

# Gerald McQuade

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## EDUCATION

<b>Lancaster University</b>   PhD Economics	2020 - 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Advisors:</i> Catherine Porter &amp; Saurabh Singhal</li><li>• <i>Examiners:</i> Leah Bevis &amp; Christophe Jalil Nordman (External), Maria Navarro Paniagua (Internal), Aurelie Slechten (Chair)</li></ul>	
<b>University of Oxford, ODID</b>   Visiting Research Student	Trinity term 2023
<b>University of Edinburgh</b>   MSc Economics (SGPE)	2019 - 2020
<b>Heriot Watt University</b>   MA Economics	2015 - 2019

## EXPERIENCE

<b>Lancaster University</b>   <i>Lancaster, UK</i>   Research Associate	2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evaluating the health and socio-economic impacts of Community Wealth Building practices in Scotland as part of the <a href="#">CoWBELLS Study</a>, alongside researchers at University of Glasgow and Glasgow Caledonian University.</li></ul>	
<b>Young Lives</b>   <i>Oxford, UK</i>   Quantitative Research Officer	2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li></ul>	
<b>Lancaster University</b>   <i>Lancaster, UK</i>   Teaching Associate	2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teaching range of courses in the Department of Economics; EconHub drop-in and revision sessions.</li></ul>	
<b>Grupo De Análisis para el Desarrollo</b>   <i>Lima, Peru</i>   Visiting Researcher	2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li></ul>	

**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 Emrys 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)