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**CURRENT POSITION:**

Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University, King Center on Global Development

**FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION:**

**Primary:** Development Economics  
**Secondary:** Psychology and Economics, Labor Economics

EDUCATION:	DEGREE	DATE	FIELD
University of California, Berkeley	PhD	2024	Economics
LSE <i>Distinction</i>	M.Sc.	2015	Economics
University of Cambridge <i>First-Class Honors</i>	B.A.	2011	Economics

**WORKING PAPERS:**

“Under-training by Employers in Informal Labor Markets: Evidence from Burundi”  
with Luisa Cefala, Pedro Naso and Michel Ndayikeza

“All in the Family: Kinship Pressure and Firm Worker Matching”

“Retrieval Failures and Consumption Smoothing: A Field Experiment on Seasonal Poverty”  
with Ned Augenblick, Kelsey Jack, Supreet Kaur and Felix Masiye  
Revise and Resubmit, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Swanson, N., Christensen, G., Littman, R., Birke, D., Miguel, E., Paluck, E.L. and Wang, Z., 2020, May. Research transparency is on the rise in economics. In *AEA Papers and Proceedings* (Vol. 110, pp. 61-65).

Ferguson, J., Littman, R., Christensen, G., Paluck, E.L., Swanson, N., Wang, Z., Miguel, E., Birke, D. and Pezzuto, J.H., 2023. Survey of open science practices and attitudes in the social sciences. *Nature communications*, 14(1), p.5401.

**SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS:**

“Knowledge Hoarding in the Transfer of Worker Skills: Evidence from Burundi”  
with Luisa Cefala, Franck Irakoze and Pedro Naso

“The Impacts of Liquidity on Low-Income Workers: Evidence from Earned Wage Access” with Luisa Cefala, Eric Koepcke and Afras Sial

“Measuring Slums from Space” with Michael Gechter, Minas Sifakis and Nick Tsivanidis

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**RESEARCH:**

Research Assistant (with Nick Tsivanidis), Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley (2021-2022)  
Research Assistant (with Supreet Kaur), Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley (2017-2018)  
Research Assistant (with Ted Miguel), Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley (2017-2018)  
Research Assistant (with Nava Ashraf), Department of Economics, LSE (2015-2016)  
Research Assistant (with Heather Schofield, Frank Schilbach) Cornell and MIT (2013-2014)

**TEACHING:**

Teaching Assistant, MBA Programs, Haas School of Business (Spring 2020)  
 Strategic Leadership  
 Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley (Fall 2018, Spring 2019)  
 Introduction to Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics

**OTHER:**

M&A Analyst, Evercore Partners, 2013-2014  
 Equity Research Analyst, HSBC, 2011-2012

**CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

2025	ASSA (scheduled), University of Washington (scheduled)
2024	CSAE Conference, Networks and Development, BREAD, NBER SI, USC, Harvard-MIT, Yale Y-Rise (scheduled)
2023	PacDev, Warwick PhD Conference, All UC Labor, Advances in Field Experiments, IZA/CREST Conference: Labor Market Policy Evaluation, World Bank Dime-KDI, NEUDC
2022	Advances in Field Experiments, STEG Workshop, IPA GPRL, NEUDC
2021	PEP Convening, PacDev, Early-Career Behavioral Economics Conference
2020	Yale Whitebox Conference

**FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:**

2024	CEGA Doctoral Dissertation Award
2023	Stone Center Fellowship
2023	IRLE Dissertation Fellowship
2022	Global Priorities Fellowship
2021/2022	Rocca Dissertation Fellowship
2009, 2011	Kings Scholar, Gerald Shove Prize

**RESEARCH GRANTS:****PI**

2024	IGC (~\$26,000)
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2023	Strandberg Research Grant (\$9,300)
2022	SurveyCTO Research Grant Awardee (\$2,000)
2022	Weiss Fund (\$48,120)
2022	Weiss Fund (\$44,660)
2022	Strandberg Research Grant (\$10,000)
2021-23	Psychology and Economics of Poverty Grants (multiple) (\$39,000)
2021	ATAI (\$8,527)
2021	JPAL-JOI (\$7,310)
2020	PEDL Exploratory Grant (~\$40,000)
2020	EASST Grant Award (\$54,250)
2018-23	CEGA Development Challenge (multiple) (\$23,500)

**Co-PI**

2024	JPAL SPI (\$250,000)
2024	USAID-DIV (\$1,500,000)
2022	IGC (~\$25,000)
2020	USAID-DIV (\$426,146)
2020	MRR (\$256,716)
2019	Weiss Foundation (\$75,862)

**SERVICE**

Referee: *American Economic Journal; Applied Economics; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Political Economy; Review of Economics and Statistics*

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

Citizenship: UK, USA