

# Julian Dyer

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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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## REFERENCES

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