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Academic Positions	*Assistant Professor* The London School of Economics, Department of Economics	2017-present

Education	Ph.D, Economics & Statistics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2017
	Evidence Aggregation in Development Economics using Bayesian Hierarchical Models Committee: Esther Duflo, Anna Mikusheva, Abhijit Banerjee, Rob Townsend	
	B.Comm (Honours), Economics, The University of Melbourne	2011
	B.A, History & French, The University of Melbourne	2011

Affiliations	Associate, STICERD LSE	2017

Publications and Accepted Papers

Understanding the Average Impact of Microcredit Expansions: A Bayesian Hierarchical Analysis of 7 Randomized Experiments American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 11(1), 2019, 57-91.

Competing Lending Platforms, Endogenous Reputation, and Fragility in Microcredit Markets with Peter Bardsley, The European Economic Review, Volume 112, February 2019, Pages 107-126

What are the Effects of Improving Management Practices on Exporting among SMEs in Middle-Income Countries*? A Comparison of Bayesian and Frequentist Impact Evaluation Approaches with David McKenzie, Leonardo Iacovone, and Daro Rodrguez Prez, Accepted at the Journal of Development Economics based on the pre-registration report https://www.bitss.org/publishing/rr-jde-about/prospective-articles/ Eventual publication venue TBD

Conference Publications in CS/ML

Fast Robustness Quantification with Variational Bayes (2016 ICML Workshop on Data4Good: Machine Learning in Social Good Applications, New York) with Ryan Giordano, Tamara Broderik, Jonathan Huggins, Michael Jordan

Working Papers

Aggregating Distributional Treatment Effects: A Bayesian Hierarchical Approach to the Microcredit Literature (Under Review at the AER)

Vitamin A Supplements and Child Mortality: Resolving a Controversy in Meta-analysis

Selected Research In Progress

Combining Experimental and Observational Studies in Meta-Analysis: Methods to Eliminate Selection Bias with Michael Gechter

A Multifaceted Approach to Poverty Alleviation in Six Countries: A Bayesian Hierarchical Analysis of the Graduation Program with Andrew Gelman, Dean Karlan, Chris Udry, Witold Wiecek

Automatic Finite-Sample Robustness Techniques with Tamara Broderick and Ryan Giordano

Selected Grants and Awards		
BITSS SSMART Grant (30,000 USD)		2015
Schultz Fund Grant (MIT)		2014
David Finch International Fellowship (MIT)		2012
AG Whitlam Honours in Economics Prize (University of Melbourne)		2011
Economics Honours Prize (University of Melbourne)		2011
Jean Polglaze Memorial Prize (University of Melbourne)		2011
Dean's Award (University of Melbourne)	2006, 2007, 2009, 2010	
IDP International Education Scholarship		2008
Henry George Foundation Scholarship		2007

Teaching	
Applied Econometrics, Masters and Undergraduate level (LSE)	2018
Econometrics, PhD and Undergraduate level (MIT)	2015-2017
Development Economics (Macroeconomics), PhD level (MIT)	2015
Microeconomics, Undergraduate Level (University of Melbourne)	2009-2010

Professional Activities

Invited Seminars, Lectures and Conference Presentations

Northwestern, New York Federal Reserve (Micro Group), EBRD, Georgetown, World Bank, University of Chicago (Development), Penn State, University of Toronto, St Andrews University, Washington University St Louis, The Econometric Institute Workshop (Erasmus University), Oxford GPI Conference, YRISE Conference	2018
AEA Annual Meeting, Columbia Causal Inference Conference, Harvard University, MSR New England, Cambridge, Warwick, LSE, NEUDC Tufts, PSU, Stockholm University, Emory QuanTM, INSEAD Singapore, Monash University, UNSW, University of Sydney, Yale SOM	2017
NEUDC MIT, Becker-Friedman Institute Graduate Student Conference	2016
NEUDC Brown	2015

Ad-hoc Referee
Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Review of Economic Studies

Unprofessional Activities

Zen buddhism, hiking, birdwatching, taekwondo, twitter arguments about statistics