

# Gerald McQuade

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Young Lives** | *Oxford, UK* | Research Consultant 2021 - ongoing

Assisted with development and implementation of round 7 of Young Lives survey of childhood poverty in four low- and middle-income countries. Travelled to Hyderabad, India and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to deliver training to fieldwork supervisors and collect feedback from country teams on survey modules.

**Grupo De Análisis para el Desarrollo** | *Lima, Peru* | Visiting Researcher Winter 2023

Working with local researchers to evaluate the impacts of schooling reform on siblings' skill formation and time use. Assist/monitor ongoing data collection for round 7 of Young Lives.

**Queen Mary University London** | *London, UK* | Research Assistant 2022

Assisted in designing survey to measure child human capital and skills in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

**Young Lives** | *Oxford, UK* | Research Assistant 2020 - 2021

Developed dataset of matched spatial covariates, cleaning and validating respondent locations and matching to external spatial datasets. Conducted validation of socio-emotional measures included in previous surveys, assessing suitability and performance within adolescent samples.

**Office for National Statistics** | *Newport, UK* | Statistical Research Officer 2019

Co-authored statistical bulletins, produced annual statistical tables and fulfilled data requests as part of the Mortality Statistics Unit.

**Health Economics Research Unit** | *Aberdeen, UK* | Research Intern 2018

Provided research assistance for studies on health technology and social prescribing to improve the clinical- and cost-effectiveness of health care in Scotland.

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## NON-RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Lancaster & Heriot Watt Universities** | *Lancaster, UK* | Graduate Teaching Assistant 2019 - 2022

Organised and delivered lectures, seminars, and coding labs in applied micro-economics, development economics, and econometrics.

**Royal Naval Reserve** | *Edinburgh, UK* | Officer Cadet 2014 - 2018

Led team of officer cadets on training exercises at sea, working effectively in high-risk conditions to meet time-sensitive objectives while ensuring safe operation across Northern Europe.

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## EDUCATION

**Lancaster University** | PhD Economics 2020 - 2024 (Expected)

**University of Oxford** | Visiting Research Student (ODID) Trinity Term 2023

**University of Edinburgh** | MSc Economics 2019 - 2020

**Heriot Watt University** | MA Economics 2015 - 2019

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## RESEARCH OUTPUT

### Works in progress

Some people feel the rain; others just get wet: Early-life rainfall and personality trait formation in Peru [\[link\]](#)

Think of the children: Inter-generational effects of drought exposure on offspring outcomes in Peru

Examining sibling spillovers of a school-day extension program using a regression discontinuity design - *with Catherine Porter & Alan Sanchez*

A sound methodology: Measuring experiences of violent conflict through audio self-interviews - *with Sophie von Russdorf, Laura Ahlborn, Alessandra Hidalgo & Marta Favara*

### Technical Notes

Identifying climate shocks in Young Lives communities: Estimating weather conditions using a global gridded time series | Young Lives | *with Marta Favara* [\[link\]](#)

Selection and validation of socio-emotional skill measures in round 5 of the Young Lives survey - *with Catherine Porter, Marta Favara & Mark Mitchell* | Young Lives

### Statistical bulletins

Deaths related to drug poisoning in England and Wales: 2018 registrations - *with Emyr John & Asim Butt* | Office for National Statistics [\[link\]](#)

### Conference presentations

**2023** | 14th Bolivian Conference on Development Economics; Conferencia Internacional de Desarrollo Económico PUCP; 2nd International Conference on Development Economics; 36th European Society of Population Economics conference; 1st Welfare and Policy conference; Inaugural Essex PhD Conference in Applied Economics; NWSSDTP PhD Conference in Economics; 12th Summer School in Development Economics Workshop (*invited*); GRADE internal seminar series

**2019 - 2022** | Lancaster University PGR conference; NWSSDTP Conference; CLOSER – Preparing for the Future III; SGPE Conference; LUMS PhD Seminar Series; Scottish Economics Conference (*student speaker*)

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## OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

**Roles** PhD seminar organiser (2021-2022); PhD conference list creator & organiser (2022-2024)

**Proficiencies** Stata, R/Rstudio (+Rmarkdown/Quarto) (Advanced); QGIS, LaTeX (Intermediate)

**Software** sideytab [\[Github repository\]](#)

**Languages** English (Native), Spanish (Conversational)