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## EDUCATION

**Lancaster University** | PhD Economics 2020 - 2025

*Advisors: Catherine Porter & Saurabh Singhal*

*Committee: Leah Bevis & Christophe Jalil Nordman (External), Maria Navarro Paniagua (Internal), Aurelie Slechten (Chair)*

**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

*Advisor: Robert Mochrie*

## EXPERIENCE

**Young Lives** | Oxford, UK | Quantitative Research Officer 2025 -

Researcher for the YL Research Hub on Climate Change and Environmental Shocks, investigating the long-term impacts of climate shocks and air pollution on human capital formation.

**Lancaster University** | Lancaster, UK | Teaching Associate 2024

Teaching range of courses in the Department of Economics; EconHub drop-in and revision sessions.

**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 ongoing data collection for round 7 of Young Lives.

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

Assisted with development and implementation of round 7 surveys. Deliver fieldwork training and supervised pilot surveys in India and Ethiopia. Developed a matched climate covariates dataset.

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

Assisted in designing survey to measure child cognitive skills in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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

Validated performance of socio-emotional measures in Young Lives round 5 survey.

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

Authoring statistical bulletins and data requests within the Mortality Statistics Unit.

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

Assessing health technology and social prescribing cost-effectiveness in health care in Scotland.

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## 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 [\[Draft\]](#)

Examining sibling spillovers of a school-day extension program using a regression discontinuity design - *with Catherine Porter & Alan Sanchez* [\[Draft\]](#)

### 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* [\[Report\]](#)

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## 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*)

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## GRANTS AND AWARDS

### Grants

ESRC Student-led Open Competition MSc + PhD Studentship | £100,000

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

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## TEACHING

<b>Lancaster University</b>	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	
<b>Heriot Watt University</b>	2019 - 2020
Intermediate Microeconomics (C28IN)   Workshops   2019-2020	
Econometrics Project (C29EJ)   Labs   2019	

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## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Advanced Applied Econometrics   University of Copenhagen	2022
GTA Economics Network Workshop   University of Strathclyde	2022
Virtual PhD course in development economics   IGC	2022

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## OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

<b>Roles</b> Lancaster University Economics PhD seminar organiser	2021-2022
<b>Proficiencies</b> Stata, R/Rstudio (including Rmarkdown, Quarto), LaTeX, Python, QGIS	
<b>Software</b> sideytab <a href="#">[Github repository]</a>	
<b>Languages</b> English (Native), Spanish (CEFR level A2)	