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Fields

Development Economics, Economics of Education, Health Economics, Economic Demography.

Academic Employment

Since August 2022: Professor of Economics, University of Bristol.

August 2017–July 2022: Reader/Associate Professor in Economics, University of Bristol.

October 2014–July 2017: Senior Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Economics, University of Bristol.

October 2012–September 2014: Lecturer in Economics (Assistant Professor), University of Bristol.

January 2010–September 2012: Lecturer in Economics, University of Sheffield.

July 2008–Dec. 2009: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, School of Economics, University of Nottingham.

October 2007–June 2008: Research Assistant, CMPO, University of Bristol.

Current Affiliations

Since October 2024: Institute for Fiscal Studies Research Associate.

Since July 2024: J-PAL Affiliate.

Since October 2023: J-PAL MENA Invited Researcher.

Since 2012: IZA (Research Fellow).

Education and Teaching Qualifications

2014: Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

2008: PhD in Economics, University of Sheffield.

2003: Master's degree in Development Economics (DESS), Université Paris 10, France.

2002: Master's degree in Macroeconomics (DEA), Université Paris 1, France.

2001: Undergraduate degree in Economics (Maîtrise), Université Paris 1.

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

“Subjective Expectations and Demand for Contraception”, with Aureo de Paula and Grant Miller. NBER Working Paper #w27271. Accepted for publication at the *Journal of Econometrics*.

“Are Self-Reported Fertility Preferences Biased? Evidence from Indirect Elicitation Methods”, with Wen Qiang Toh, Inuwa Jalingo, Aurélia Lépine, Aureo de Paula, and Grant Miller (2024). *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 121 (34).

“Incentivizing School Attendance in the Presence of Parent-Child Information Frictions”. With Damien de Walque (2023). *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*. See also: World Bank Policy Research WP no. 8476. [World Bank blog](#). [VoxDev column](#)

“Individual Consumption in Collective Households: Identification using Repeated Observations with an Application to PROGRESA”. With Senay Sokullu (2022). *Journal of Applied Econometrics*. 37(2), 286-304.

“Primary Education Expansion and Quality of Schooling” (2019). *Economics of Education Review* 73:101913.

“Population Policy: Abortion and Modern Contraception are Substitutes”. With Grant Miller (2016). *Demography* 53(4), 979-1009.

“Do the Maths: An analysis of the gender gap in mathematics in Africa”, with Andy Dickerson and Steve McIntosh (2015). *Economics of Education Review* 46:1-22.

“Civil Conflict, Gender-Specific Fetal Loss, and Selection: A new test of the Trivers-Willard hypothesis” (2015). *Journal of Health Economics* 39:31-50.

“Access to Abortion, Investments in Neonatal Health, and Sex Selection: Evidence from Nepal” (2014). *Journal of Development Economics* 107:225-243.

“Education and Civil Conflict in Nepal” (2013). *World Bank Economic Review* 28:354-83.

“Household Returns to Land Transfers in South Africa: A Q-squared analysis” (2011), *Journal of Development Studies* 47(2), pp. 354-375.

“The Puzzle of Muslim Advantage in Child Survival in India” (2010), with Sonia Bhalotra and Arthur van Soest. *Journal of Health Economics* 29(2), pp. 191-204.

“The Food (In)Security Impact of Land Redistribution in South Africa: Microeconometric evidence from national data” (2009), *World Development* 37(9), pp. 1540-1553.

Working Papers – See my research page for the latest versions

“Parental Minimum Wages, Children’s Education, and Racial Inequality”, with Luyang Chen and Hans H. Sievertsen.

“Saving Neonatal Lives at Scale: Lessons for Targeting”, with Hans Sievertsen and Mahesh C. Puri. Supersedes IZA DP #13719 “Saving Neonatal Lives for a Quarter”.

“Women's (and Men's) Probabilistic Beliefs about Contraception and Contraceptive Use in a High-Fertility Environment”, with Aureo de Paula, Bintu Ibrahim Abba and Grant Miller. Working paper available upon request.

