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Research Interests

Political Economy, Comparative Government, Quantitative Methods, Causal Inference

Education

DPhil Politics | Nuffield College, University of Oxford 2017-2020
MPhil Politics (Comparative Government) | Nuffield College, University of Oxford 2015-2017
BA (Honours) Philosophy, Politics and Economics | University of Essex 2012-2015

Working Papers

The Democrat Disaster: Hurricane Exposure, Risk Aversion and Insurance Demand
[\[Job Market Paper\]](#) | [\[Replication Code\]](#)

Divisive Jobs: Three Facets of Risk, Precarity and Redistribution
[\[Paper\]](#) | [\[Replication Code\]](#)

Work in Progress

Insuring Against Hunger? Long-Term Political Consequences of Exposure to the Dutch Famine
(with [David Rueda](#) and [Gerda Hooijer](#))

Winning Tactics: Cues of Intra-Party Competition and Vote Choice (with [Stavros Poupakis](#))

Does Bicameralism Increase Spending? Evidence from Sweden

Mind the Gap: Income and Wealth Inequality in British Elections (with [Jane Green](#))

Scholarships, Grants and Awards

Nuffield College and ESRC 2+2 studentship, 2015-2019 (£77,000)

Nuffield College Academic Fund (w/ David Rueda & Gerda Hooijer), 2019 (£5,000)

Research Training Support Grant, ESRC, 2017-2019 (£2,500)

Rothermere American Institute Academic Program Fund (w/ Tom Robinson), 2019 (£1,000)

Quantitative Methods Graduate Scholarship, DPIR, University of Oxford, 2018-2019 (£500)

Norman Chester Fund Grant, 2019 (£500)

Nuffield College Research Grant, 2019 (£500)

Distinction Awarded by the Board of Examiners, University of Oxford, 2017

The Oscar Arias Prize for the Best Undergraduate Dissertation, University of Essex, 2015

Going beyond the curriculum in Quantitative Methods, SAGE & University of Essex, 2015

Best Paper in Methods, University of Essex, 2015

British Academy Scholarship (Essex Summer School in Social Sciences Data Analysis), 2014

Included on the Dean's List of Excellence, University of Essex, 2014

Best First Year Student, Department of Government, University of Essex, 2013

Additional Research Experience

Research Assistant

2019: Andy Eggers (Oxford); Jane Gingrich (Oxford); Jane Green (Oxford) | 2018: Allan Dafoe (Yale) |
2017: Gabriella Conti (UCL); Elias Dinas (Oxford) | 2016: Catherine de Vries (Oxford)

Short Term Temporary, World Bank

2016: Project: Politically Connected Businesses in Eastern European (with Simon Commander)

Teaching

University of Oxford

<i>Lecturer</i> in Politics (Undergraduate), Somerville College	2019-20
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> Causal Inference (Graduate)	2018-19; 2019-20
<i>Tutor</i> 297 Comparative Political Economy (Undergraduate)	2018-19
<i>Tutor</i> 201 Comparative Government (Undergraduate)	2017-18

Conference Presentations, Workshops and Invited Talks

2020: QPE Seminar (**KCL**) | PSA-POLMETH (Manchester) | SRC Seminar (**LSE**)

2019: Inequality and Representation Workshop (**RAI**) | DPIR Colloquium (**Oxford**) | PPRN Workshop (**UCL**) | Oxford-LSE Graduate Conference | Somerville College Symposium | EPSA | EPOP | PSA

2018: PSPE Seminar (**LSE**) | Tackling Inequality: Experimental Advances on Taxation and Redistribution (**CESS**) | American Politics Graduate Seminar (**RAI**) | Taking Inequality Seriously Workshop (Sheffield) | Political Economy of Finance Conference (Oxford) | CPE Graduate Colloquium (Nuffield College) | DPIR Graduate Workshop (Nuffield College) | EPSA

2014-17: DPIR Graduate Workshop (Oxford) | Politics Student Conference (University of Essex)

Data

Longitudinal U.S. Precinct-Level Electoral Returns 2002-2014 | U.S. County Incumbency Data 2004-2010 | Online Insurance Inquiries 2004-2018 | U.S. County Geographical Crosswalk

Professional Service

Reviewer

American Political Science Review

Organizer

Workshop CRASHING OUT OF POLITICS: INEQUALITY & REPRESENTATION 90 YEARS ON, RAI 2019 (co-organizer) | [Programme](#)

Panel EXPERIMENTS & QUASI-EXPERIMENTS IN POLITICAL ECONOMY, EPSA 2019 | [Programme](#)
Graduate Workshop, University of Oxford (2018) (co-organizer) | [Programme](#)

Discussant

Panel Discussant PREFERENCES FOR PUBLIC SPENDING, EPSA 2019 | Paper Discussant 5th Oxford-LSE Politics Graduate Student Conference, Oxford 2019

Other Skills and Memberships

Software: Stata (fluent), R (fluent), \LaTeX (fluent)

Languages: French, Romanian

Professional Affiliations: APSA, EPSA, PSA

References

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