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EDUCATION

Lancaster University | PhD Economics 2020 - March 2025 (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

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. Traveled to India and Ethiopia to deliver fieldwork training and supervise pilot surveys. Developed a matched data set of climate covariates.

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.

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* [\[Report\]](#)

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

TEACHING

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 2019-2020	
Econometrics Project (C29EJ) Labs 2019	

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

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

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