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Education

Duke University, Ph.D. Sociology	2024 (Expected)
Duke University, M.A. Sociology	2021 (Expected)
University of Cambridge, M.Phil. Sociology	2016
Durham University, B.A. Sociology	2015

Research Interests

Culture and cognition
Cultural change
Agent-based modeling
Morality
Cultural evolution
Social learning
Networks

Publications

Published:

- 1) "Hunter-Gatherer Foraging Networks Promote Information Transmission" (Co-author) [RSOS].
- 2) "The role of template matching in the attribution of immorality". [Poetics].

Accepted:

R and Rs:

Under Review:

- 1) "Varying formative windows and the pace of cultural change". [Journal of Mathematical Sociology]

Presented:

- 1) "Bringing ecological rationality into models of cultural transmission" – Mind and Materiality panel at the ASA conference 2020.
- 2) "Varying formative windows and the pace of cultural change".

In Progress:

- 1) "The global and local dynamics of social influence" (Co-author).
- 2) "Resilience in Animal Networks" (Co-author).
- 3) "Understanding moral disagreement through assumptions of vulnerability" (Co-author).
- 4) "Variation in formative periods across generations" (Co-author).
- 5) "Stubborn models: when does learning become necessary?" (Co-author).

- 6) "Identity Structures and Well-Being" (Co-author).
- 7) "Has young adulthood extended?" (Co-author).

Research Experience

Quantitative Analysis for Professor Kurt Gray, UNC	2019
<i>Factor analysis of survey items about moral decision-making.</i>	
Research Assistant, Colombian Agency for Reincorporation	2017
<i>Department for Data Analysis.</i>	
M.Phil Thesis - Supervised by Patrick Baert	2016
<i>Identity-Construction among Colombian Human-Rights Activists.</i>	

Funding and Awards

Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,500), Graduate School, <i>Duke University</i>	2022
Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,500), Graduate School, <i>Duke University</i>	2020
Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,500), Graduate School, <i>Duke University</i>	2019
Fuller's Prize for best departmental average in Sociology, <i>Durham University</i>	2015
Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship for Academic Excellence, <i>Durham University</i>	2014

Skills

R: Proficient | Qualtrics: Proficient | Agent-based modeling: Intermediate | Python: Intermediate | Network analysis: Intermediate | Stan: Intermediate

Departmental Service

Graduate Student Forum Co-Chair	2020-2021
Staff Appreciation Coordinator	2019-2020
Graduate and Professional Student Council Representative	2018-2019

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association
Cultural Evolution Society