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INTERESTS	I study how policy interventions reshape beliefs and behavior, and how these changes propagate through markets to shape development and structural transformation.	
EDUCATION	<b>Oxford University (Nuffield College)</b> MPhil-DPhil Economics (PhD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Funding: Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) <span style="float: right;">2023 - 29</span></li><li>Advanced Quantitative Methods (AQM) studentship &amp; Nuffield College</li><li>- Supervisors: Dennis Egger &amp; Stefano Caria</li></ul> <b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> MASc Development Economics	<i>since 2023</i>
	<b>University of Sydney</b> Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Economics	<i>2019 - 21</i>
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.	
WORK 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	<i>2025</i> <i>2023</i> <i>2017</i>
WORK EXPERIENCE	Consultant, IDInsight Consultant, Jobs Group (development economics), the World Bank	<i>2024</i> <i>2022 - 23</i>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Unit Coordinator, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University, <i>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>	<i>2022</i>
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