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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2020– Associate Professor, University of Reading

2011–20 Lecturer (Assistant Professor), University of Reading

Including 3 periods (24 months) of maternity leave: Oct 2013 - Apr 2014; Feb 2016 - Dec 2016, July 2020 - April 2021

EDUCATION

2011 PhD in Economics, University of Bristol
Thesis Title: 'Essays on child health in developing countries'
Supervisor: Professor Sonia Bhalotra

2007 MSc in Quantitative Development Economics (Distinction), University of Bristol

2006 BSc in Economics (First Class), University of Bristol

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My primary research interests lie in the area of applied microeconomics, with a focus on economics of the household, gender, and health and human capital attainment. In particular, my current research focuses on: the role of gender norms in determining a wide range of behaviours; fertility and/or breastfeeding behaviour; Intimate Partner Violence (IPV); environmental shocks and health.

PUBLICATIONS

Lovo, S and Rawlings, SB (2024) "The health burden of E-waste: The impact of E-waste dumping sites on child mortality" *Forthcoming at The World Bank Economic Review* <https://doi.org/10.1093/wber/lhae053>

Bhalotra, S, Khambampati, U, Rawlings, SB, and Siddique, Z, (2021) 'Intimate Partner Violence: The influence of job opportunities for men and women', *The World Bank Economic Review*, Volume 35, Issue 2, May 2021, Pages 461–479, <https://doi.org/10.1093/wber/lhz030>

Rawlings SB and Siddique, Z (2020) 'Domestic Violence and Child Mortality from the Developing World' *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, Volume 82, Issue 4, pp. 723-750, August 2020

Pieters, J and Rawlings, SB (2020) 'Parental Unemployment and Child Health in China', *Review of Economics of the Household*, Volume 18, Issue 1, pp 207–237, March 2020

Rawlings, SB (2016), 'Gender, Race and Scarring and Selection Effects of Epidemic Malaria and Human Capital and Income', *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, Vol 64, No. 3, April 2016

Bhalotra, S and Rawlings SB. (2013) 'Gradients of the Intergenerational Transmission of Health in Developing Countries'. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol. 95, No. 2, pp.660 - 672

Bhalotra, S and Rawlings, SB. (2011) 'Intergenerational Persistence in Health in Developing Countries: The Penalty of Gender Inequality?' , *Journal of Public Economics*, Vol. 95, pp.286 - 299

WORK IN PROGRESS

Bhalotra, S and Rawlings, SB "Explaining sexual violence"

Bhalotra, S, Khambampati, U, Rawlings, SB, and Siddique, Z "Crimes against women and economic conditions: Evidence from India"

Hui, N and Rawlings, SB "Conflict, gender norms, and domestic violence in Nigeria"

Aftab, F, Jewell, S, Della Giusta, M and Rawlings, SB, "Faraway So Close: The Trade-off between Breastfeeding and Returning to Work"

Jewell, S and Rawlings, SB " Attitudes Towards Breastfeeding in Public in the UK: Evidence from List Experiments"

Lovo, S, Okkor, O, and Rawlings, SB "Gender norms and the impact of weather shocks on the farm and off-farm sectors of Nigeria"

Rawlings, SB "Pregnancy loss in Sub-Saharan Africa: the role of fluctuations in local economic activity"

INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

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| 2025 | Royal Economic Society (RES) annual conference |
| 2024 | Royal Economic Society (RES) annual conference, European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) annual conference |
| 2023 | Gender Issues and Development Workshop, Paris Nanterre University |

2022	Invited speaker, Conference on Women's Safety and Financial Security, Australia National University; EuHEA Seminar Series (<i>Invited chair</i>)
2021	Royal Economic Society (RES) annual conference
2019	CESifo Lunchtime Seminar, Munich; CMPO Legacy Conference, Bristol; European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) annual conference; Society of Economics of the Household (SEHO) annual conference; Royal Economic Society (RES) annual conference
2017	Essen Health Conference
2015	Essen Health Conference; Royal Economic Society (RES) annual conference; Health and Skills Formation workshop, ISER (<i>invited discussant</i>)
2014	North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) annual conference
2013	Italian Development Economist Association (IDEAS) Summer School in Development Economics
2012	Centre for Study of African Economies (CSAE) conference, CSAE seminar series (Oxford)
2010	CMPO Seminar Series (Bristol)
2009	PEGNet conference (ISS, The Hague), North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) conference
2008	Riccardo Faini Doctoral Conference on Development Economics (Italy)

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

Conference Organisation:

2025	European Society for Population Economics(ESPE) annual conference (member of scientific committee); Gender Issues in Development Workshop, University of Reading (member of organisation committee)
2024	Institutions and Norms in Economic Development: a focus on India (co-organiser); Gender Issues in Development Workshop, Paris (member of scientific committee); European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) annual conference, (member of scientific committee)
2023	Gender Issues in Development Workshop, Paris, (member of scientific committee)
2023	UK Development Studies Association Annual Conference, Reading, (member of local organising committee)

Associate Editor:

Bulletin of Economic Research

Journal Reviewer:

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Bulletin of Economic Research, Demography, Economics and Human Biology, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Empirical Economics, European Journal of Development Research, European Journal of Population, Feminist Economics, Journal of African Studies, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Gender Based Violence, Journal of Human Resources, Lancet Global Health, Review of Economics of the Household, Social Science and Medicine, Oxford Development Studies.

Grant Proposal Reviewer:

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) (various grant schemes)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2022-2025	Nuffield Foundation Research Project 'Maternal Well-Being and Conflict between Infant Feeding and Return to Paid Work' (CI, with Sarah Jewell, Marina Della Guista)
2022	University of Reading Rapid Response Policy Engagement 'Embedding gender into adaptation research and policy for Nigeria.' (with Stefania Lovo and Okiemua Okoror)
2017	University of Reading Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) Post for research on pollution, development and child health (with Stefania Lovo)
2016	University of Reading Undergraduate Research Opportunity Programme for research on health insurance and child health in China
2014	University of Reading SPEIR Policy in Practice workshop funding (with Zahra Siddique)
2006	ESRC Research Studentship (1+3 award) for doctoral studies