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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.	
EDUCATION	Oxford University (Nuffield College) MPhil-DPhil Economics (PhD), funded by Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Advanced Quantitative Methods (AQM) studentship & Nuffield College Supervisors: Dennis Egger & Stefano Caria	since 2023 2024-2029
	Massachusetts Institute of Technology MSc Development Economics	2019 - 2021
	University of Sydney Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Economics	2015 - 2020
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.	
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.	
PRESENTATIONS	Allied Social Sciences Association Annual Meeting Psychology and Economics of Poverty Convening, CEGA, Berkeley Transplant Society of Australia and New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting	2025 2023 2017
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Consultant, IDInsight Consultant, Jobs Group (development economics), the World Bank Research Assistant to A. Prof. Kate Orkin, Blavatnik School of Government Mind and Behavioural Research Group, Centre for the Study of African Economies Research Assistant to Prof. Victor Chernozhukov Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Research Assistant, Department of Economics, MIT <i>Supervisors: Prof. Ben Olken, Prof. Robin Burgess and A. Prof. Clare Balboni</i> Research Assistant to A. Prof. Russell Toth, Economics Department, USyd	2024 2022 - 2023 2021 - 2023 2021 2021 2021 2019 - 2020
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Unit Coordinator, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University, <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>Supervisor: Prof. Sara Fisher Ellison, Course: Data analysis for social scientists</i>	2022 2021 - 2022
GRANTS OVER 50K	Livelihood Impact Fund with Dennis Egger and others (USD 1.42m) GiveDirectly with Dennis Egger and others (USD 350k) GiveWell with Dennis Egger (Oxford), Tilman Graff (Harvard) (USD 350k) New Colombo Plan Fellowship (USD 70k)	2025-27 2026-27 2025-27 2018-2021