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### Academic employment

- July 2020- Department of Mathematics, **City, University of London**  
Lecturer
- May 2018- Department of Evolutionary Biology and Environmental Studies, **University of Zurich**  
June 2020 Postdoctoral researcher (20% contract) advised by **Hanna Kokko**
- Feb 2017- Department of Biosystems Science and Engineering, **ETH Zurich**  
June 2020 Postdoctoral researcher (80% contract from May 2018) advised by **Niko Beerenwinkel**
- Jan 2014- Institut des Sciences de l'Evolution de Montpellier (**ISEM**)  
Jan 2017 Postdoctoral researcher advised by **Michael Hochberg**

### Education

- Oct 2009- Department of Zoology, **University of Oxford**  
Jan 2014 DPhil: *Antigenic variation and its evolution in P. falciparum malaria*  
Supervisors: **Sunetra Gupta** and **Mario Recker**
- Oct 1999- University of York  
Jul 2003 Master of Mathematics (First Class)

### Publications as first or co-first author

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| 2020 | <i>When, why and how clonal diversity predicts future tumour growth</i><br><b>Noble R*</b> , Burley JT*, Le Sueur C, Hochberg ME (* equal contributions)   | <b>Evol. Appl.</b><br>eva.13057        |
| 2017 | <i>Spatial competition constrains resistance to targeted cancer therapy</i><br>Bacevic K*, <b>Noble R*</b> , Soffar A, Ammar OW, Boszonyik B, Prieto S, Vincent C, Hochberg ME, Krasinska L, Fisher D (* equal contributions)                                      | <b>Nature Commun.</b><br>8, 1995       |
| 2017 | <i>Antibiotic stress selects against cooperation in the pathogenic bacterium Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i><br>Vasse M*, <b>Noble R*</b> , Akhmetzhanov AR, Torres-Barceló C, Gurney J, Simon Benateau, Gougat-Barbera C, Kaltz O, Hochberg ME (* equal contributions) | <b>PNAS</b><br>114, 546-51             |
| 2016 | <i>Overestimating the role of environment in cancers</i><br><b>Noble R</b> , Kaltz O, Nunney L, Hochberg ME  | <b>Cancer Prev. Res.</b><br>9, 773-6   |
| 2015 | <i>Peto's paradox and human cancers</i><br><b>Noble R</b> , Kaltz O, Hochberg ME   | <b>Phil. Trans. B</b><br>370, 20150104 |
| 2013 | <i>The antigenic switching network of Plasmodium falciparum and its implications for the immuno-epidemiology of malaria</i><br><b>Noble R*</b> , Christodoulou Z*, Pinches R, Kyes S, Recker M, Newbold CI (* equal contributions)                                 | <b>eLife</b><br>2013.2:e01074          |
| 2012 | <i>A statistically rigorous method for determining antigenic switching networks</i><br><b>Noble R</b> , Recker M   | <b>PLoS ONE</b><br>7, e39335           |

### Other publications

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| 2017 | <i>A framework for how environment contributes to cancer risk</i><br>Hochberg ME, <b>Noble R</b> | <b>Ecology Letters</b><br>20, 117-34 |
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2012 *Erasing the Epigenetic Memory and Beginning to Switch—The Onset of Antigenic Switching of var Genes in Plasmodium falciparum* **PLoS ONE** 7, e34168  
Fastman Y, **Noble R**, Recker M, Dzikowski R

### Submitted for publication

In review *The logic of containing tumors* **bioRxiv** 10.1101/2020.01.22.915355  
Viossat Y, **Noble R**

In revision *Spatial structure governs the mode of tumour evolution* **bioRxiv** 10.1101/586735  
**Noble R**, Burri D, Kather JN, Beerenwinkel N

### Software

2017 *ggmuller: Create Muller Plots of Evolutionary Dynamics* **CRAN**  
**Noble R**

2019 *demon: Deme-based oncology model* **GitHub**  
**Noble R**

### Teaching

2020- **Supervision (City, University of London)**  
PhD, Veselin Manojlovic

2017- **Supervision (ETH Zurich)**  
2019 Second year MSc thesis, Alexander Stein  
Second year MSc thesis, Jeanne Lemant  
Second year MSc thesis, Dominik Burri  
Research internship (eight months), Cécile Le Sueur  
First year MSc lab rotation project, Dominik Burri

**Lecturing and tutoring (ETH Zurich)**  
Evolutionary dynamics (MSc; three terms; group tutorials, setting and marking exercises, and a self-authored two-hour lecture)

2016 **Supervision (ISEM)**  
First year MEME MSc project, John Burley

2010- **Supervision (University of Oxford)**  
2013 Second year BSc project, Charlotte Ward

**Tutoring (University of Oxford)**  
Quantitative Methods (BSc; two terms)

**Demonstrating (University of Oxford)** Quantitative Methods (BSc; three terms); Epidemiology (BSc; two terms); Epidemiological Models (MSc; one term)

### Funding

€140K personal funding for 2020-2023 from the NCI, via the Arizona Cancer Evolution Center

Co-awardee of Fondation Mathématique Jacques Hadamard grant *Optimization of a new type of cancer therapy* (€5K to support international collaboration in 2019-2020)

Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council PhD fellowship 2009-2013

Travel grants: Lorentz Center 2017; Moffitt Cancer Center 2015; ECMTB 2011

## Professional activities

Elected Advisory Committee member of the International Society for Evolution, Ecology and Cancer 2018-21

