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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

EXPERIENCE

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

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

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| 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

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

TEACHING

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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) | |