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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

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

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

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

Young Lives | Oxford, UK | Research Assistant 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 - 2022

Applied Economics (ECON229) | Seminars

Quantitative Methods for Economics (ECON 103) | Additional Workshops

LUMS Maths and Statistics Hub | 1-to-1 Workshops

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 [\[Draft\]](#)

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; 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

Awards

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

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Roles Lancaster University Economics Department PhD seminar organiser	2021-2022
Proficiencies Stata, R/Rstudio (including Rmarkdown), QGIS, LaTeX	
Software sideytav [Github repository]	
Languages English (Native), Spanish (CEFR level A2)	