Selected Work in Progress

“Poverty Traps and Female Labor Force Participation”, with Ragui Assaad, Adam Osman and William Parienté. Status: Endline survey completed. AEARCTR-0009041

“Perceived Risk of Pregnancy and Demand for Contraception”, with Aureo de Paula and Grant Miller. Status: Intervention completed. AEARCTR-0012993

Subjective expectations of Husbands and Wives and Couples' Decision-Making Under Uncertainty, with Aureo de Paula and Grant Miller. Draft coming soon.

Contraceptive access, fertility and well-being in lower income countries, with Pauline Rossi. In preparation for the Oxford Handbook on the Economics of Fertility and Reproductive Health.

Selected Research Reports

“Family Planning and Fertility Behavior: Evidence from Twentieth Century Malaysia”. With Kimberly Singer Babiarz, Jiwon Lee, Grant Miller and Tey Nai Peng. CGDev Working Paper 470.

“Family Planning and Women’s Empowerment: Incentive Effects and Direct Effects among Malaysian Women”. With Kimberly Singer Babiarz, Jiwon Lee, Grant Miller and Tey Nai Peng. CGDev Working Paper 471. Media Coverage: [The Economist](#) ; [Malay Mail](#)

Book chapter

“Religion and Childhood Death in India”, with Sonia Bhalotra and Arthur van Soest. Chapter 6, *Handbook of Muslims in India*, edited by Abusaleh Sharif and Rakesh Basant, Oxford University Press.

Grants and Awards

November 2023: J-PAL Social Protection Initiative (US\$151,739). Co-PIs: Adam Osman, Ragui Assad, William Parienté. Project: “Half Cost Graduation Program in Egypt”.

World Bank: MNA Gender Innovation Lab, 2023-2024 (\$70,000). Co-PIs: Adam Osman, Ragui Assad, William Parienté

August 2021-March 2025: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation investment INV-025566 (US\$1.9M). PI. Project: “Subjective Expectations and Demand for Contraception”. Co-I: Grant Miller and Áureo de Paula.

October 2020: Best paper award, Essen Health Conference (“Subjective Expectations and Demand for Contraception”).

August 2018-June 2019: Global Financing Facility secretariat, \$80,000. Co-PI: Damien de Walque. Name of Project: “Preventing excess female school dropout in Mozambique: Follow-up study”.

May 2017-December 2018: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Explorations Phase I grant (US\$100,000). PI. Project: “Subjective Expectations and Demand for Contraception”. Co-I: Grant Miller and Áureo de Paula.

July 2014-June 2017: IGC Grants (£97,469 and £18,492), World Bank Strategic Research Program (\$141,200), World Bank REACH-Knowledge, Learning and Innovation Grant (US\$198,000), World Bank Research Support Budget Grant (\$99,000). Co-PI: Damien de Walque. Name of Project: “Preventing excess female school dropout in Mozambique: conditional transfers and the respective role of parent and child in schooling decisions”

December 2013- November 2015: IGC Exploratory Grant (£19,560). Co-PI: Damien de Walque. Name of Project: “Preventing excess female school dropout in Mozambique: conditional transfers and the respective role of parent and child in schooling decisions”

August 2009 – October 2010: ESRC grant RES-000-22-3740 : “Improved Access to Abortion, Neonatal Mortality, and Gender Bias: Evidence from Nepal” (£35,796). ESRC grade: very good.

2006-2007: Junior fellowship, Royal Economic Society.

Conference and Seminar Presentations (including scheduled)

2025: Keynotes: 7th International Conference on Applied Development Economics, 3rd Gender Issues and Development workshop. Other conference presentations: NBER Children and Families Spring Meeting, Inequality of Opportunity in Education: Evidence and Policies (PSE), 8th Workshop on Subjective Expectations (NOVA), 6th Joint NY Fed/Bank of Canada/ECB Conference on Subjective Expectations.

