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EDUCATION

PhD Health Economics and Health Policy, London School of Economics **2022 – present**

Supervisors: Dr Mylene Lagarde (primary); Dr Ranjeeta Thomas (secondary)

Research interests: the role of beliefs in health-seeking decisions; beliefs elicitation methodology; efficacy and design of information provision policies

MSc Economics for Development, University of Oxford **2016-2017**

Grade: Pass (avg. 65%)

Prize: Arthur Lewis Prize for best MSc examination essays in Development Economics (2017)

BA Combined Honours in Social Sciences, University of Durham **2013-2016**

Grade: First Class (avg. 72%)

Prize: Combined Honours Department Award for academic performance (2015)

RESEARCH WORK AND EXPERIENCE

Research, Policy, and Projects Officer, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford. **2020-2022**

Previously 2018-2020: Research Assistant, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford and 2017-2018: Research Assistant, Centre for the Study of African Economies, Department of Economics, University of Oxford.

- [Mind and Behaviour Research Group](#) lab manager, with responsibility for donor and partner relationships, financial management, recruitment and line management, and events and outreach
- Research support to Kate Orkin and Michael Walker (Berkeley) on the project “Cash Transfers and Community Participation in Public Affairs: A Village-Level Randomized Controlled Trial in Kenya”
- Research support to Stefan Dercon, Kate Orkin, Robert Garlick, Richard Sedlmayr and Mahreen Mahmud on the project “Aspiring to a Better Future: How a Simple Psychological Intervention Increases Investment”
- Research support to Kate Orkin on “Everybody Loves a Winner: A Field Experiment Providing Information on Polls in South Africa”

Women’s Empowerment Research Internship, WaterSHED Cambodia **2017**

- Impact evaluation of the “Empowering women and increasing sanitation: making the rural WASH market work” initiative (funded by the Gates Foundation)
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RESEARCH PROJECTS

Orkin, K., R. Garlick, I. Rodriguez Hurtado, M. Grabowska, B. Kreft, A. Cahill. 2022. [International Evidence to Inform Decision-Making on Implementing Urgent Response Social Protection Measures](#). *Psychology, Health & Medicine*, 27: 219-238.

“Can doctors reduce COVID-19 misinformation and increase vaccine uptake in Ghana? A cluster-randomised controlled trial.” Joint work with Mylene Lagarde (LSE) and Salifu Amadu (IPA Ghana).

“Agency in Learning: Experimental Evidence from Ghana.” With Mylene Lagarde (LSE).

“Do biased parental beliefs cause differential health-seeking between children? Experimental evidence from Zambia.”

FUNDING AWARDED

100x Impact Accelerator Research Grant (£100,000) for the project “Quality of and demand for care in rural Uganda”

SurveyCTO Primary Data Collection Research Grant 2023 (\$1,000) for the project “Parental Beliefs About the Returns to Health Investments and Their Impact on Health Outcomes for Children in Zambia.”

LSE Doctoral Training Partnership (Economic and Social Research Council): 2022-2026 tuition fees and stipend

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

2025: Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference; IFS-ADBI-GHE Workshop on Health Economics in LMICs

2024: European Health Economics Association Conference

2023: 7th Workshop on Subjective Expectations and PhD Minicourse

SKILLS

- Software: Stata, ArcGIS, LaTeX, SurveyCTO, Qualtrics
 - Teaching experience: courses on conducting fieldwork; introduction to SurveyCTO; cost-effectiveness analyses in RCTs
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PUBLIC SERVICE

- Application Review Committee member, SurveyCTO Research Support Grant (2024)
- PGR Advocacy, LSE SU - Lead on Mental Health (2022 – 2024)
- PGR Student Lifecycle functional review – Committee Member (2023/24)