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Citizenship: Canadian and British

Research Interests: Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics, Economics of Culture
Teaching Fields: Empirical Microeconomics, Development Economics

EMPLOYMENT

Lecturer in Economics, University of Exeter Business School 2020 - Present
Co-Director of the Exeter Centre for Research on Africa 2025 - Present

VISITING POSITIONS

Visiting Professor, University of Toronto, African Studies Centre 2025

RESEARCH

Dyer J (2023). The fruits (and vegetables) of crime: Protection from theft and agricultural development. *Journal of Development Economics*, 163

Dyer J, Shapiro J (2023). Pumps, prosperity and household power: Experimental evidence on irrigation pumps and smallholder farmers in Kenya. *Journal of Development Economics*, 163

Blouin, Arthur, and Julian Dyer. 2025. Reconstructing History: Using Language to Estimate Religious Spread. *The Journal of Economic History* 85 (4): 921–61

Climate Forecasting, Adaptation, and Legitimacy: Experimental Evidence from Turkana, Kenya

How Cultures Converge: An Empirical Investigation of Trade and Linguistic Exchange (with Arthur Blouin)

The Survival of Ethnolinguistic Diversity (with Arthur Blouin)

The Demand for Hate: anti-LGBT Narratives in Uganda (with Arthur Blouin)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Toronto 2020
Advisors: Arthur Blouin & Gustavo Bobonis
M.A in Economics, University of Toronto 2014
B.A in Economics & African Studies, University of Toronto 2013

CONFERENCES & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

University of Toronto Economics Department, University of Toronto African Studies Center, University of Birmingham (2025) International Water Management Institute (2023) PSL Paris-Dauphine Seminar in Political Economy, ETH Zurich Economics + Data Science Seminar (ETH Zurich, 2022), ASREC Virtual Conference (Chapman University, 2022), Monash-Warwick-Zurich Text-as-Data Conference (Monash University, 2021), Centre for the Study of African Economies (Oxford University, 2021), Econometric Society: World Congress (Bocconi, University 2020), North East Universities Development Consortium (Northwestern University, 2019), ASREC European Meeting (Lund University, 2019), CAGE & IAS Summer School (University of Warwick, 2018), Junior Applied Micro Faculty Seminar (University of Toronto, 2018), CEPA Brown Bag Seminar (University of Toronto 2016, 2017), Lunch & Learn Seminar (Busara Center for Behavioural Economics 2015, 2016)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

CLARE Programme (FCDO & IDRC)

Research For Impact (R4I) Fund	(£45,000 CAD)	2025
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British Academy

ODA Evidence-informed policymaking	(£145,000 GBP)	2025
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Uni Exeter Business 2030 Research and Impact

Seedcorn Funding Scheme	(£4,736 GBP)	2025
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ESRC-IAA

Impact Cultivation Award (x2)	(£4,300, £4,800)	2024
Policy Impact Imagination Award	(£9,910)	2024

Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship

Doctoral Scholarship	(\$105,000 CAD)	2015-2017
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International Development Research Centre

Doctoral Research Award	(\$20,000 CAD)	2016-2017
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MIT JPAL Crime and Violence Initiative

Pilot RCT Grant	(\$15,500 USD)	2017-2018
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University of Toronto – Research Trainee Fellowship

(supervisor: Gustavo Bobonis)	(\$12,900 CAD)	2018
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Ontario Graduate Scholarship

Phd Scholarship	(\$10,000 × 2)	2014, 2019
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Massey College, University of Toronto

Catherall Research Travel Bursary	(\$1,000, \$1,200)	2015, 2016
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Department of Economics, University of Toronto

The Helleiner Graduate Fellowship for Academic Excellence in Economic Development	(\$1,000)	2019
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REFEREEING EXPERIENCE

Journal of Development Economics, Energy Economics, Journal of African Economies, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, World Development, Journal of International Development, Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lecturer (2020 - present)

- BEEM160: Development Research Methods
- BEEM012: Applied Econometrics II
- BEEM147: Topics in Microeconomic Theory II

LANGUAGES

English (native), French (intermediate), Swahili (basic)

Programming: Stata, Python, R, ArcGIS, zTree, L^AT_EX

REFERENCES

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