Reviewer: Cancer Research, Evolutionary Applications, F1000Research, Journal of Theoretical Biology, Nature Communications, Nature Ecology & Evolution, npj Genomic Medicine, PLoS Computational Biology, PNAS, Proceedings of the Royal Society B, Royal Society Open Science, Scientific Reports

Symposia: Co-organizer of “How does spatial structure affect tumour evolution?” (MBE conference 2017); co-organizer of “Aging & cancer through the lens of evolution” (ESEB conference 2019)

## Other employment

Dec 2008- **International HIV/AIDS Alliance, Preece House, Hove, BN3 1RE**  
Sep 2009 Communications

Aug 2004- **AVERT, 4 Brighton Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 5BA**  
Dec 2008 Science/health communication and web development

## Invited departmental seminars

- Jun 2020 *Characterizing and forecasting tumour evolution*  
Virtual Seminar on Modeling Biocomplexity (hosted by Andreas Deutsch)
- May 2020 *Characterizing and forecasting tumour evolution*  
Moffitt Cancer Center (virtual, hosted by David Basanta)
- Jan 2020 *Cancer: evolution, ecology and bad luck*  
University of Bath (hosted by Ben Ashby)
- Dec 2020 *The logic of containing tumours*  
University of Oxford (hosted by Eamonn Gaffney)
- Sep 2019 *Cancer: evolution, ecology and bad luck*  
University of Southampton (hosted by Lindy Holden-Dye)
- Feb 2019 *Characterising the evolutionary modes of cancer and normal tissue*  
TU Dresden (hosted by Andreas Deutsch)
- Mar 2018 *Characterising the evolutionary modes of cancer and normal tissue*  
University of Basel (hosted by Richard Neher)
- Feb 2018 *The mode and predictability of intra-tumour evolution*  
Wellcome Sanger Institute (hosted by Iñigo Martincorena)
- Dec 2017 *The mode and predictability of intra-tumour evolution*  
Boston University (hosted by Kirill Korolev)
- Nov 2017 *Spatial constraints on intratumour evolution*  
Harvard University (hosted by Martin Novak)
- May 2017 *Models for understanding tumour evolution and improving cancer therapy*  
University of Edinburgh (hosted by Bartłomiej Waclaw)
- Mar 2017 *Evolution, ecology, and cancer risk: from naked mole rats to modern humans*  
Chalmers University (hosted by Philip Gerlee)
- Sep 2016 *Cancer: evolution, ecology and bad luck*  
Harvard University (hosted by Martin Novak)
- Feb 2015 *Data-based modelling of tumour evolution*  
Moffitt Cancer Center (hosted by Robert Gatenby)

**Conference talks**

- Aug 2020 *The logic of containing tumours*  
Invited talk at the Society for Mathematical Biology virtual conference
- Aug 2019 *Spatial competition constrains resistance to targeted cancer therapy*  
International Society for Evolution, Medicine & Public Health conference, Zurich
- Jul 2019 *Spatial structure governs the mode of tumour evolution*  
Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology / European Conference on Comp. Biology, Basel
- Jun 2019 *Spatial structure governs the mode of tumour evolution*  
Modelling Ecology & Evolution Zurich seminar, Zurich
- Sep 2018 *Characterising the evolutionary modes of cancer and normal tissue*  
Evolutionary Models of Structured Populations workshop, Plön
- Dec 2017 *Spatial competition constrains resistance to targeted cancer therapy*  
International Society for Evolution, Ecology and Cancer Conference, Tempe
- Oct 2017 *Impact of tissue architecture on the nature and predictability of tumour evolution*  
Satellite Symposium to the Louis-Jeantet Symposium, Geneva
- Sep 2017 *Impact of tissue architecture on the nature and predictability of tumour evolution*  
Basel Computational Biology Conference, Basel
- Jul 2017 *Impact of tissue architecture on the nature and predictability of tumour evolution*  
Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology / European Conference on Comp. Biology, Prague
- Apr 2017 *Evolutionary ecology of senescence and cancer risk: from naked mole rats to modern humans*  
Modelling Biological Evolution conference, Leicester
- Nov 2016 *Controlling drug resistance with adaptive therapy*  
Invited talk at the second Modeling Tumour Evolution conference, Bielefeld
- Sep 2016 *Cancer: evolution, ecology and bad luck*  
Invited talk at the first Modelling Tumour Evolution conference, Bielefeld
- Jul 2016 *Cancer risk: evolution, ecology and bad luck*  
Joint Meeting of European Society for Mathematical and Theoretical Biology & Society for Mathematical Biology, Nottingham
- Dec 2015 *Peto's paradox and human cancers*  
Third International Biannual Evolution and Cancer Conference, San Francisco
- Sep 2015 *Modelling ecological interactions of cancer clones*  
Cancer Evolution Through Space and Time workshop, Plön
- Jun 2015 *Peto's paradox and human cancers*  
Invited talk at the Institute of Cancer Research, London
- Apr 2015 *Eco-evolutionary models of tumour heterogeneity*  
Invited talk at the Modelling Biological Evolution conference, Leicester
- Mar 2015 *Modelling the evolution of tumour heterogeneity*  
Invited talk at the Evolution and Cancer Conference, Montpellier
- Nov 2014 *Data-based modelling of tumour evolution.*  
Joint Meeting: Institute of Cancer Research & French Consortium on Cancer Evolution, London
- June 2011 *Using iterative methods to determine an antigenic switching network in Plasmodium falciparum*  
European Conference on Mathematical and Theoretical Biology, Krakow
- May 2011 *Determining the switch pathway of the var gene repertoire of Plasmodium falciparum*  
Biology and Pathology of the Malaria Parasite, Heidelberg