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*PhD Candidate, Department of Economics*

## EDUCATION

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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

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**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)**  
Research Associate to: Apr 2018 – Jan 2022

- 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

- Prof. Renard Sexton (Emory): Project on governance and mining social conflict

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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*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

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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

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Rackham Precandidate Research Fund (US\$1,500)	2025
Sasakawa Foundation Leadership Initiative Grant (US\$10,000)	2024
Verne G. Istock Economics Graduate Fund (US\$2,500)	2023
Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund – 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

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**Fields:** Labor Economics, Industrial Organization, Development

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