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Research Interests

Macroeconomics, Information Economics, Household Heterogeneity

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Surrey Future Fellow 2023-

University of Surrey

Post-doctoral Junior Research Fellow 2020-2023

University of Oxford, St. Anne's College

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, University of Oxford, Nuffield College	2017-2021
Visiting: University of Michigan	2019
CERGE-EI	2018
MPhil in Economics, University of Oxford, Nuffield College	2015-2017
Distinction, best exam performance in cohort	

BA in Economics and Management, University of Oxford, Merton College

2012-2015

1st class, best performance in cohort (overall and economics specifically)

Publications

News Media, Inflation, and Sentiment, with Wenting Song.

American Economic Association, Papers & Proceedings, 2023, Vol. 113

A Rational Inattention Unemployment Trap, with Martin Ellison.

Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, 2021, Vol. 131

The Attention Trap: Rational Inattention, Inequality, and Fiscal Policy

European Economic Review, 2021, Vol. 135

The 3 E's of Central Bank Communication with the Public, with Andrew Haldane and Michael McMahon. In E. Pasten and R. Reis (eds.), *Independence, Credibility, and Communication of Central Banking*, Central Bank of Chile, 2021

WORKING PAPERS

Cyclical Attention to Saving

Conditionally Accepted, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics
Winner, European Economic Association Young Economist Award 2020
1st Runner-up, Society for Computational Economics Graduate Student Paper Contest 2020
Finalist, ECB Forum on Central Banking Young Economists' Competition 2020

Heterogeneity in imperfect inflation expectations: theory and evidence from a novel survey, with James Moberly. University of Oxford Department of Economics Discussion Paper Series, no. 970
Revise & Resubmit, Journal of Money Credit and Banking

Ambiguity Averse Portfolio Choices in an Aging Population, with Chenchuan Shi.

Revise & Resubmit, International Economic Review

Narrative-Driven Fluctuations in Sentiment: Evidence Linking Traditional and Soc with Wenting Song. University of Oxford Department of Economics Discussion Paper Series, n	,
Shock Transmission and the Sources of Heterogeneous Expectations	
Winner, SUERF Marjolin Prize 2022	
Special Mention of Merit, EEA & UniCredit Foundation Econ JM Best Paper Award 2022	
The Allocation of Corporate News, with Xing Guo and Wenting Song.	
Other Economics Writing	
Does it matter that households disagree about inflation? SUERF Policy Brief, no. 337, May 2022	
Is the Covid-19 recession caused by supply or demand factors? with Paolo Surico The Economics Observatory, July 2020	
Teaching Experience	
Surrey Future Fellow, University of Surrey MRes Macroeconomics	2023-present
Visiting Lecturer, King's Business School, King's College London	2022
2nd year undergraduate: Macroeconomics lectures, including course and exam design Teaching Evaluations: Avg. $4.1/5$	
Undergraduate Class Tutor, University of Oxford	2017-2022
1st & 2nd year undergraduate: Macroeconomics, Mathematical Methods, Quantitative Econo Teaching Evaluations: Avg. $9/10$	mics
Graduate Class Tutor and Research Supervisor, University of Oxford	2018-2019
1st year MPhil: Macroeconomics	
Teaching Evaluations: Avg. $5/5$, best tutor that term	
2nd year MPhil: Student thesis advisor, for progression to PhD	
Other Employment	
Summer Associate, Goldman Sachs, London	2019
Economics Tutor, Target Oxbridge	2016-2018
Classes to encourage potential Oxford and Cambridge applicants from disadvantaged background	unds
Co-director, UNIQ Summer School in Economics and Management, University of Oxford Summer programme for potential Oxford applicants from disadvantaged backgrounds	2015-2017
Grants and Awards	
SUERF Marjolin Prize	2022
EEA & UniCredit Foundation Econ JM Best Paper Award, Special Mention of Merit	2022
John Fell OUP Research Fund Grant Research grant for The role of narratives in macroeconomic behavior (£8,400)	2022
European Economic Association Young Economist Award, Winner	2020
ECB Forum on Central Banking Young Economists' Competition, finalist	2020
	2020

Society for Computational Economics Graduate Student Paper prize, 1st runner-up

David Walton Distinguished Scholarship

2020

2019

Best Overall Performance in Examinations

2016-2017

1st and 2nd year, University of Oxford MPhil in Economics

ESRC Studentship in Economics

2015

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

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- 2024 Bristol-Surrey Macroeconomics Workshop, E1 Macro Workshop (QMUL), University of Kent*
- Catholic University of Milan, CFM-Warwick-Vienna Macro Conference, DIW Berlin, European Central Bank, National Bank of Slovakia, University of Surrey, Workshop on "Challenges for Monetary Policy in Times of High Inflation" (Hannover)
- 2022 15th RGS Doctoral Conference in Economics, 35th SUERF Colloquium, 4th Behavioral Macroeconomics Workshop (Bamberg), Bank of England, CESifo Conference on Macroeconomics and Survey Data, Durham University, Dynare Conference 2022 (Lancaster), EEA-ESEM 2022, ICEA Inflation conference (Wilfrid Laurier University), Leibniz Universität Hannover, Qatar Centre for Global Banking and Finance annual conference (KCL), University of Bristol, University of Edinburgh, University of Oxford (research jamboree + seminar)
- 2021 24th Central Bank Macroeconomic Modeling Workshop (Central Bank of Chile), European Commission Annual Research Conference, Expectations in Dynamic Macroeconomic Models Conference (Czech National Bank), MMF Annual Conference (Cambridge), Royal Economic Society Symposium of Junior Researchers, SNDE Symposium for Young Researchers, University of Oxford
- 2020 11th Workshop on Theoretical and Experimental Macroeconomics (TU Berlin, canceled), Applied Young Economist Webinar (Monash/Warwick), Bilkent-CEPR Conference on "Asymmetries, Nonlinearities, Information Effects, and Other Curios in Monetary Economics" (canceled), Bank of England, CEF 2020 (canceled), Econometric Society World Congress 2020, Economics Graduate Student Conference (WUSTL), EEA Annual Congress 2020, ESSIM 2020 (canceled), International ExSIDE Doctoral workshop (Surrey, canceled), University of Birmingham, University of Oxford, Young Economists Symposium (UPenn)
- 2019 3rd Annual NuCamp Conference (Oxford), Barcelona GSE summer forum, Belgrade Young Economists Conference, MMF PhD Conference (City University London), Royal Economic Society Symposium of Junior Researchers (Warwick), University of Michigan
- 2018 1st QMUL Economics and Finance Workshop for PhD & Post-doctoral students, CERGE-EI, Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, University of Oxford

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: American Economic Review, B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics, ECB Working Papers, Economica, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, International Journal of Central Banking, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Money Credit and Banking, Journal of the European Economic Association, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford Economic Papers, Scandinavian Journal of Economics

Co-organiser: MMF Annual PhD Research Conference (2024), MMF Macroeconomics Research Network (2023-), 1st NuCamp Virtual PhD Workshop (2020)