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EDUCATION

Lancaster University | PhD Economics 2020 - 2024 (Expected)
Advisors: Catherine Porter & Saurabh Singhal

University of Oxford, ODID | Visiting Research Student Trinity term 2023
Host: Marta Favara

University of Edinburgh | MSc Economics (SGPE) 2019 - 2020
Advisors: Robert Mochrie & Catherine Porter

Heriot Watt University | MA Economics 2015 - 2019
Advisors: Robert Mochrie

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lancaster University | Lancaster, UK | Teaching Associate 2024-

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

Young Lives | Oxford, UK | Research Consultant 2021 - 2022

Queen Mary University London | London, UK | RA to Simon Franklin 2022

Lancaster University | Lancaster, UK | RA to Catherine Porter 2020

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

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lancaster University 2021 - 2024

- Communicating Using Economic Data (ECON104) | Seminars | 2024-2025
- EconHub | Undergraduate helpdesk and revision sessions | 2024-2025
- Applied Economics (ECON229) | Seminars | 2021-2022
- Quantitative Methods for Economics (ECON 103) | Additional Workshops | 2022
- LUMS Maths and Statistics Hub | 1-to-1 Workshops | 2021-2022

Heriot Watt University 2019 - 2020

- Intermediate Microeconomics (C28IN) | Workshops
- Econometrics Project (C29EJ) | Labs

PUBLICATIONS

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 [\[Draft\]](#)

Grandmothers and Grandsons: Inter-generational effects of drought exposure 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; Lancaster Applied Micro Workshop; 12th Summer School in Development Economics Workshop (*invited*)

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*)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Grants

ESRC Student-led Open Competition Masters + PhD Studentship	2019 - 2024
NWSSDTP PhD Internship Grant (6 months) £14,000	2023

NWSSDTP Overseas Institutional Visit Grant £6,900	2023
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Awards

Watt Club Medal, MA economics – highest distinction	2019
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Deputy Principal's Award – overall academic excellence	2019
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ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Advanced Applied Econometrics: Recent Methods and Issues University of Copenhagen	2022
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GTA Economics Network Workshop University of Strathclyde	2022
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Virtual PhD course in development economics IGC	2022
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Roles Lancaster University Economics Department PhD seminar organiser	2021-2022
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Proficiencies Stata, R/Rstudio (including Rmarkdown, Quarto), QGIS, LaTeX

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

Languages English (Native), Spanish (CEFR level A2)