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WORK EXPERIENCE

- Young Lives – Study of Childhood Poverty; Quantitative Research Analyst** 2020 - present
- Directly involved in the development of four COVID-19 phone surveys (from survey design to analysis) in four low- and middle-income countries
 - Analysed data, and co-authored policy reports and academic papers, investigating the multidimensional effects of COVID-19 on young adults
- Periods For Hope – Non-profit; Co-founder** (<https://periodsforhope.org>) 2016-present
- Co-founded a non-profit organisation that aims to empower learners through reusable sanitary pad provision and sexual health workshops focused on menstruation, self-esteem, and gender-based violence
 - Raised over R200,000 via crowdfunding to provide re-usable sanitary pads to women and schoolgirls in South Africa
 - Run 10+ workshops to over 300 high-school boys focusing on menstruation and gender-based violence
- Vivid Economics – Economic Consulting Firm; Analyst Internship (2 months)** 2020
- Co-authored a [report](#) on the value of the planning systems in the UK
 - Researched, and helped inform reports on, the recovery plan of the Moroccan textile and apparel industry in light of COVID-19

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATES

- MSc in Economics for Development, University of Oxford** 2019-2020
- Degree with distinction, and distinction in dissertation
 - Thesis: “Child Multidimensional Poverty: Construction of an Internationally Comparable Index and Evaluation of a Conditional Cash Transfer in Pakistan”
- Bachelor of Business Science in Economics and Finance, University of Cape Town** 2015-2018
- Distinction in Economics, Finance, and degree with distinction
 - Second in Economics Honours year out of roughly 110 students
 - Thesis: “Reconciling Income and Asset Inequality in South Africa”
- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Level I** 2016
- Passed in top 10 percent globally

PRIZES AND AWARDS

- George Webb Medley prize (second-best overall performance in master’s programme, University of Oxford) 2020
- Thembi Losi Memorial Prize (best long paper with a developmental theme in South Africa, University of Cape Town) 2018
- National Research Foundation Scholarship (University of Cape Town) 2018
- Commerce Faculty Scholarship (University of Cape Town) 2018, 2016

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Young Lives, interrupted: Short-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on adolescents in low- and middle-income countries (with Marta Favara, Catherine Porter, Douglas Scott and Alan Sánchez), *Journal of Development Studies*, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2022.2029421>

Working papers

Unpacking the Post-lockdown Employment Recovery of Young Women in the Global South (with Marta Favara, Catherine Porter, Douglas Scott and Alan Sánchez). *IZA Discussion Paper Series*, No. 14829.

The Mental Cost of Job Loss: Assessing the Impact on Young Adults in Vietnam (with Marta Favara, Catherine Porter, Douglas Scott and Duc Le Thuc). *IZA Discussion Paper Series*, No. 15522.

Social Protection and Foundational Cognitive Skills During Adolescence: Evidence from a Large Public Works Programme (with Marta Favara, Catherine Porter, and Jere Behrman). *PIER Working Paper*, 22-022; *IZA Discussion Paper Series*, No. 15551.

Policy briefs

Two Years of COVID-19 is Threatening Progress Towards the Sustainable Development Goals: Emerging Policy Recommendations to Support Young People in Developing Countries (with Katherine Ford). *Young Lives Policy Brief* 52.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable People in Vietnam from Climate Shocks: Exposure to Flooding and Crop Failures has Unequal Impact on Children's Development and Learning (with Katherine Ford). *Young Lives Policy Brief* 54.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2020: Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative Seminar Series; Oxford Forum for International Development Conference

2021: UNICEF Mozambique National Forum on Children; UNICEF Innocenti Office of Research Seminar Series; UNDP Youth Seminar; UNU-WIDER Development Conference; 12th IAAH World Congress on Adolescent Health

2022: German Development Economics Conference; Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit Seminar Series; LACEA LAMES annual meeting (accepted)

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Languages: English (native); isiXhosa (basic); Spanish (basic)

Writing: I write as an Opinionista for the Daily Maverick

IT: Proficient in STATA; intermediate in R and Excel

Music and Sport: Royal Schools Grade 8 in cello; played for Oxford Men's Blues Futsal team