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PhD candidate with a social sciences background, specialising in intergenerational mobility, income inequality and quantitative methods.

EDUCATION

University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

July 2021- present

PhD Candidate

School of Education, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Funded by the Institute for Inspiring Children's Futures

Thesis title: The role of education in social mobility in the UK

Supervisor: Edward Sosu, Marion Henderson

Synopsis: Investigating the role of education as a moderator and a mediator in intergenerational income mobility in the UK, using quantitative methods.

Sciences Po, (Institut d'études politiques), Paris

Sept 2019- June 2021

Master in International Development

Specialisation in Research Methods

Sept 2016- June 2019

University of Exeter, Exeter

BA Politics with proficiency in French

Classification: First class

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, University of Strathclyde

*Sept 2021-
present*

Family background and educational attainment

Research assistant for ESRC funded project investigating the impact of family background on educational attainment.

Freelance Research Associate, Cumberland Lodge

*Dec 2021-
Sept 2022*

Shaping Social Mobility: Education and Employment

Research associate for cross-sector conference on social mobility in the UK, wrote and published briefing document, attended conference and writing up of recommendations with expert consultation.

Research Project Manager, European University Institute

*May 2020-
May 2021*

Family background and educational attainment

Managing on a data collection project, collecting the biodata of MPs from legislatures from 100+ countries, developing the codebook and co-writing the note for the database.

Research Intern, Mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur for Extreme Poverty and Human Rights

*Sept 2020-
Dec 2020*

The intergenerational transmission of poverty in developing countries

Preparing briefs and reports for a participatory dialogue on the intergenerational transmission of poverty in developing countries, and on poverty interventions.

**Research Assistant, Laboratory for Interdisciplinary
Evaluation of Public Policy**

Nov 2019-
Jul 2020

Family policies, female participation and inequalities

Assisting project empirically estimating the link between childcare policies, socioeconomic differences in access and socioeconomic differences in female labour force participation.

Nuffield Undergraduate Scholars Institute

Jul 2019-

Geographical Representation in Legislatures: A Cross-national Comparison

Aug 2019

Assisting with data collection, and data cleaning MPs biodata from different countries, presenting results and methodology using earth mover's distance.

RESEARCH TRAINING

Research Methods Specialisation, SciencesPo, Paris

2019-2021

Modules include: Statistics and Data Analytics for Policy Makers; Applied Econometrics: Introduction to Policy Analysis Tools; Advanced Econometrics: Panel Series including STATA and R training and secondary and longitudinal data analysis

Nuffield Undergraduates Scholar Institute, University of Oxford, UK

2019

Training in statistics, data analytics and social sciences research methods using STATA, conducting audit study on discrimination in housing

PUBLICATIONS

- Carnes, N., Ferrer, J., Golden, M., Lillywhite, E., Lupu, N. & Nazrullaeva, E. 'The Global Legislators Database' (forthcoming)
- Klein, M., Sosu, E. & Lillywhite, E. 'School Absenteeism and Educational Attainment-Evidence from the Scottish Longitudinal Study' (2022)
<https://doi.org/10.17868/80713>
- Lillywhite, E. 'Shaping Social Mobility: Education & Employment' (2022)
https://www.cumberlandlodge.ac.uk/sites/default/files/social_mobility_briefing_document_-_screen.pdf

AWARDS

- PhD studentship at the **Institute for Inspiring Children's Futures Doctoral Research Centre** *University of Strathclyde, 2021*
- Bursary to attend **Nuffield Undergraduate Scholars Institute** *University of Oxford, 2019*
- Shortlisted for the **Government and Public Sector Award Student Social Mobility Awards, 2019**

SKILLS

Data analysis software: Stata, Microsoft Excel, R (Basic), NVivo (Basic)

Languages: English (Native), French (Advanced)

Technical: LaTeX, R Markdown, HTML, GitHub, EndNote

References available on request.