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PhD Candidate, Department of Economics

EDUCATION

University of Michigan – Ph.D. in Economics	Sep 2023 – Present
University College London – M.Sc. Public Policy (<i>Dean's List</i>)	Sep 2015 – Jul 2017
University of Manchester – B.A. Economics & Political Science (<i>with Honors</i>)	Sep 2012 – Jul 2015

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Center for International Development, Harvard Kennedy School	Feb 2022 – Aug 2023
Research Fellow to Prof. Asim Khwaja – RCTs in governance, gender, education, and labor.	

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)	Apr 2018 – Jan 2022
Research Associate to:	

- Profs. Paul Gertler, Joshua Blumenstock (UC Berkeley), and Sean Higgins (Northwestern): RCT in Microfinance, Machine Learning and Gender
- Profs. Saravana Ravindran (NUS), Manisha Shah (UCLA) and Lelys Dinarte (WB-DECRG): RCT in Early Childhood Development and Parental Violence
- Profs. Dean Karlan (Northwestern), Jonathan Zinman (Dartmouth) and Sean Higgins (Northwestern). RCT in Consumer protection and Microfinance
- Profs. Mushfiq Mobarak, Jason Abaluck (Yale) and Laura Kwong (UC Berkeley): RCT in Public Health

Research Intern to:	Jan – Apr 2017
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- Prof. Renard Sexton (Emory): Project on governance and mining social conflict

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Price of Safety: The Effects of Extortion on Small-scale Entrepreneurship in Peru
with Gustavo Acosta (University of Michigan)

The Effects of Formalization on Gig Worker Labor Supply
with Laura Kurczyn (University of Michigan)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Microeconomic Theory (ECON501) – University of Michigan	Fall 2024, Fall 2025
Economics of Crime (ECON490) – University of Michigan	Winter 2025
Financial Inclusion & Remittances (Executive Program) – Harvard University	Fall 2022

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Sasakawa Foundation Leadership Initiative Grant (US\$10,000)	2024
Verne G. Istock Economics Graduate Fund (US\$2,500)	2023
Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) – First-Year Ph.D. Fellowship	2023–2024
Dean's List Award for Academic Excellence, UCL	2017
Outstanding Contribution to Peer Support, University of Manchester	2015

FIELDS AND THIRD-YEAR READER COMMITTEE

Fields: Labor Economics, Industrial Organization, Development

Third-year Reader Committee: Profs. Sara Heller, Ana Reynoso and Charles Murry.