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DPhil ECONOMICS, OXFORD UNIVERSITY, MASC (MIT), BA, BEC (USYD)

INTERESTS	Development economics with a focus on social protection programs at scale. Secondary interests in computational econometrics and machine learning for causal inference.
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EDUCATION	Oxford University (Nuffield College) <i>since 2023</i> MPhil-DPhil Economics (PhD), funded by Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Advanced Quantitative Methods (AQM) studentship & Nuffield College <i>2024-2029</i> Supervisors: Dennis Egger & Stefano Caria Massachusetts Institute of Technology <i>2019 - 2021</i> MAsc Development Economics University of Sydney <i>2015 - 2020</i> Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Economics
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PUBLICATIONS	Garlick, Walker & Orkin (2025). Heterogeneity in Effects of Poverty-Alleviating Interventions. <i>AEA Papers and Proceedings</i> , 115, 1-5 Waller K.M., Hedley, J. A., Rosales, B. M., De La Mata, N. L., Thomson, I. K., Walker, J., . . . Webster, A. C. (2020). Effect of language and country of birth on the consent process and medical suitability of potential organ donors; a linked-data cohort study 2010-2015. <i>Journal of Critical Care</i> , 57, 23-29.
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WORKING PAPERS	Lund, C., Orkin, K., Witte, M., Walker, J., ... Haushofer, J. (2024). The effects of mental health interventions on labor market outcomes in low- and middle-income countries. NBER Working Paper No. 32423. May.
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PRESENTATIONS	Allied Social Sciences Association Annual Meeting <i>2025</i> Psychology and Economics of Poverty Convening, CEGA, Berkeley <i>2023</i> Transplant Society of Australia and New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting <i>2017</i>
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Consultant, IDInsight <i>2024</i> Consultant, Jobs Group (development economics), the World Bank <i>2022 - 2023</i> Research Assistant to A. Prof. Kate Orkin, Blavatnik School of Government <i>2021 - 2023</i> Mind and Behavioural Research Group, Centre for the Study of African Economies Research Assistant to Prof. Victor Chernozhukov <i>2021</i> Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Research Assistant, Department of Economics, MIT <i>2021</i> <i>Supervisors: Prof. Ben Olken, Prof. Robin Burgess and A. Prof. Clare Balboni</i> Research Assistant to A. Prof. Russell Toth, Economics Department, USyd <i>2019 - 2020</i>
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Unit Coordinator, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University, <i>2022</i> <i>Course Convenor: A. Prof. Kate Orkin; Course: Data and empirical methods for policymakers</i> Course Lead Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, MIT (3 terms) <i>2021 - 2022</i> <i>Supervisor: Prof. Sara Fisher Ellison, Course: Data analysis for social scientists</i>
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GRANTS OVER 50K	Livelihood Impact Fund with Dennis Egger and others (USD 1.42m) <i>2025-27</i> GiveDirectly with Dennis Egger and others (USD 350k) <i>2026-27</i> GiveWell with Dennis Egger (Oxford), Tilman Graff (Harvard) (USD 350k) <i>2025-27</i> New Colombo Plan Fellowship (USD 70k) <i>2018-2021</i>
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