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## KEY EXPERIENCE

- Program & research coordination; program planning, budgeting, implementation, monitoring & evaluation; impact pathways & theory of change; partner coordination
- Research: community resilience, vulnerability, livelihoods, environmental change, adaptive capacity, governance and institutions

## QUALIFICATIONS

- 2012**      **PhD Arid Lands Resource Science; Minor: Applied Anthropology**  
 University of Arizona, Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs  
 Dissertation: Community resilience in drylands and implications for local development in Tigray, Ethiopia
- 2001**      **BSc (Hons) Agriculture, Specialisation: Land use and agricultural systems**  
 University of Reading, Department of Agriculture  
 Thesis: Natural Resource Management and Food Security in Ethiopia

## CAREER/EXPERIENCE/POSITIONS HELD

- Since 2010**      **Science Officer, CCAFS, Nairobi, Kenya**  
 Coordination of research portfolio of Integration for decision making Theme; Policies and institutions for climate resilient food systems Flagship; research, program planning, budgeting & implementation, impact pathways, M&E
- 2009**      **Consultant, United Nations World Food Programme, Yemen**  
 Secondary data analysis on food security and vulnerability; response analysis & consultation to support development of WFP Programme Strategy
- 2008-09**      **Coordinator, University of Arizona and Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia**  
 Coordinator for USAID Project "Institutional Capacity Building in Disaster Risk Management and Sustainable Development at Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia"; Research Associate, Disaster Risk Management and Sustainable Development Masters Program
- 2007-08**      **Freelance consultant, Germany/Ethiopia**

2003-06

**Teaching and research assistant, University of Arizona**  
Teaching Assistant for General Education and Tier Two Courses

## SELECTION OF PUBLICATIONS

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles, Policy Briefs, and Working Papers

Pérez C, Jones E, Kristjanson P, Cramer L, Thornton P, Förch W, Barahona C. 2014. How resilient are farming households, communities, men and women to a changing climate in Africa? CCAFS Working Paper 80. CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS). Copenhagen, Denmark.

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Carlile L, Ballantyne P, Ensor J, Förch W, Garside B, Harvey B, Patterson Z, Thornton P, Woodend J. 2013. Climate change and social learning (CCSL): supporting local decision making for climate change, agriculture and food security. CCSL Learning Brief No. 1. Copenhagen, Denmark: CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS).

Förch W. (2012) Community resilience in drylands and implications for local development in Tigray, Ethiopia. PhD Dissertation. University of Arizona.

Thornton P, Vervoort J, Förch W, Ericksen P, Kok K, Ingram J, Herrero M, Kristjanson P. 2012. The role of regional scenarios in CCAFS cross-scale research, planning and action toward improved food security, environments and livelihoods. Working Paper. CGIAR Research Program on Climate change, agriculture and food security (CCAFS), Copenhagen, Denmark.

Kristjanson P, Neufeld H, Gassner A, Thornton P, Förch W, Mango J, Kyazze F, Desta S, Kayula G, Thiede B and Kinyangi J (2012). Are food insecure smallholder households making changes in their farming practices? Evidence from East Africa. *Food Security* (published online May 25, 2012)