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Education

Harvard University

- PhD in Economics, 2022-present

University of Cambridge

- MPhil in Economic Research, *with Distinction*, 2021-22
- BA (Hons) in Economics, *Double First Class Honours*, 2018-21

Research

Selected Work in Progress

- **Innovation and Upper-Tail Human Capital Linkages, 1660-1870**
- **Enlightened Journeys? Expeditions, Science, and Imperialism**
- **Merchants and Monopolies: Trade and Politics in the Dutch Republic**
- **The Dutch Opinion on Colonialism** (with Melissa Dell and Leander Heldring)

Pre-PhD Research

- **Road Infrastructure and Civil Conflict: Evidence from Colombia** (Master's Dissertation, 2022)
- **The Comparative Development Legacies of Dutch Colonial Rule and the *Vorstenlanden* in Java** (Undergraduate Dissertation, 2021)

Awards & Prizes

- Commendation Prize in Global Priorities Research, Global Priorities Institute (GPI) & Forethought Foundation, April 2022
- Adam Smith Dissertation Prize, University of Cambridge, July 2021
- Sir Dennis Robertson Dissertation Prize, Trinity College, Cambridge, July 2021
- Faculty Nomination for Gladstone Memorial Prize, University of Cambridge, July 2021
- Examination Prize, Trinity College, Cambridge, July 2021 & July 2019
- Senior Scholarship, Trinity College, Cambridge, July 2021
- Roger Moore Prize, Trinity College, Cambridge, July 2019
- Junior Scholarship, Trinity College, Cambridge, July 2019

Fellowships & Grants

- Warburg Fund, Harvard Department of Economics, December 2023 & January 2023
- The Molly and Dominic Ferrante Research Fund, Harvard Department of Economics, October 2023
- Project Participant, Semester Undergraduate Program in Economics Research, Harvard Department of Economics, August 2023
- Academic Research Grant, Google Cloud Program, June 2023
- Travel Grant, Center for History and Economics, Harvard University, May 2023
- The Kenneth C. Griffin Research Fund, Harvard Department of Economics, April 2023
- The Lab for Economic Applications and Policy Fund, Harvard Department of Economics, March 2023
- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Financial Award, Harvard University, February 2022
- Internal Graduate Studentship (MPhil full funding), Trinity College, Cambridge, October 2021
- Research Grant, Centre for History and Economics, University of Cambridge, October 2021
- Summer Studentship Research Award, Trinity College, Cambridge, July 2020

Academic Service

Fall 2023 & Spring 2024: Co-Organizer, Harvard Economic History Reading Group

Presentations

Spring 2024: Harvard Economic History Workshop (Harvard)

Fall 2023: Economic History Workshop (Harvard), Graduate Student Workshop in Political Economy and Rational Choice (Harvard)

Spring 2023: Development/Political Economy/Economic History Tea (Harvard)

Affiliations

- Graduate Student Affiliate, Center for History and Economics, Harvard University (2023-)
- Prize Research Student, Centre for History and Economics, University of Cambridge (2021-2022)

Personal

Birthday: May 27, 2000

Citizenship: United Kingdom