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EDUCATION

Lancaster University | PhD Economics 2020 - 2025

- *Advisors:* Catherine Porter & Saurabh Singhal
- *Examiners:* Leah Bevis & Christophe Jalil Nordman (External), Maria Navarro Paniagua (Internal), Aurelie Slechten (Chair)

University of Oxford, ODID | Visiting Research Student Trinity term 2023

University of Edinburgh | MSc Economics (SGPE) 2019 - 2020

Heriot Watt University | MA Economics 2015 - 2019

EXPERIENCE

Lancaster University | *Lancaster, UK* | Research Associate 2026

- Evaluating the health and socio-economic impacts of Community Wealth Building practices in Scotland as part of the [CoWBELLS Study](#), alongside researchers at University of Glasgow and Glasgow Caledonian University.

Young Lives | *Oxford, UK* | Quantitative Research Officer 2025

- Researcher for the YL Research Hub on Climate Change and Environmental Shocks, investigating the long-term impacts of climate shocks and air pollution on human capital formation.

Lancaster University | *Lancaster, UK* | Teaching Associate 2024

- Teaching range of courses in the Department of Economics; EconHub drop-in and revision sessions.

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

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

Queen Mary University London | *London, UK* | RA to Simon Franklin 2022

- Assisted with development and implementation of round 7 surveys. Deliver fieldwork training and supervised pilot surveys in India and Ethiopia. Developed a matched climate covariates dataset.

Young Lives | *Oxford, UK* | Research Consultant 2021 - 2023

- Assisted in designing survey to measure child cognitive skills in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Lancaster University | *Lancaster, UK* | RA to Catherine Porter 2020

- Validated performance of socio-emotional measures in Young Lives round 5 survey.

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

- Authoring statistical bulletins and data requests within the Mortality Statistics Unit.

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

- Health technology assessment and evaluating social prescribing cost-effectiveness in health care in Scotland.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed publications

“A sound methodology: Measuring experiences of violent conflict through audio self-interviews” *Economic Letters*, 2024. | *with Sophie von Russdorf, Laura Ahlborn, Alessandra Hidalgo & Marta Favara* [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Blog\]](#) [\[Podcast\]](#)

Working papers

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

Grandmothers and Grandsons: Inter-generational effects of drought exposure in Peru [\[Draft\]](#)

Examining sibling spillovers of a school-day extension program using a regression discontinuity design | *with Catherine Porter & Alan Sanchez* [\[Draft\]](#)

Technical Notes

Identifying climate shocks in Young Lives communities: Estimating weather conditions using a global gridded time series, 2024. | Young Lives | *with Marta Favara* [\[Report\]](#)

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

Statistical bulletins

Deaths related to drug poisoning in England and Wales: 2018 registrations | ONS | *with Emyr John & Asim Butt* [\[Report\]](#)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023 - 2025

40th European Economic Association Congress; 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; Lancaster Applied Micro Workshop; 12th Summer School in Development Economics Workshop (*invited*)

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*)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Grants

ESRC Student-led Open Competition MSc + PhD Studentship £100,000	2019 - 2024
NWSSDTP PhD Internship Grant (6 months) £14,000	2023
NWSSDTP Overseas Institutional Visit Grant £6,900	2023

Awards

Watt Club Medal, MA economics – highest distinction	2019
Deputy Principal's Award – overall academic excellence	2019

TEACHING

Lancaster University 2021 - 2024

- Communicating Using Economic Data (ECON104) | Seminars | 2024-2025
- EconHub | Undergraduate helpdesk and revision sessions | 2024-2025
- Applied Economics (ECON229) | Seminars | 2021-2022
- Quantitative Methods for Economics (ECON 103) | Additional Workshops | 2022
- LUMS Maths and Statistics Hub | 1-to-1 Workshops | 2021-2022

Heriot Watt University 2019 - 2020

- Intermediate Microeconomics (C28IN) | Workshops | 2019-2020
- Econometrics Project (C29EJ) | Labs | 2019

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Advanced Applied Econometrics | University of Copenhagen 2022

GTA Economics Network Workshop | University of Strathclyde 2022

Virtual PhD course in development economics | IGC 2022

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Roles Lancaster University Economics PhD seminar organiser 2021-2022

Proficiencies Stata, R/Rstudio (including Rmarkdown, Quarto), LaTeX, Python, QGIS

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

Languages English (Native), Spanish (CEFR level A2)