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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

*Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics, Labor Economics*

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## EDUCATION

PHD IN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS, 2023

*Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) and Barcelona School of Economics (BSE), Spain*

Thesis: Essays on Human Capital and Development

VISITING STUDENT, *University of Minnesota, USA*, Spring 2022

JOINT MASTER IN MODELS & METHODS OF QUANTITATIVE ECONOMICS, 2019

*Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, Italy, Universität Bielefeld, Germany*

BACHELOR IN ECONOMICS, 2017

*Universität Bayreuth, Germany*

EXCHANGE SEMESTER, *University of New South Wales, Australia*, Fall 2015

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## RESEARCH

### Working Papers

Income and the Demand for Food Among the Poor - *submitted*  
*with Marc F. Bellemare and Eeshani Kandpal*

Parenting and Children's Skill Development  
*with Jacek Barszczewski*

How to Close the Skill Gap? Parental Background and Children's Skill Development in Indonesia  
*single-authored*

### Work in Progress

Gender Norms and Adolescents' Educational and Career Aspirations and Expectations: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Ghana  
*with Elisabetta Aurino and Chukwunonye Emenalo*

Developing and Piloting a Context-driven Intervention for Adolescent Development in Ghana: The Pem-pamsie Family Program  
*with Elisabetta Aurino, Noelle M. Suntheimer, Richard Appiah, Sharon Wolf, Esinam Ami Avornto, Jessica Fishman, Katie Brennan, David Djani and Eric Howusu-Kumi*

Pre-school Education and Long-Run Human Capital Formation  
*with Elisabetta Aurino, Sergi Quintana and Sharon Wolf*

The Long-Term Effects of a Pre-school Intervention on Parenting Behaviors  
*with Elisabetta Aurino, Karen Ortiz-Becerra, Noelle M. Sundtheimer and Sharon Wolf*

Food Prices, Program Saturation and Cash Transfers  
*with Jed Friedman, Eeshani Kandpal and Patrick Premand*

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## SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

2024	<i>IWAEF (Catanzaro, Italy), Advances with Field Experiments (LSE), Internal seminar (UB)</i>
2023	<i>Doctorissimes (Paris School of Economics), SEHO conference (University of Copenhagen), Nordic Conference in Development Economics (University of Gothenburg), ESPE Conference (Institute of Economic Sciences, Belgrade), ECINEQ Meeting (Aix-Marseille School of Economics), EEA-ESEM congress (BSE)</i>
2022	<i>NEUDC Conference (Yale University, presenter and discussant), Macro Micro Workshop (University of Minnesota), Essex-Barcelona Labor Workshop, ENTER jamboree (UAB), Inequality Workshop (University of Minnesota), Applied Seminar (UAB), Internal Seminar (IAE (CSIC), PhD-Economics Virtual Seminar (PhD-EVS))</i>
2021	<i>BSE PhD jamboree, Applied Seminar (UAB)</i>
2020	<i>Applied Seminar (UAB)</i>

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## TEACHING

2021, 2020	Master Projects Course (tutorial on thesis writing), Teaching assistant (BSE)
2021	Structural Empirical Methods for Labor Economics, Teaching assistant (UAB)

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

since 2023	UNIVERSITAT DE BARCELONA Postdoctoral Researcher, Barcelona, Spain
2019-23	UNIVERSITAT AUTÒNOMA DE BARCELONA, INSTITUT D'ANÀLISI ECONÒMICA (IAE (CSIC)) Research assistant to Stefano Falcone (2023), Prof. Joan Llull (2022, 2019-20), Prof. Matthew Ellman (2021), Prof. Hannes Mueller (2020), Barcelona, Spain
2021-22	THE WORLD BANK Short-term consultant, Development Research Group, remotely
2020-21	THE ECONOMIC JOURNAL (ROYAL ECONOMIC SOCIETY) Replication checks, remotely
2018, 2017, 2016	BASF SE Working student/intern, Trade and Bank Risk Management, Ludwigshafen, Germany
2017	GERMAN FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE Intern, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2016	MISEREOR E.V. (ORGANISATION FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION) Intern, Aachen, Germany

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## GRANTS AND AWARDS

2024	Co-Principal Investigator, Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation, Proyectos de Generación de Conocimiento (~ EUR 116.000)
2020-23	FPI Predoctoral Fellowship, Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation
2017-19	QEM Consortium scholarship, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

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## SKILLS

SOFTWARE	STATA, Python, Latex, Git, MS Office, R
LANGUAGES	German (native), English, French (proficient), Spanish (advanced), Polish (beginner)

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## REFEREE SERVICE

*Demography, Oxford Economic Papers*

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**SERVICE**

since 2024	Volunteer, Project Coordination Team, CorrelAid - Data4Good, remotely
2019-23	Volunteer, Fundació Gavina (organization for disadvantaged children), Barcelona, Spain
2020-22	Co-founder and co-organizer, Econisers (initiative for PhD candidates), Barcelona, Spain
2017	Volunteer, Ferrando Children's Home, Mysore, India
2013-17	Mentor and volunteer, VUB e.V. (student organization), Bayreuth, Germany
2015-16	Student representative for Economics, Universität Bayreuth, Bayreuth, Germany