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EMPLOYMENT & AFFILIATIONS

2022- Senior Research Fellow, [Population Wellbeing Initiative](#), University of Texas at Austin
2022- Senior Research Affiliate, [Global Priorities Institute](#), University of Oxford
2019-2023 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Oklahoma
2017 Research Consultant, International Monetary Fund

EDUCATION

2019 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Texas at Austin
2016 M.A. in Economics, University of Texas at Austin
2014 B.A. in Mathematical Economics (with honors), Temple University

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary: Agricultural, Environmental and Resource Economics, Macroeconomics
Secondary: Climate Change, Animal Agriculture, Growth, Normative Economics

WORKING PAPERS

“[The Willingness to Pay for a Cooler Day: Evidence from 50 years of Major League Baseball](#)” (with Melissa LoPalo and Sean O’Connor*). *Conditionally Accepted: **American Economic Journal: Applied Economics***.

*Graduate Advisee

“[Population Decline: Too Slow and Too Small to Influence Climate Change](#)” (with Sangita Vyas, Mark Budolfson, Mike Geruso and Dean Spears). *Conditionally Accepted: **Vienna Yearbook of Population Research***.

“[Is Less Really More? Comparing the Climate and Productivity Effects of a Shrinking Population](#)” (with Sangita Vyas, Mark Budolfson, Mike Geruso and Dean Spears). *Under Review*

“[The long-run relationship between per capita incomes and population sizes](#)” (with Maya Eden), *CEPR Discussion Paper DP18353*. *Under Review*

“[How much should we pay to avert a bad life: Valuing reductions in industrial farming](#)”

A Pareto Principle for Pigs and Puppies? (with Luis Mota; in progress)

Long-run projections of animal production—A Macroeconomic Approach (with Jonathan McFadden; in progress)

PUBLISHED & FORTHCOMING PAPERS

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| 2023 | 10. | “Monetizing the Externalities of Animal Agriculture: Insights from an Inclusive Welfare Function” (with Jonathan McFadden), <i>Social Choice and Welfare</i> . |
| | 9. | “Animal welfare in economic analyses of food production” (with Jonathan McFadden), <i>Nature Food</i> . |
| 2022 | 8. | “Are IMF Rescue Packages Effective? A Synthetic Control Analysis of Macroeconomic Crises”, <i>Journal of Monetary Economics</i> . |
| | 7. | “Intergenerational Transmission is Not Sufficient for Positive Long-Term Population Growth” (with Sam Arenberg, Nathan Franz, Sangita Vyas, Nicholas Lawson, Melissa LoPalo, Mark Budolfson, Mike Geruso and Dean Spears), <i>Demography</i> . |
| | 6. | “Population Issues in Welfare Economics, Ethics, and Policy Evaluation” (with Mark Budolfson and Dean Spears), <i>Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance</i> . |
| 2021 | 5. | “Animal-based foods have high social and climate costs” (with Frank Errickson and Jonathan McFadden), <i>Nature Food</i> . |
| | 4. | “Climate action with revenue recycling has benefits for poverty, inequality and wellbeing” (with Climate Futures Initiatives Team), <i>Nature Climate Change</i> . |
| | 3. | “Utilitarian benchmarks for emissions and pledges promote equity, climate and development” (with Mark Budolfson, David Anthoff, Francis Dennig, Frank Errickson, Dean Spears and Navroz Dubash), <i>Nature Climate Change</i> . |
| | 2. | “What Should We Agree on about the Repugnant Conclusion?” (consensus letter with 20+ coauthors), <i>Utilitas</i> . |
| 2019 | 1. | “Quantifying India’s Climate Vulnerability” (with Melissa LoPalo, Dean Spears and Mark Budolfson), <i>India Policy Forum</i> , Vol 15. |

BOOK CHAPTERS, COMMENTARIES & POLICY WRITINGS

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| 2021 | “Protecting the poor with a carbon tax and equal per capita dividend” (with Climate Future Initiatives Team), <i>Nature Climate Change</i> . |
| | “Assessing IMF Involvement in Fragile States” (with Charles Collyns and Shinji Takagi), in <i>Macroeconomic Policy in Fragile States</i> (eds. Ralph Chami, Raphael Espinoza and Peter Montiel), Oxford University Press. |
| 2018 | “The IMF and Fragile States: Assessing Macroeconomic Outcomes”, Background research paper (BP/18-01/05) for <i>The IMF and Fragile States: Evaluation Report 2018</i> , Independent Evaluation Office, International Monetary Fund. |

CONFERENCE & SEMINARS (*SCHEDULED, †CO-AUTHOR PRESENTED)

2024	The Economics of Animal Welfare, Brown University*
2023	Welfare Across Species Workshop, Paris School of Economics; Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford; University of Houston; Hunter College, CUNY; Midwest Macro Meetings; Southern Economic Meetings
2022	Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics; Bank of England (Climate Seminar Series); Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford; Innovation and Scale Workshop, University of Texas at Austin; Southern Economic Association Meetings
2021	Welfare Economics and Public Policy (Virtual) Seminar Series; Oxford Martin School's Livestock Environment and People Conference†; Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford
2020	Population, Climate Change and Social Welfare Economics, University of Texas at Austin; Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford
2019	Reserve Bank of India; University of South Florida; University of Oklahoma; University of Maine
2018	India Policy Forum, New Delhi; Macroeconomic Policy in Fragile States, University of Oxford; Texas A&M University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee:	<i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Economic Behaviour & Organization, Nature Food, Social Choice and Welfare, Journal of Environmental Economics and Policy, Economics Bulletin, Labour Economics, International Economics, Nature Scientific Reports.</i>
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FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

2023	Open Philanthropy (to co-organize animal welfare workshop)
2021 & 2022	Junior Faculty Fellowship, University of Oklahoma
2021-2022	Research support (consequences of low fertility), Longview Philanthropy
2021	Big XII Faculty Fellowship, University of Oklahoma
2021	Global Priorities Fellowship, Forethought Foundation

TEACHING AND ADVISING (UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA)

Courses Taught	Environmental Economics; Principles of Macroeconomics (Honors & Large Lecture); Independent Readings
PhD Committees (Chaired)	Sean O'Connor (first job: Federal Housing Financing Agency)
PhD Committees	Zhengang Xu
	Saini Das
	Brent Norwood
	Amir Tayebi
	Anthony Mayberry