2024: Invited presentations at UNU-MERIT, Università Milan Bicocca, University of Illinois, Tufts University, University of Sussex, 4th Research Workshop on Microeconomic Approaches to Development Economics, University of Kent. Conferences: 2nd Exeter Diversity and Human Capital Workshop, NOVAfrica Conference.

2022: Invited presentation at Stanford University (Development Economics), University of Newcastle, University of Exeter, UNU-WIDER (Helsinki), CSAE (Oxford), CREST (Paris). Conferences: Workshop on Global Health, Environment and Labour (Royal Holloway), Workshop on Labour and Family Economics (York).

2021: Invited presentation at the University of Pavia and University of Cergy (THEMA). Conferences:

SEHO conference, PAA meeting, IAAE conference, NBER Development Economics Summer Institute, TCD/CEPR Workshop in Development Economics 2021. COSME Workshop invited discussant.

- 2020: Invited presentation at the Tinbergen Institute. Conferences: Econometrics Society World Congress, Essen Health Conference, Workshop on Subjective Expectations, Arizona State University. Cancelled/Postponed due to Covid-19: Economics of the Family Workshop, University of Glasgow; CSAE.
- 2019: Invited presentations at Universitat Autònoma Barcelona (Applied Economics), World Bank (DIME seminar), Paris School of Economics, Université Paris Dauphine, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ECARES). Conferences: CSAE (Oxford), Society of Labor Economists (Arlington).
- 2018: Invited presentations at the IFS (EDePo workshop), University of Reading, University of Sheffield, and Navarra Center for International Development (Pamplona). Conferences: Royal Economic Society Conference, European Economic Association Congress, Workshop on Labour and Family Economics (York).
- 2017: Invited presentation at ISER (University of Essex). Conferences: Special session on “Measuring Intra-household Inequality” Royal Economic Society Conference; ESEM.
- 2016: Invited presentations at SITE (Stockholm University), University of Cergy-Pontoise (THEMA) and University of Nottingham (Keynote speaker for PhD conference). Conference: Royal Economic Society.
- 2015: Invited presentation at University of Paris-Dauphine (LEDa).
- 2014: Invited presentations at ISER (University of Essex), IFS (EDePo workshop) University of Manchester, IGC Growth Week, and NOVAFRICA (Lisbon). Conferences: Royal Economic Society, FINET- CEAR – IFS Workshops on Risk and Family Economics (IFS), ESEM (Toulouse).
- 2013: Invited Seminars at the University of Edinburgh, Université Catholique de Louvain, UWE, Conferences: Second Lisbon Research Workshop on Economics, Statistics, and Econometrics of Education, ESPE, EEA.
- 2012: Invited Seminars at Université Paris 1 (Development Economics), CSAE (Oxford).
- 2011: Invited Seminars at the University of Leeds, Tinbergen Institute (Labour), Columbia University (Sustainable Development), City University New York (Health Economics). Conferences: North East Universities Development Consortium 2011 (Yale), DIAL (Paris), 20th European Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics (York), EALE (Paphos).
- 2010: Invited Seminars at the University of Alicante, CSAE (Oxford), CMPO (Bristol), University of Leicester, University of Nottingham. Conferences: International Workshop on the Global Costs of Conflict, DIW (Berlin); 7th Midwest International Development Conference (Minnesota); American Society of Health Economists (Cornell); 19th European Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics (Lausanne), North East Universities Development Consortium 2010 (MIT).
- 2009: Invited Seminar at the University of Newcastle and University of Sussex. Conferences: Royal Economic Society (Surrey); European Society of Population Economics (Seville) ; PEGNet.
- 2008: Invited seminar at the Tinbergen Institute (Amsterdam). Conferences: Royal Economic Society PhD Presentation in London (contributed paper); CSAE (Oxford).

2007: Invited Seminar at the University of Sheffield. Conference: Royal Economic Society (Warwick).

Workshop Organization

2024: Development Workshop, Bristol.

2020: Development Workshop, Bristol (Cancelled due to Covid-19).

2014: CMPO Workshop on “Public Services in Developing Countries”, Bristol.

Research Visits

November 2024: University of Illinois.

