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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

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

Assisted with development and implementation of round 7 of Young Lives surveys, including travel to India and Ethiopia to deliver fieldwork training and supervise pilot surveys. Additionally developed a matched dataset of climate covariates.

Queen Mary University London | *London, UK* | Research Assistant to Simon Franklin 2022

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

Lancaster University | *Lancaster, UK* | Research Assistant to Catherine Porter 2020 - 2021

Conducted validation of socio-emotional measures included in Young Lives 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 University | *Lancaster, UK* | Teaching Associate 2024-

Teaching a range of courses in the Department of Economics, assisting with the running of the EconHub drop-in help desk and revision sessions for undergraduates.

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

Organised and delivered seminars, workshops, and coding labs in applied micro-economics, micro-economic theory, 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

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 [\[Draft\]](#)

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; 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)