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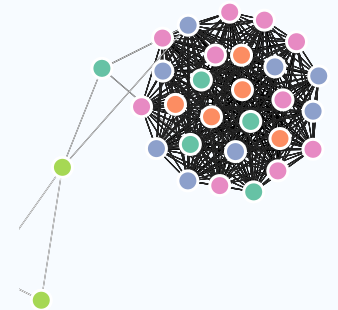
Currently searching for a position at the intersections of public policy, health and data. I've built many R packages to streamline social science research and maintain a widely used dataset of UK parliamentary speeches far superior to the official version. I make interactive maps of things like the relationship between housing prices and public transport services, or the amount of land given over to golfing.

🎓 EDUCATION

MSc in Comparative Social Policy
University of Oxford
2015 | 2014
📍 Oxford

Visiting Student
University of British Columbia
2014 | 2013
📍 Vancouver

BA (Honours) in Political Science
Laurentian University
2014 | 2009
📍 Sudbury/Barrie, Canada

🖥 PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance Project Manager
Disability Rights UK
Nov 2020 | Aug 2020
📍 Berlin

- Managing a three month programme of public engagement and communication to inform the UK government's forthcoming Disability Strategy.

Researcher
Disability Rights UK
Aug 2020 | Jun 2016
📍 London

- Conducted original quantitative research and data analysis on a range of topics, with an emphasis on health and welfare state issues.
- Testified before House of Lords Economics Select Committee on serious issues in the UK's flagship welfare policy.

Instructor in Health Studies
Queen's University, Bader International Study Centre
May 2019
📍 East Sussex

- Designed and taught "Disability Studies: Issues, Research and Policy", a final-year undergraduate course with a particular focus on public health and comparative analysis of welfare states.

Freelance Data Analyst
London Business School
Oct 2018 | Jun 2018
📍 London

- Designed a methodology to analyse parliamentary speeches using structured topic models, and wrote methods section, data visuals and statistical tables for use in a future paper.
- Analysed speeches in Hansard to identify differences in the topics and language style between male and female Labour MPs, and between female Labour MPs selected through open or all-women shortlists.

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LANGUAGE SKILLS

R	
Python	
SQL	

2016
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2015

Performance and Impact Officer
Future Leaders Trust   📍 London

- Conducted primary and secondary analysis of school performance data, disseminated results internally through presentations and internal reports, and externally through press releases.
- Co-authored the first original research report published by the Trust, responsible for data collection and methodology, and contributed to the writing of the report.

📄 SELECTED PROJECTS

Aug 2020
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Mar 2020

NHS Unified Information Standard – Protected Characteristics
NHS

- Developed a schema of 11 categories and a range of nested subcategories to identify public health inequalities amongst people with disabilities.

Apr 2020
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Jan 2020

Use of apps in healthcare treatment
NHS

- Conducted a series of interviews on behalf of the National Health Service on patient experience of public health apps.
- Wrote report advising on future strategies for integrating apps and other technology into healthcare personalisation efforts in the UK.

Feb 2020
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Dec 2019

Access to Advice Services in London
Nuffield Foundation

- Identified civil society organisations providing ad-hoc advice on different topics, using open charity data and web scraping.

Aug 2019
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Apr 2018

Young People's Attitudes to Disability
Lottery Community Fund

- Conducted focus groups with 42 children aged 12-14 with and without disabilities on their attitudes to and experiences of disability.

Jun 2019
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Dec 2018

Inclusive Education and Co-Production
European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities

- Conducted a systematic review of research on attitudes to co-production in education amongst teachers, parents and students.

📖 SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

2020

Getting it right the first time: Financial penalties to improve disability benefit assessments
LawArXiv. 10.31228/osf.io/jksyp

2020	**Energy Impairment and Disability Inclusion**
	With Catherine Hale, Stef Benstead, Jenny Lyus and Anna Ruddock
	• Primarily responsible for dataviz and survey analysis
2019	**Special or Unique: Young People's Attitudes to Disability**
2019	**External evaluation of the Bridge to Work Programme**
	With Jane Aston, Lauren Bennett, Hannah Murphy and Tony Stevens
2019	**Hansard Speeches 1979-2018**
	📍 A comprehensive and widely used dataset covering almost 40 years of UK parliamentary speeches.
2017	**Lonely schools: The relationship between geographic isolation and academic attainment**
	Educational Research, 59(3), 257–272. 10.1080/00131881.2017.1339285
2017	**Disability, Rights and Vulnerability in British Parliamentary Debate**
	SocArXiv. 10.31235/osf.io/tqf5j
2015	**Isolated schools: Out on a limb**
	With Katy Theobald

📈 SELECTED R PACKAGES

2020	`threesixtygiving`: Download Charitable Grants from the '360-Giving' Platform
2020	`ukpolice`: Download Data on UK Police and Crime
	With Nick Tierney
2019	`guardianapi`: Access the 'Guardian' newspaper open data API
2019	`cqcr`: Access 'Care Quality Commission' Data
2018	`nomisr`: Access Nomis UK Labour Market Data
	Journal of Open Source Software, 3(27), 859. 10.21105/joss.00859
	• Part of rOpenSci
2018	`fixerapi`: An R Client for the 'Fixer.io' Currency API
2018	`refuge`: Locate Trans and Intersex-Friendly Toilets
2017	`hansard`: Accessing Westminster Parliament Data
2017	`mnis`: Easy Downloading Capabilities for the Members' Name Information Service
2017	`parlitools`: Tools for Analysing UK Politics