malnutrition burdens and foster learning across contexts on approaches for addressing obesogenic environments.
 - ♦ Co-led Stories of Challenge South Africa study with University of Stellenbosch by guiding overall research design and approach and overseeing contracting and budget.
- **Transform Nutrition – West Africa (2017–21)**. Research program that focused on improving and supporting policy/program decisions to accelerate reductions in maternal and child undernutrition in West Africa. Focus countries: Burkina Faso, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal.
 - ♦ Co-coordinated three year mixed-methods Stories of Change initiative examining nutrition-relevant change in Burkina Faso, Ghana, and Nigeria; published papers on findings in Food Security Series.
 - ♦ Conducted secondary data analysis of multiple nutrition burdens using hotspot analysis in ArcGIS.
- ♦ **Evaluation of nutrition-sensitive agriculture programs in Burkina Faso** (*Creating Homestead Agriculture for Nutrition and Gender Equity* (CHANGE) (2013–16) and *Enhanced-Homestead Food Production Program* (EHFP) (2010–12)). IFPRI evaluations of integrated agriculture-nutrition programs implemented by HKI in Burkina Faso, Tanzania.

- ♦ Supported process evaluation and endline survey implementation by designing survey instruments and supporting enumerator training and data collection efforts in Fada N’Gourma, Burkina Faso.
- ♦ Analyzed quantitative endline survey data in STATA; coauthored reports on process evaluation and endline for submission to HKI; analyzed qualitative data using SPSS.
- **Transform Nutrition (2012–17)**. Research program aimed at improving nutrition-relevant evidence to accelerate undernutrition reduction in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.
 - ♦ Carried out extensive literature review on women’s empowerment and nutrition.
 - ♦ Conducted in-depth interviews in Odisha, India, as part of the Stories of Change (round 1) initiative, a two year (2015-16) mixed methods study focused on capturing nutrition-relevant change in six countries in sub-Saharan Africa (Ethiopia, Zambia, Senegal), and South Asia (India, Bangladesh, Nepal).

2008 – 2011 WaterAid | London, UK

2009 – 2011 *Program Officer*, International Programs

- Managed WaterAid’s Pan-Africa portfolio of work by:
 - ♦ Coordinating strategic engagement of up to 90 civil society organizations at high-level international conferences: AfricaSan3 (Rwanda 2011), African Union Summit on Child and Maternal Health (Uganda 2010), 3rd Africa Water Week (Ethiopia 2010), 2nd Africa Water Week (South Africa 2009).
 - ♦ Developing/managing partnerships with African governments and institutions e.g. African Union, African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW), New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD), Office of President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf of Liberia (Goodwill Ambassador for WASH in Africa), African Civil Society Network for Water and Sanitation (ANEWS).
 - ♦ Writing speeches on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) for the President of Liberia Ms. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, the First Lady of Uganda. Uganda’s Minister of Water and Environment, and Uganda’s Deputy Ambassador to Kenya.
 - ♦ Ensuring synergy between continental, regional, and national-level program/policy work, and budget management.
- Led consultation on WaterAid’s Disaster Reduction and Hygiene strategic frameworks.
- Ensured timely submission of team plans and reports; managed consultants/interns; managed external and internal communications on work above.
- (Field) work travel: Ethiopia, Liberia, Rwanda, Senegal, Uganda, South Africa.

2008 – 2009 *Regional Program Assistant (West and Southern Africa)*

- Developed team reports, plans, and budgets; managed program-related communication between UK and Africa country offices; supported organization of regional workshops and meetings.

2006 – 2007 Schertler & Onorato, LLP | Washington, D.C.

Legal Assistant

- Translated Spanish-English attorney-client communication (DC prisons); legal research

2006 (3mo) Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA) | Washington, D.C.

Research Associate

- Analyzed U.S.-Latin America policy relations, e.g. trade and agricultural policy
- Wrote press releases and articles for publication in U.S. and Latin American media

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Certificates

- 2022 Diversity and Inclusion Certificate Program, Clark University
- 2019 HECCMA Certificate in College Teaching, Worcester State University
- 2019 Social and Behavioral Research–Basic/refresher, CITI program
- 2018 Rural Transformations in the 21st Century PhD course, Center for Development and the Environment (SUM), University of Oslo. Course lecturers: Dr. Marc Edelman, Dr. Amita Baviskar, Dr. Tor Benjaminsen, Dr. Kenneth Bo Nielsen
- 2013 Net-Map Certification Training, Washington D.C.
- 2013 STATA Web course, StataCorp LP (online)
- 2012 Transforming Nutrition Thinking, Policy, and Actions, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Brighton UK
- 2012 Living Standards Measurement Survey/Sampling, World Bank, Washington D.C.
- 2012 NVivo training workshop, QSR International, Washington D.C.
- 2011 Emergency Water & Environmental Sanitation, Cranfield University, Cranfield, UK
- 2011 Ground & Surface Water Hydrology, Cranfield University, Cranfield, UK

Professional membership

American Association of Geographers (AAG)

SERVICE

Peer reviewer

- 2022 Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space
- 2020 Global Food Security
Food Policy
- 2018 Advances in Nutrition
- 2017 Journal of Development Studies

Service to the university

- 2017 – Graduate Admissions Committee – Graduate School of Geography, Clark
2018 University
- 2017 – Geography Graduate Student Representative – Graduate Student Association, Clark
2018 University
- 2016 – Social Committee – Graduate School of Geography, Clark University
2017
- 2016 – Prospective Students Committee – Graduate School of Geography, Clark University
2017

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS

- 2021 Edna Bailey Sussman Foundation, *Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (\$10,000)*
- 2020 National Science Foundation, *Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement (DDRI) Award (\$15,406)*
- 2020 P.E.O. International, *D.C. Chapter Award (\$500)*
- 2019 American Philosophical Society, *Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research (\$5,000)*
- 2019 Fulbright U.S. Student Program (Open Study/Research Award), *Alternate Candidate*
- 2019 Edna Bailey Sussman Foundation, *Sussman Fund Graduate Scholarship (\$3,885)*
- 2019 American Geographical Society, *AGS Council Fellowship (\$1,500)*
- 2019 George Perkins Marsh Institute, (Clark University), *Albert, Norma, and Howard Geller '77 Endowed Research Award (\$2,500)*

- 2018 Clark University, *Graduate Student Council Conference Travel Award* (\$300)
2018 Graduate School of Geography (Clark University), *Pruser Dissertation Enhancement Award* (\$1,500)
2017 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP), Honorable Mention
2016 Graduate School of Geography (Clark University), *Atwood Fund Graduate Research Enhancement Award* (\$3,500)
2006 Union College, *Albert C. Ingham Prize* for the most outstanding piece of scholarly work in the Social Sciences (\$400)
2004 Union College (Dept. of Political Science), *Seward Scholarship* for summer research on urbanization in South Asia (\$2,500)
Total: \$46,991

SKILLS

Languages

English: Native speaker

Dutch: Native speaker

French: Reading: Advanced Speaking: Intermediate Writing: Intermediate

Spanish: Reading: Advanced Speaking: Intermediate Writing: Intermediate

Software

NVivo | STATA | SPSS | ArcGIS | QGIS | R | TerrSet