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**CURRENT POSITION:**

Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University, King Center on Global Development

**FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION:**

**Primary:** Development Economics  
**Secondary:** Behavioral 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:**

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

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

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

“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*

**SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS:**

“Commitment Savings in Farming Populations” with Supreet Kaur, Rajdev Kaur and Kelsey Jack

“Freeriding and New Product Adoption” with Luisa Cefala and Grady Kileen

“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

**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.

**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, University of Washington, PacDev, CSAE (scheduled), Princeton NLSE (scheduled), UC Davis (scheduled), SLU (scheduled), Networks and Development (scheduled), BREAD (scheduled)
2024	CSAE Conference, Networks and Development, BREAD, NBER SI, USC, Harvard-MIT, Yale Y-Rise
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), PEDL (~\$40,000), GDRF (~\$27,000), CEGA (\$15,000)
2023	IGC (~\$25,000), Strandberg Research Grant (\$9,300)
2022	SurveyCTO Research Grant Awardee (\$2,000), Weiss Fund (\$48,120), 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), JPal-JOI (\$7,310)
2020	PEDL Exploratory Grant (~\$40,000), EASST Grant Award (\$54,250)
2018-23	CEGA Development Challenge (multiple) (\$23,500)

##### **Co-PI**

2024	WAM (\$1,500,000), JPAL SPI (\$250,000), 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