May 2022: King Center on Global Development (Stanford).

May 2020: CESifo (Postponed due to Covid-19).

October 2011: Program for Economic Research visiting fellow. Department of Economics. Columbia University.

April 2011: Faculty of Economics and Business Administration. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Refereeing and Public Service

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review: Insights, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Annals of Economics and Statistics, Demography, Economic Journal, Economica, Economics and Human Biology, Economic Journal, Education Economics, European Economic Review, Feminist Economics, Health Economics, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Demographic Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of International Development, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A, Labour Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, PlosOne, Review of Economics of the Household, Studies in Family Planning.

2025: J-PAL Learning for All Initiative reviewer; J-PAL LAI African Scholar mentor; Econometric Society mentor.

2024: Egypt Impact Lab Funding Panel

2022: Reviewer for World Bank Gender Innovation Lab concept note on Mozambican safe-space program “Eu Sou Capaz”.

2022: French Association of Development Economists Conference Programme Committee Member

2021: Econometric Society Winter Meeting Programme Committee Member

2016-2018: Royal Economic Society Conference Programme Committee Member

Since 2010: ESRC Peer Review College Member

Since 2017: Carnegie Trust Peer Review College Member

2012: Reviewer for DFID funding call.

2014: Reviewer for funding application to World Bank’s Research Committee.

Selected Policy-Oriented Work

March-October 2023: Bab-Amal Scale-up Steering Committee member.

Consultancy:

February 2022-present: World Bank. Technical/Advisory Support to World Bank project MozLearning “Improving Learning and Empowering Girls in Mozambique”.

April 2011-December 2011: World Bank. Report on Impact of Civil Conflict on Education in South Asia.

May 2010-March 2011: World Bank. Research on the Impact of the Nepalese Civil Conflict on Gender Inequality.

March 2003: F.I.A.S. (International Finance Corporation/World Bank). Report on Guinea-Bissau fiscal policy.

Presentations:

2022: Presentation to Save the Children “She Belongs in School” project team.

2018: IGC Workshop on the Future of the Workforce in Mozambique (Maputo); World Bank (Maputo).

2011: Department for International Development, London.

2010: World Bank (Washington), Peace Research Institute (Oslo), Impact of access to abortion

dissemination workshop (Kathmandu).

Teaching

2012-present (University of Bristol, lecturing): Programme Evaluation (MSc), Introduction to Development Economics (MSc), Applied Economics Dissertation (Level 3).

Previous teaching experience:

2010-12 (lecturing): Applied Microeconometrics (MSc), Undergraduate Dissertation (Level 3), Economics of Social Issues (Level 2). University of Sheffield.

2009: Lectures in Development Economics (MSc and Level 3). University of Nottingham.

2003-2007: Graduate Teaching Assistant (Tutor), University of Sheffield. Microeconomics and Macroeconomics (Level 1), Mathematics for Economists (Level 1), Econometrics (Level 2 and MSc).

External examining

2024: PhD external examiner (University of Exeter and University of Kent)

2023: PhD external examiner (University of Technology Sydney)

2017: PhD external examiner (University of Oxford).

2015/2016: External examiner for development economics subjects, undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, University of Manchester (maternity leave replacement).

PhD Supervision

Alpi Patel (2017), Abeer Shafqat (2020), Luyang Chen (2024).

Main Administrative Responsibilities (at the University of Bristol unless otherwise specified)

Faculty Promotions Committee (2025-), Senior Recruitment Committee (2021-present), Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (2021-present), Athena Swan Working Group Member and Application co-Lead (2019-2021), Research Fund Committee Member (2019-2021), REF Internal Reviewer (since 2018), Junior Recruitment Committee Member (2017-2018, 2019-2020), Programme Director for BSc Economics and BSc Economics and Econometrics (2016-2019), External seminar organiser (2013-2015), Elizabeth Blackwell Institute Steering Group Member (2014-2021), University of Sheffield Female Academic Steering Group (2010-2012), Sheffield International College and International Student Coordinator (2010-2012).