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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Young Lives | *Oxford, UK* | Research Consultant 2021 - 2023

Assisted with development and implementation of round 7 of Young Lives survey of childhood poverty in four low- and middle-income countries. Travelled to Hyderabad, India and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to deliver training to fieldwork supervisors and collect feedback from country teams on survey modules.

Grupo De Análisis para el Desarrollo | *Lima, Peru* | Visiting Researcher Winter 2023

Working with local researchers to evaluate the impacts of schooling reform on siblings' skill formation and time use. Assist/monitor ongoing data collection for round 7 of Young Lives.

Queen Mary University London | *London, UK* | Research Assistant 2022

Assisted in designing survey to measure child human capital and skills in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Young Lives | *Oxford, UK* | Research Assistant 2020 - 2021

Developed dataset of matched spatial covariates, cleaning and validating respondent locations and matching to external spatial datasets. Conducted validation of socio-emotional measures included in previous surveys, assessing suitability and performance within adolescent samples.

Office for National Statistics | *Newport, UK* | Statistical Research Officer 2019

Co-authored statistical bulletins, produced annual statistical tables and fulfilled data requests as part of the Mortality Statistics Unit.

Health Economics Research Unit | *Aberdeen, UK* | Research Intern 2018

Provided research assistance for studies on health technology and social prescribing to improve the clinical- and cost-effectiveness of health care in Scotland.

NON-RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lancaster & Heriot Watt Universities | *Lancaster, UK* | Graduate Teaching Assistant 2019 - 2022

Organised and delivered lectures, seminars, and coding labs in applied micro-economics, development economics, and econometrics.

Royal Naval Reserve | *Edinburgh, UK* | Officer Cadet 2014 - 2018

Led team of officer cadets on training exercises at sea, working effectively in high-risk conditions to meet time-sensitive objectives while ensuring safe operation across Northern Europe.

EDUCATION

Lancaster University | PhD Economics 2020 - 2024 (Expected)

University of Oxford | Visiting Research Student (ODID) Trinity Term 2023

University of Edinburgh | MSc Economics 2019 - 2020

Heriot Watt University | MA Economics 2015 - 2019

RESEARCH OUTPUT

Peer-reviewed publications

“A sound methodology: Measuring experiences of violent conflict through audio self-interviews” *Economic Letters*, 2024. - *with Sophie von Russdorf, Laura Ahlborn, Alessandra Hidalgo & Marta Favara* [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Blog\]](#) [\[Podcast\]](#)

Working papers

Some people feel the rain; others just get wet: Early-life rainfall and personality trait formation in Peru [\[Draft\]](#)

Inter-generational effects of drought exposure on offspring outcomes in Peru

Examining sibling spillovers of a school-day extension program using a regression discontinuity design - *with Catherine Porter & Alan Sanchez*

Technical Notes

Identifying climate shocks in Young Lives communities: Estimating weather conditions using a global gridded time series | Young Lives | *with Marta Favara* [\[Report\]](#)

Selection and validation of socio-emotional skill measures in round 5 of the Young Lives survey | Young Lives | *with Catherine Porter, Marta Favara & Mark Mitchell*

Statistical bulletins

Deaths related to drug poisoning in England and Wales: 2018 registrations – ONS - *with Emyr John & Asim Butt* [\[Report\]](#)

Conference presentations

2023 - 2024 | 14th Bolivian Conference on Development Economics; Conferencia Internacional de Desarrollo Económico PUCP; 2nd International Conference on Development Economics; 36th European Society of Population Economics conference; 1st Welfare and Policy conference; Inaugural Essex PhD Conference in Applied Economics; NWSSDTP PhD Conference in Economics; 12th Summer School in Development Economics Workshop (*invited*); GRADE internal seminar series

2019 - 2022 | Lancaster University PGR conference; NWSSDTP Conference; CLOSER – Preparing for the Future III; SGPE Conference; LUMS PhD Seminar Series; Scottish Economics Conference (*student speaker*)

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Roles PhD seminar organiser (2021-2022); PhD conference list creator & organiser (2022-2024)

Proficiencies Stata, R/Rstudio (+Rmarkdown/Quarto) (Advanced); QGIS, LaTeX (Intermediate)

Software sideytab [\[Github repository\]](#)

Languages English (Native), Spanish (Conversational)